

Press release

Liebherr-Australia and Roy Hill announce new partnership

- Liebherr-Australia and Roy Hill announced their new partnership at an event on 11 February that was attended by executives from both companies
- The event celebrated the handing over of a brand-new R 9800 – the second of three initial Liebherr excavators being delivered to Roy Hill’s operations in the Pilbara region of Western Australia
- The bucket and counterweight of the R 9800 were painted pink to highlight Liebherr’s support of Roy Hill and the company’s commitment to breast cancer awareness and support

On 11 February, executives from Liebherr-Australia and Roy Hill – one of the largest single iron ore mines in Australia – came together to commemorate the new partnership between the two companies. The celebrations included the handover of an R 9800 excavator that had both its bucket and counterweight painted pink to highlight the role the machine will play in supporting women and families battling the scourge of breast cancer.

Adelaide (Australia), 5 March 2025 – The celebration of this new partnership took place at Roy Hill’s offices in Perth, Western Australia. Executives from both companies came together for a tour of Roy Hill’s Remote Operations Centre (ROC) and for the ceremonial handing over of the brand new 800-tonne R 9800. To commemorate the new machine Sophie Albrecht, a member of the Liebherr Group’s administrative board, presented Roy Hill’s chief executive officer, Gerhard Veldsman, with a perfect replica of the new R 9800 – complete with bright pink counterweight and bucket.

‘Liebherr is excited to partner with Roy Hill, a company that shares our dedication to innovation and operational excellence,’ says Trent Wehr, managing director, Liebherr-Australia. ‘We look forward to a long and prosperous future working together to unlock new efficiencies and growth opportunities for their mining operations.’

The R 9800 is the second of three initial Liebherr excavators to be delivered to Roy Hill. The 800-tonne machine joins an R 9400 excavator that was delivered at the end of 2024. The third machine, a second R 9800, is set to join the fleet by Q2 2025. Roy Hill chose to add Liebherr machines to its existing fleet in the Pilbara given the strong reputation Liebherr has built for operational durability and reliability, fuel efficiency and comfort for operators.

Peerless customer support in the Pilbara

To maximise the uptime of Roy Hill’s growing Liebherr fleet, Liebherr-Australia’s Perth team provides a comprehensive mix of onsite, Perth-based and ad hoc machine support. A team of highly skilled product support advisors and heavy-duty technicians are embedded at the mine site to provide everyday

maintenance and repairs as well as advanced technical support to optimise the performance of the new excavator fleet.

'We're eager to support Roy Hill as the company integrates Liebherr equipment into its operations for the first time. This marks the beginning of a strong partnership, and we look forward to working closely with the Roy Hill team to ensure they receive the highest level of service and support as the relationship develops,' says Patrick Korman, executive general manager, mining customer support, Liebherr-Australia.

Beyond the pit

The support Liebherr-Australia provides its customers doesn't stop in the pit. Liebherr-Australia painted both the bucket and the counterweight of the new R 9800 bright pink, joining Roy Hill's existing fleet of pink heavy machinery. An initiative of the company's executive chairman, Mrs Gina Rinehart, the colour radiates against the red hues of the Pilbara as a consistent reminder of the impacts of breast cancer on families across the country.

Liebherr-Australia knows that there is more to a business than machine production and so supporting a cause as important as breast cancer awareness was a natural decision for the company.

'Liebherr-Australia is proud to support efforts in raising awareness about the impacts of breast cancer because we believe in making a meaningful impact in the fight against this disease. According to Australia's National Breast Cancer Foundation, more than nine Australians lose their lives to breast cancer every day, which is a heartbreaking statistic and one that touches us all in some way. As a company, we are committed to helping raise awareness and support those battling this disease,' says Wehr.

About Liebherr-Australia

Liebherr-Australia sells and supports a range of Liebherr products across a number of product segments including mining, earthmoving, mobile and crawler cranes, maritime cranes, tower cranes and components product segments. Through its 17 branches across both Australia and New Zealand, Liebherr-Australia supports customers all over the country with its 1,700-strong team of passionate individuals. The company is at the forefront of many industry-leading technology developments and deployments that support low and zero emission initiatives that are producing long-term sustainable solutions across a range of heavy industries.

About the Liebherr Group – 75 years of moving forward

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product programme. The company is one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world. It also provides high-quality, user-oriented products and services in a wide range of other areas. The Liebherr Group includes over 150 companies across all continents. In 2023, it employed more than 50,000 staff and achieved combined revenues of over 14 billion euros. Liebherr was founded by Hans Liebherr in 1949 in the southern German town of Kirchdorf an der Iller. Since then, the employees have been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers. Under the slogan '75 years of moving forward', the Group celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2024.

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Roy Hill's new R 9800 was specially painted pink to raise awareness for breast cancer research.



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Liebherr-Australia's painting of the R 9800's bucket and counterweight is a shining example of how far the company goes to support its customers.



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Every bucket counts – the glorious pink bucket for Roy Hill.

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