

E-Crane celebrates 25th birthday with the launch of E-Handler

To celebrate its 25th birthday, E-Crane organized a five-day business event under the name 'Demo Days'. Clients, dealers and agents from across the globe visited the company to raise a glass with management and personnel in celebration of 25 years of passion for equilibrium cranes.

"We welcomed over 1,000 visitors from 21 different countries," explains managing director Lieven Bauwens enthusiastically. "People from the neighbourhood were also welcome to come and have a look." All eyes were on the E-Handler during the Demo Days: a new crane in the E-Crane arsenal used for processing scrap metal or bulk material handling. "Visitors could become acquainted with the E-Handler EH7290 CR-D on our premises. This solid material-handler comes in three basic configurations. They all have a capacity of ten metric tonnes, and respective outreaches of 26, 29 and 32 metres," says Bauwens.

FAST DELIVERY AND ATTRACTIVE PRICE

All E-Handlers are available in a fixed pedestal version, on rail or on crawlers. The high portal is a standard feature of the crawler version. "The new machines can be delivered within three months and are very attractively priced," according to E-Crane. One thing is certain: the E-Handler EH7290 CR-D has ensured E-Crane's position as a serious player in the market of material handling. "Our new crane is an absolute 'must' for scrap businesses which are keen to improve their efficiency. In the fairly short term, we want to provide 20 E-Handlers on a yearly



basis," says a motivated Bauwens.

ENERGY EFFICIENT

The E-Handler EH7290 CR-D is powered by an engine which uses only 132kW (175hp). The model that was on display during the Demo Days was on crawlers, and its power came from a Cummins 200kVA generator set. Many people were fascinated by the

fact that during operation it was almost inaudible... pretty impressive, and proving immediately that balance using a mobile counterweight does the job. "At E-Crane, we persistently choose a sophisticated, energy-efficient concept," says Bauwens. "We don't use extra accumulators or extra cylinders for energy recuperation."

ALL COMPONENTS ARE 100 % IN STOCK

Only one cylinder was used for the movement of the main boom. This is also the case for the movement of the upper arm, and furthermore, these cylinders are identical, a good example of service-friendly engineering. Visits to the work-shop, and parts warehouse, proved that all of E-Crane's components are 100% in stock.



CRANE OPERATOR DAY

The Demo Days gave visitors a good impression of the daily activities at E-Crane. Clients, dealers and agents could visit the engineering department, the renewed warehouse and the E-Crane training centre. Besides this, there were tours of the premises and the E-Handler. In order to let crane operators become more familiar with the E-Handler, the company organized an individual Crane Operator Day. "We were visited by more than 50 crane machinists," says Bauwens. "They could try out our new product to their hearts' content." On Friday evening there was a gala dinner for clients, and the week of festivities



came to an end on Saturday evening with a big party for the personnel.

INSPIRING COMPANY FILM

The employees at E-Crane had a fabulous surprise in store for their Executive Directors, Lieven Bauwens and Geert Watteeuw. They arranged a drone to take video footage around the company, which was then made into a polished film. "Our company was portrayed in a unique way, and we are very grateful to our people for organizing this. This is a fabulous present. Our team is clearly ready for the next 25 years!" concludes a satisfied Bauwens.



E-Crane International USA appoints new CEO

STEVEN M. OSBORNE NAMED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On 24 June, E-Crane International USA (ECI-USA), a market leader in material handling solutions for the bulk and scrap handling industry, announced that the Board of Directors had unanimously elected Steven M. Osborne as Chief Executive Officer effective 24 June. Steven Osborne succeeds his father and ECI-USA's current President and CEO Mark W. Osborne who has been successfully leading the company since it was founded in 1999. Mark Osborne will continue to serve the company as a member of the management team responsible for sales & marketing.

"The Board of Directors is delighted that Steven will lead ECI-USA in these exciting times towards an even more bright future," said Lieven Bauwens, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "Steven has a thorough understanding of the needs of our customers and a clear vision on how to grow our business in the Americas. I know he will accomplish his goals in close co-operation with both the management team and all ECI-USA employees. I have no doubt that he is the right person to take the helm at ECI-USA."

"I have always believed in him so it was no surprise that the Board of Directors confirmed his talents. I am so happy for him and for ECI-USA. I look forward to working with him in this new capacity on the years to come on behalf of the company I love. Being Steven's father it makes me proud to see that third generation of engineers in our family is doing so well." said Mark Osborne former President and CEO.

"I am honoured that the Board of Directors chose me to follow in the footsteps of my father who has led ECI-USA for



the past 16 years," said Steven Osborne. "I am also thrilled that I will have the ability to rely on my father's counsel over the coming years as he is an exceptional executive, leader, role model and friend."

Steven holds a mechanical engineering degree from The Ohio State University and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio.

ECI-USA, based in Galion, Ohio, since 2007, is wholly owned subsidiary of the E-Crane Group of Companies, based in Adegem, Belgium. ECI-USA is responsible for sales and customer service of the E-Crane product line in North in South America. ECI-USA has grown to 29 employees including offices in Columbus, Ohio, for Sales and Engineering and a brand new Service Centre in Rockport, Texas, opened in August 2014.