

Montejo erects wind turbines in Colombia using LR 1600/2-W

- First ever new crawler crane delivered to Colombia by the Liebherr plant in Echingen
- High lifting capacity and good after-sales service were the main factors behind the purchase
- Montejo is a specialist and market leader in support of logistics, the construction and installation of a range of different power plants

The first ever new crawler crane from the Liebherr plant in Echingen has been sold to Colombia – Transportes Montejo ordered a LR 1600/2-W crawler crane with narrow track gear and a lifting capacity of 600 tonnes for erecting new wind turbines. The company specialises in power plants of all types. The main factors behind choosing the crane were its high lifting capacity, short lead time and the outstanding level of Liebherr after-sales service available in Colombia.

Echingen (Donau) (Deutschland), 21 October 2021 – “We needed a crane for use at wind farms and the LR 1600/2-W is ideal for that purpose”, explains Fernando Montejo, owner of Colombian company Transportes Montejo. “Moving the crane on its narrow track gear is an enormous advantage on narrow roads and routes. What is more, the 600-tonner is extremely versatile.” Its track width of just 5.8 metres makes it ideal for travelling on narrow routes in its future main area of work, wind farms in Colombia. As the support plates are close to the ground and the folding beams can be adjusted to the available route width, it achieves a high level of safety for relocation procedures. Montejo continues: “Demand is high as our country wishes to undertake a number of wind power projects. Furthermore, the LR 1600/2-W is suitable for an enormous range of work and delivers impressive lifting capacity.”

Power plant and energy specialist Montejo has a crane fleet comprising more than 90 mobile and crawler cranes. It includes heavy duty cranes with a lifting capacity of more than 600 tonnes and cranes in the same lifting capacity class. “Compared to our other large cranes, this crane really is more suitable for erecting wind turbines”, says Montejo and goes on: “The lifting capacity values of the LR 1600/2-W are significantly better than its rivals. Liebherr was also able to offer us an incredibly short lead time.”

The Liebherr plant in Echingen established its own sales and service site in Bogotá, Colombia in 2015 to enable it to offer crane contractors in the country fast, reliable service. Montejo confirms: “Liebherr provides reliable support for all its customers with its excellent service. It is remarkable how significantly awareness of the Liebherr brand has increased over the last few years.”

About Transportes Montejo

Colombian company Montejo has more than 65 years of experience. Montejo is well known for its professional handling of large, heavy loads. The company has a workforce of more than 850 and

specialises in the construction and installation of various different types of power plant as well as in the petrochemicals, hydroelectricity, coal and oil sectors.

About Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH

Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH is a leading manufacturer of mobile and crawler cranes. Its range of mobile cranes extends from 2-axle 35 tonne cranes to heavy duty cranes with a lifting capacity of 1200 tonnes and a 9-axle chassis. Its lattice boom cranes on mobile or crawler crane chassis deliver lifting capacities of up to 3000 tonnes. With universal boom systems and extensive additional equipment, they can be seen in action on construction sites throughout the world. The Ehingen site has a workforce of 3,600. Extensive, global service guarantees the high availability of Liebherr mobile and crawler cranes. In 2020, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a turnover of 2 billion euros.

About the Liebherr Group

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a widely diversified product range. The company is one of the largest manufacturers of construction machines in the world, but also supplies technically advanced, user-focused products and services in many other sectors. The group currently comprises more than 140 companies based in every continent of the world, has a workforce of around 48,000 and recorded a consolidated total turnover of more than 10.3 billion euros in 2020. Since it was founded in 1949 in Kirchdorf an der Iller in southern Germany, Liebherr's aim has been to win customers by supplying high quality solutions and to contribute to technological progress.

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Crane handover in Ehingen (from left to right): Felix Mussotter (Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH), Fernando Montejo (Transportes Montejo), Julio Fuentes (Liebherr Colombia S.A.S.). The photograph has been produced in compliance with current covid safety regulations: Vaccinated, Recovered, Tested.

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