

Press release

## Liebherr RL 2600 crane elevates offshore capabilities in Azerbaijan

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- A Ram Luffing 2600 crane has been selected by a leading global energy producer for deployment at a major offshore energy development in the Caspian region
- The crane will be equipped with the LiMain remote maintenance solution to support reliable and efficient operations
- The delivery of the RL 2600 is scheduled for 2027, aligning with the facility's operational timeline

**A major international energy operator is acquiring a Liebherr RL 2600 offshore crane for deployment at a key offshore production facility in the Caspian Sea. The RL series offers a compact design for fixed and floating installations. The crane will be installed on a new compression platform and includes LiMain for remote maintenance.**

Rostock (Germany), March 2026 – Reliable offshore infrastructure depends on equipment that performs when it matters most. Liebherr is supporting this demand with a Liebherr RL 2600 offshore crane destined for a major hydrocarbon development in the Azerbaijani sector of the Caspian Sea. Located around 70 kilometres southwest of Baku, this long-standing offshore hub is among the region's most significant energy projects. As part of an ongoing expansion programme, extensive work is progressing, including the construction of a new electrically powered unmanned compression platform and several associated offshore and onshore facilities. The crane will be supplied to an international energy operator for installation on the new platform, further enhancing the project's operational capabilities.

### **Reliable lifting solutions for offshore projects**

The RL series has established itself over many years as a dependable offshore allrounder, appreciated for its balance of low weight, compact dimensions and enduring performance. Designed with the realities of offshore work in mind, the RL 2600 combines a streamlined profile with a minimal tail swing, enabling efficient use of limited platform space. With an outreach of 45 metres and a lifting capability of 25 tonnes, the RL 2600 for this project provides the versatility required for a wide spectrum of offshore handling and support tasks. Its reach and lifting capacities support a broad range of day-to-day activities, from supply handling to essential maintenance tasks. Its robust engineering philosophy helps to ensure consistent operation even in challenging sea and weather conditions. Long service intervals, carefully selected components and a focus on operational uptime further underline why the RL series is trusted by operators worldwide.

'Supplying an RL 2600 for this offshore development highlights the value of robust and proven lifting technology. Reliability and long-term support are central to our work, and we are proud to contribute to the efficient operation of such an important offshore facility,' explains Stefan Schneider, Head of Sales, General Purpose Offshore Cranes at Liebherr in Rostock.

## **Enhanced autonomy through advanced maintenance technology**

The crane is equipped with LiMain, supplied as part of the project's overall scope. The LiMain system enables selected maintenance activities to be carried out from shore, which reduces the need for technicians to visit the platform. This is particularly valuable for installations designed as normally unattended facilities, which may receive only minimal scheduled visits each year. Longer intervals between site campaigns place higher demands on all installed equipment, making reliable digital support essential for sustained performance. The system supports important tasks such as automatic lubrication, and it also performs a hydraulic end-of-line-self-test that helps to confirm essential functions before operation. Its modular setup gives operators the flexibility to choose the level of digital monitoring and service assistance that suits the platform. This increases operational autonomy and supports dependable crane performance in challenging offshore conditions.

Shahin Gafarov, Service Manager at Liebherr Azerbaijan, states: 'Liebherr has built a strong service network in the Caspian region, and we are proud that this capability will support the RL 2600 throughout its operational life. Our team in Azerbaijan works closely with colleagues across the wider Liebherr network, ensuring that operators benefit from fast response times, clear communication and access to highly skilled specialists. We take great pride in providing dependable service that helps maintain the performance and availability of critical offshore equipment. The crane is scheduled for completion in 2027, and we look forward to supporting it from the very first day.'

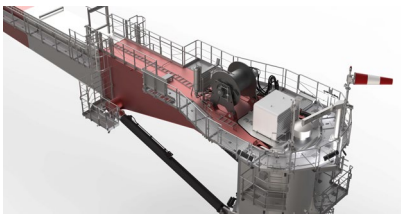
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## About the Liebherr Group

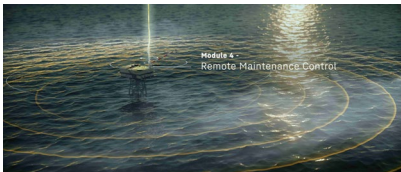
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The Ram Luffing Crane RL 2600 is characterised by a weight-optimised and compact design. The compactness of the RL series results in a reduced construction height and a small tail radius. The elimination of a machinery house allows the crane to operate in confined space conditions and environments.



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LiMain empowers maintenance regardless of time or location. Platform operators have the flexibility to select from a range of modules, allowing them to customise the level of autonomy and the extent of intelligent maintenance for the crane.

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