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Liebherr hands over its first wheeled excavators to its partner Kubota

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- **Strategic partnership between Kubota and Liebherr**
- **Awards for machine design: the iF DESIGN AWARD and the “Red Dot: Best of the Best"**

As part of an official visit, Liebherr-Hydraulikbagger GmbH has delivered the first machines in the new range of wheeled excavators series to its partner Kubota. Following a joint tour of the new production line, which was created specifically for this model range, the symbolic handover of the key took place: The two Liebherr managing directors, Rudolf Arnold (Sales & Service) and Matthias Zettler (Finance & Admin), presented the specially made key to the Kubota representatives Hironori Watanabe (Deputy General Manager Construction Equipment Division Kubota Corporation Japan) and Keigo Okamoto (President Construction Equipment Business Unit Kubota Europe).

Kirchdorf an der Iller (Germany), 3. September 2026 – Production of the new wheeled excavators is taking place at the Liebherr Group’s founding site in Kirchdorf an der Iller. A new production line was integrated into the existing factory buildings for the project. The nine- and eleven-tonne models developed as part of the partnership are the exclusive products manufactured on this production line. A total of four models are produced here: the Liebherr A 909 Compact and A 911 Compact wheeled excavators, and the Kubota KW095 and KW115 wheeled excavators.

This clear focus on this product range enables efficient processes, short lead times and consistent adherence to Liebherr’s proven quality standards. The handover of the first machines to Kubota underlines the close and trusting partnership between Liebherr and Kubota.

Strategic partnership between Kubota and Liebherr

Through this strategic partnership, the two companies are combining their expertise to create forward-looking solutions that set new standards and offer added value to their customers. As part of this partnership, the two companies benefit from each other’s expertise: the proven quality of Liebherr’s wheeled excavators and the high-performance engine from the Japanese Kubota Corporation. This collaboration is a first for both companies: For the first time, Liebherr is offering two wheeled excavators in the nine- and eleven-tonne classes, whilst Kubota has added wheeled excavators to its range for the first time with these two models.

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Double honour: the iF DESIGN AWARD and the “Red Dot: Best of the Best” for Liebherr and Kubota wheeled excavators

These high-performance machines impress not only with their compactness and versatility, but also with their design. In addition to the iF DESIGN AWARD, the Liebherr A 909 Compact and A 911 Compact wheeled excavators, together with the Kubota KW095 and KW115 wheeled excavators, received the highest accolade of the Red Dot Design Award: “Red Dot: Best of the Best”. As part of the symbolic handover of the first wheeled excavators to Kubota, the certificates for the two awards were also presented to representatives of Kubota.

About the Liebherr Group

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product portfolio. 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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Ceremonial handover of the first wheeled excavators to its partner Kubota. From left to right: Hironori Watanabe (Deputy General Manager Construction Equipment Division Kubota Corporation Japan), Rudolf Arnold (Managing Director, Sales &, Service, Liebherr-Hydraulikbagger GmbH), Keigo Okamoto (President Construction Equipment Business Unit Kubota Europe) and Matthias Zettler (Managing Director, Finance & Admin, Liebherr-Hydraulikbagger GmbH).

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At Liebherr-Hydraulikbagger GmbH, a new production line has been integrated into the existing factory buildings for the manufacture of the wheeled excavator series. The symbolic handover of the key also took place there.

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In future, the Kubota KW095 and KW115 wheeled excavators, as well as the Liebherr A 909 Compact and A 911 Compact wheeled excavators, will be manufactured in Kirchdorf an der Iller.

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