

Press release

## **100,000<sup>th</sup> wheel loader marks a milestone: Liebherr celebrates with STORK at its Bischofshofen plant**

- 100,000 reasons to celebrate: Liebherr marks a significant milestone
- Anniversary wheel loader L 550 XPower goes to STORK Umweltdienste GmbH
- Long-standing partnership between Liebherr, STORK and Liebherr sales partner Kurt König
- Key handover at the Liebherr plant in Bischofshofen (Austria)

**100,000 – a figure that hints at great things and is a source of great joy at the Liebherr plant in Bischofshofen. For with its 100,000th wheel loader, Liebherr is marking an impressive milestone in its company history. The anniversary machine is going to STORK Umweltdienste GmbH, a long-standing companion and reliable development partner of Liebherr. The ceremonial handover of the keys at the wheel loader competence centre in Bischofshofen (Austria) therefore marks far more than a symbolic act: it stands for over 30 years of trusting cooperation, joint development efforts and the drive to set new standards in the future too.**

Bischofshofen (Austria), April 30, 2026 – STORK has relied on Liebherr wheel loaders since 1994 and has continuously expanded its fleet during this time. Today, the fleet comprises 46 wheel loaders, ten mobile excavators, six crawler excavators, two dump trucks and one telescopic loader – a testament to the trusting partnership and shared growth over many years. The anniversary wheel loader, an L 550 XPower in a special dark blue paint finish and featuring exclusive decals, will occupy a special place within it. The delight was all the greater when the management of STORK Umweltdienste GmbH, accompanied by Liebherr sales partner Kurt König from Magdeburg, travelled to Bischofshofen to take delivery of the new machine in person and celebrate the anniversary.

### **Liebherr, STORK and Kurt König: A shared success story**

In a festive setting, Johann Madleitner (Commercial Director), Peter Schachinger (Director of Production and Operations) and Günther Holzer (Head of Wheel Loader Development) from the Liebherr plant in Bischofshofen symbolically handed over the keys to the new owners. “The 100,000<sup>th</sup> Liebherr wheel loader is more than just an impressive figure for us. It stands for the decades-long success story of our wheel loaders, for technical expertise, innovative strength and the passion of our employees. This milestone fills us with great pride. It shows just how much we have achieved together over the decades – and it motivates us to continue on this path,” emphasises Peter Schachinger.

STORK Umweltdienste GmbH is also delighted. “The 100,000<sup>th</sup> wheel loader is a powerful symbol of our long-standing, trusting partnership with Liebherr, as well as the excellent cooperation with our dealer Kurt König. We are delighted to be putting this special machine to work at our site in Magdeburg,” says Bernhard Stork (Managing Director of STORK Umweltdienste GmbH).

The extent of the excitement is also evident from the fact that the anniversary machine will be showcased at this year’s IFAT, the world’s leading trade fair for environmental technologies, in Munich. There, STORK Umweltdienste GmbH will be exhibiting the new XPower wheel loader in the outdoor exhibition area (C5-C6). After the trade fair, the anniversary wheel loader will be on display in the entrance hall of STORK’s premises before being put into operational service at a later date.

## **A milestone on four wheels: design reflects wheel loader history**

It is clear at first glance: this wheel loader is something special. The dark blue special paint finish in STORK’s corporate colours gives the machine a dynamic, powerful appearance. The “100,000” lettering, composed of historical black-and-white images, traces the development of Liebherr wheel loaders – from the first prototypes of the 1950s and 1960s right through to the latest machines – thus linking tradition with the present.

The story of the anniversary wheel loader is made particularly exciting by its connection to STORK: as early as 2015, the company deployed a pre-production model of the XPower wheel loader in a multi-year field test at a demanding recycling facility. The insights gained there and the expert feedback from STORK provided important information for the development of the XPower wheel loaders.

“We are particularly pleased that the 100,000<sup>th</sup> wheel loader is going to a long-standing partner. As a family-run company and reliable development partner, STORK – much like Liebherr – embodies high quality, consistency and trust. “The fact that this special wheel loader is being handed over to a company that has been with us for many years makes us both proud and grateful,” explains Günther Holzer. With the 100,000<sup>th</sup> wheel loader, Liebherr and STORK look back on many successful years – and on just as many that lie ahead.

It is no coincidence that the anniversary machine is an L 550 XPower. The successful XPower series is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and forms the foundation for the forward-looking, technology-neutral solutions that Liebherr is pursuing. These include, in addition to the innovative assistance systems, the prototype of an autonomous wheel loader, ‘Liebherr Autonomous Operations’, and the development model of a large wheel loader with a hydrogen engine, the L 566 H. The two innovation models were presented to a wide audience for the first time at Bauma 2025 and mark the next stage of development in wheel loader technology.

## About STORK Umweltdienste GmbH

STORK Umweltdienste GmbH is a family-run, medium-sized company based in Magdeburg and has been a reliable partner in the waste management and recycling sector for more than 30 years. The company specialises in the processing of mineral waste and the highly efficient recovery of metallic raw materials. In addition to stationary plants, STORK has mobile recycling technology and offers a wide range of services – from waste recycling and industrial cleaning work to demolition and remediation projects. With state-of-the-art technology and trimodal site connectivity, STORK focuses on sustainable processes and environmentally friendly solutions.

## About Liebherr-Werk Bischofshofen GmbH

Liebherr-Werk Bischofshofen GmbH develops, manufactures and markets the wheel loaders of the Liebherr Group. The plant in the Salzburg region (Austria) has grown steadily over decades through sustainable innovations, creative solutions and high-quality standards. The wheel loader range is constantly being expanded and includes models in various product groups: compact loaders and stereo loaders, as well as medium-sized and large wheel loaders, which impress with their innovative drive concepts.

## About the Liebherr Group

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 2025, it employed more than 55,000 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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Present at the handover were Daniel Unger (Managing Director of Kurt König) and Karsten Habryka (Sales Manager at Kurt König in Magdeburg), Bernhard, Kerstin and Paul Stork (Management of STORK Umweltdienste GmbH) as well as Peter Schachinger (Managing Director of Production and Operations), Johann Madleitner (Commercial Managing Director), Günther Holzer (Head of Wheel Loader Development) and Gunther Hilzensauer (Area Sales Manager) from Liebherr-Werk Bischofshofen GmbH, as well as Clemens Kroschinski (Südleasing) were present. (from left to right)



liebherr-wheel-loader-anniversary.jpg  
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liebherr-100000-wheel-loader-logo.jpg  
The '100,000' lettering, composed of historical black-and-white images, traces the development of Liebherr wheel loaders.



liebherr-anniversary-machine-design.jpg  
An eye-catcher: the dark blue special paint finish in STORK's corporate colours gives the machine a dynamic, powerful appearance.

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