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Marsa Maroc strengthens Casablanca bulk operations with first Liebherr LPS in Africa

- **The new rail-mounted Liebherr LPS 550 with electric drive combines a 48-metre boom with high-capacity bulk handling performance, delivering the reach and precision required for vessel operations at the Port of Casablanca**
- **Marsa Maroc, Morocco's leading terminal operator, continues to strengthen cargo handling capacity across key maritime gateways while advancing its Marsa 2030 development programme**
- **As the first Liebherr LPS portal slewing crane to be commissioned in Africa, the project represents a milestone for both companies, reinforcing bulk handling infrastructure at Morocco's largest port**

Created during Morocco's port-sector reform in 2006, Marsa Maroc has grown into the country's leading terminal operator. The selection of the Liebherr LPS 550 for Casablanca reflects Marsa Maroc's continued investment in specialised cargo handling equipment while further expanding its relationship with Liebherr across multiple terminal operations.

Rostock (Germany), September 2026 – Africa's first Liebherr portal slewing crane is set to enter service at the Port of Casablanca. Marsa Maroc has selected an LPS 550 for bulk cargo operations, expanding its handling portfolio at one of North Africa's busiest maritime gateways. The crane provides the flexibility to serve a broad range of vessel classes. Its rail-mounted portal design delivers substantial lifting capability while preserving valuable space along the quay. Advanced drive systems enable accurate crane movements and consistent handling performance throughout intensive operating cycles.

The installation has been configured around the operational requirements of the Port of Casablanca, one of Morocco's most strategically significant commercial gateways, where berth productivity and vessel turnaround remain critical measures of success. Covering more than 450 hectares, with over 8 kilometres of quays and capacity for up to 40 vessels at the same time, the Port of Casablanca depends on equipment capable of maintaining reliable cargo flow across busy terminal operations.

Supporting Morocco's expanding port landscape

The latest project builds on an established relationship between Marsa Maroc and Liebherr. Managing 35 terminals across 21 ports, and handling approximately 67 million tonnes of cargo annually, Marsa Maroc continues to invest in equipment that matches the scale and diversity of Morocco's maritime trade. Following the delivery of three Liebherr LHM 550 mobile harbour cranes in 2024, the addition of the LPS 550 introduces a complementary handling solution tailored to bulk cargo operations.

As the economic centre of Morocco, Casablanca handles a wide range of cargoes, including containers, steel products, cereals, animal feed, minerals and vehicles. Across its Casablanca operations, Marsa Maroc manages more than 19 million tonnes of cargo and nearly 1,100,000 TEU in 2025, placing a premium on equipment that can respond efficiently to changing cargo profiles and vessel requirements.

A representative of Marsa Maroc commented: ‘Our cooperation with Liebherr has consistently demonstrated the value of reliable equipment, responsive support and a shared understanding of our operational requirements. The introduction of the first LPS crane in Africa represents an important step in our development and supports our objectives for continued growth.’

Marsa Maroc’s investment programme extends beyond Casablanca, with additional Liebherr cranes scheduled for delivery to terminals in Nador and Tangier. Together, these projects reflect the operator’s commitment to expanding handling capacity across its network while responding to increasing cargo volumes and a broader mix of traded commodities.

Engineering capability aligned with long-term growth

Through Liebherr Marocco, customers benefit from direct access to local service expertise and technical support throughout the operational life of their equipment. The regional organisation complements Liebherr’s global maritime network and provides on-the-ground support tailored to local operating requirements.

‘Marsa Maroc already operates Liebherr cranes at several locations, and the addition of an LPS 550 further broadens that relationship,’ said Andreas Ritschel, General Manager Sales Mobile Harbour Cranes at Liebherr-Rostock GmbH. ‘For us, this project is particularly noteworthy because it introduces a new Liebherr crane type into an established fleet, demonstrating how different products from our maritime portfolio can be matched to specific terminal requirements.’

As Morocco’s leading port operator and a company pursuing continued expansion both domestically and internationally, Marsa Maroc continues to invest in equipment aligned with the requirements of its diverse cargo portfolio. The deployment of the LPS 550 in Casablanca adds a dedicated bulk handling solution to one of Morocco’s busiest port environments while further expanding the company’s use of Liebherr maritime technology.

About Liebherr-Rostock GmbH

Liebherr-Rostock GmbH is one of the leading European manufacturers of maritime handling solutions. The product range includes ship, mobile harbour and offshore cranes. Components for container cranes are also included in the product portfolio.

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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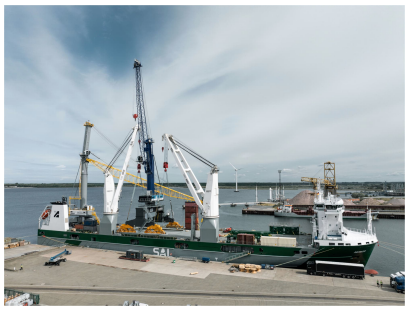

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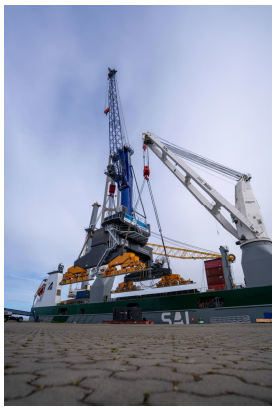
The first Liebherr LPS 550 bound for Africa is loaded aboard the heavy-lift vessel MV Patricia at Liebherr-Rostock GmbH. Following shipment from Rostock, the portal slewing crane will be installed at Marsa Maroc's terminal in Casablanca, where it will handle bulk cargo at Morocco's largest port.



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Configured with an electric drive and a 48-metre boom, the Liebherr LPS 550 has been specified for bulk cargo operations at the Port of Casablanca. The crane will become the first Liebherr portal slewing crane commissioned in Africa, extending the LPS product range to a new regional market.

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