

Press release

Partnership on an equal footing: Ullrich Krane takes delivery of Liebherr LTM 1090-4.2

- Ullrich Cranes modernises fleet with new Liebherr LTM 1090-4.2
- A long-term partnership connects the two companies
- 4-axle crane impresses with great mobility and flexibility

Reliability, flexibility and high performance even in confined spaces are crucial in everyday crane operations. By investing in a new LTM 1090-4.2, Ullrich Krane is modernising its fleet and once again relying on its long-standing partnership with Liebherr.

Ehingen (Donau) (Germany), 29 May 2026 – “A crane in this load capacity class belongs in every crane fleet,” said Holger Ludewig, owner and managing director of Ullrich Krane Autokran & Schwerlast GmbH, at the handover of the new mobile crane in Ehingen. Together with authorised signatory Michael Ullrich and crane driver Marco Kluge, he personally took delivery of the new four-axle vehicle. Ludewig adds: “We always enjoy coming back to Liebherr because we are always treated as equals here, even as a smaller company.”

Ullrich Krane was founded in 1994. Since then, there has been a well-functioning partnership between the two companies based on mutual trust. “Liebherr has supported us right from the start. Not only is the service excellent, the co-operation with the sales department is also exemplary. From the team to the products to the partnership – everything here is consistently designed for longevity,” continues Ludewig.

Low axle loads as the key to operations in the Ore Mountains

The new LTM 1090-4.2 is replacing an approximately ten-year-old LTM 1090-4.1 from Liebherr. With this investment, Ullrich Krane is purposely focussing on continuity. The high operational capability and performance of the slightly outdated 90-tonne truck convinced the company to invest in its successor.

Another decisive factor in the purchase decision was the crane’s superb mobility. The Chemnitz-based company operates throughout Germany, but often works regionally in the Ore Mountains with its mountainous roads, tight bends and numerous bridges. What for some is an impressive landscape is an enormous challenge for heavy goods transport – both in practice and in planning. The LTM 1090-4.2 can carry a 10-tonne axle load on public roads which is a clear advantage in day-to-day operations. Once on site, the taxi crane with its 60-metre-long telescopic boom is quickly ready for operation.

In addition to its mobility, the compact dimensions of the four-axle vehicle are also impressive. “We regularly transport machines in industrial halls and on confined company premises. In these situations, every centimetre counts. VarioBase® is a crucial advantage for us”, explains Ludewig. The variable supporting base provides additional flexibility and noticeable relief in everyday working life.

Digital planning and end-to-end system philosophy

For precise and safe operations, accurate planning is indispensable. Ullrich Krane previously planned its operations successfully with the LICCON operations planner, but in future the company will be using the innovative planning tool Crane Planner 2.0 from Liebherr. With this modern and comprehensive tool, both complex lifts and seemingly simple operations can be planned safely and optimised.

The crane software itself is also a reason for Ludewig to buy from Liebherr. Thanks to standardised operating logic and identical software, crane operators can work quickly and safely with different cranes. Long-winded familiarisation periods are no longer required for the new LTM 1090-4.2.

The new crane fits perfectly into the company's fleet and is positioned between a 60-tonne and a 100-tonne mobile crane. In total, Ullrich Krane operates five Liebherr mobile cranes, supplemented by two loader cranes and a crawler crane.

Successful first mission immediately after handover

After the briefing in Ehingen, crane operator Marco Kluge sat down in the new cab and set off for the first job in Nuremberg. There, the new 90-tonne crane successfully completed the replacement of a line mast – a successful start for the latest addition to the Ullrich Krane's fleet.

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 2025, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a revenue of 2.83 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 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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Radiant skies during the handover of the new LTM 1090-4.2 to Ullrich Cranes (from left to right): Sven Bahms (Liebherr), Holger Ludewig and Marco Kluge (both Ullrich Cranes).

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