

Press release

Airbus A310 becomes an attraction: Liebherr mobile cranes in use in the Serengeti Park

- LTM 1300-6.3 and LTM 1250-5.1 in tandem operation
- Aircraft is converted into a restaurant

Two Liebherr mobile cranes from Schlamann Autokrane GmbH in Nienburg/Weser have unloaded a decommissioned Airbus A310 from heavy transport vehicles in the Serengeti Park and placed it on prepared bearings. In future, the aircraft will serve as an extraordinary restaurant and add an attraction to the leisure and safari park.

Ehingen (Donau) (Germany), 17 December 2025 - The experienced crane professionals relied on a tandem lift for the challenging lift of the Airbus, which weighs around 49 tonnes: The LTM 1300-6.3 took on the main load of 32.5 tonnes with a radius of up to 22 metres. It was equipped with 77 tonnes of ballast for this purpose. The LTM 1250-5.1 carried the remaining 16.5 tonnes and only required 42 tonnes of ballast.

"This is a very exciting order," reports Torsten Schlamann, Managing Director of Schlamann Autokrane GmbH. "The aircraft was transported here from Langerhagen Airport. We loaded it there and unloaded it here. The LTM 1300-6.3 has been in operation since March and is our most powerful mobile crane. It is characterised by its very long telescopic boom of 90 metres. We have already completed many jobs - the drivers are happy with the new crane and I am satisfied. It was a good decision to buy this crane."

An Airbus as a restaurant

The Serengeti Park is known for its combination of safari experience and theme park. The Airbus A310 is now another attraction. Dirk Jasper, Head of Business Unit Project at Serengeti Park, explains: "Five years ago, we had the crazy idea of converting an aeroplane into a restaurant. Four years ago, we bought an aeroplane at auction. There were obstacles such as official requirements and driving permits, but now we are happy that the aircraft is here. The opening ceremony of the restaurant is planned for September 2026."

Schlamann Autokrane GmbH operates 21 mobile cranes - almost all of them from Liebherr. In addition to mobile cranes, the company, which employs around 90 people at four sites, also rents out work platforms and forklifts. The fleet comprises around 250 devices and machines.

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 1,200 tonnes and a 9-axle chassis. Its lattice boom cranes on mobile or crawler travel gear deliver lifting capacities of up to 3,000 tonnes. With universal boom systems and extensive auxiliary equipment, they can be seen in action on construction sites throughout the world. The Ehingen site has a workforce of

5,000. An extensive, global service network guarantees the high availability of Liebherr mobile and crawler cranes. In 2024, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a revenue of 3.19 billion euros.

About the Liebherr Group

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product range. 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 2024, 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.

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An LTM 1300-6.3 and an LTM 1250-5.1 lift the 49-tonne Airbus fuselage from the heavy transport vehicles.



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The crane operators thread the aircraft fuselage between the two cranes and place it on prepared bearings.

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