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In this issue we highlight some of those facets of our business. So in the following pages you'll discover how Caterpillar customers internationally have profited from our determination to provide them – and you – with solutions that add business value throughout the lifecycle, whether you are the first or second owner of Cat equipment.

Enjoy the read!

Paolo Fellin, Vice president Caterpillar

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SERVICE MAKES THE DECISIVE DIFFERENCE

Jordan's leading quarry operator is in the process of replacing his entire fleet of machines with equivalent Cat models. The reason? Only the local Cat dealer delivers the kind of service he needs to keep his machines – and his business – running at peak efficiency 24/7.

Site manager Amer Mbeideen stands at the highest point of the Al-Sweimeh quarry, 45km west of the Jordanian capital Amman, from where you can see the Dead Sea shimmering in the midday heat on the horizon. "That's beautiful," he says. His eyes aren't on the landscape, though, but on what for him is an equally captivating sight – a Cat 988H wheel loader working at full stretch in the quarry below to fill a waiting off-highway truck with yet another load of limestone. It's a sight he never tires of because, he says, "Each load represents another promise kept, another customer satisfied, one more step towards another day of productive, profitable operation. And in this business that's what counts."

The Al-Sweimeh quarry is operated by Developed Crushers Company, established in 2002 and part of Jordan's Manaseer Group of companies, owned by Engineer Zaid Al-Manaseer. Along with Al-Sweimeh, Developed Crushers Company operates two others – one in the south near Aqaba, and the Al-Hallabat quarry, 60km east of Amman. The company's products are sold throughout Jordan, 70 percent of them destined for use in the concrete industry and 30 percent going for road construction and other applications.

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The Al-Hallabat quarry, opened in 2008, produces high quality basalt and, according to site manager Omar Al Serdi, is the first of its type in Jordan. "There was another basalt quarry in the country," he says, "that operated between 1975 and 1985. It produced basalt for use as insulation material. But we are the first in the country to produce high quality crushed basalt suitable for mixing with asphalt. Our product is used for road construction throughout Jordan, and it's helping make a substantial improvement to the quality of the country's highways. We currently operate 20 hours a day for six days a week, producing around 350 tonnes of crushed product per hour, and will further be expended to reach 900 tonnes by year end upon operating the new 550 tonnes Crusher."

The Al-Sweimeh quarry was opened earlier, in 2002. Occupying a one million m² site, with 300,000m² currently being worked, and employing 220 people, it is Jordan's largest – and one of the biggest in the Middle East. Production of aggregates currently also runs at around 900 tonnes per hour of grades ranging from 0-2mm to 16-25mm. Silica sand for the concrete industry is also extracted at the site and there is some marble production too.

THE CRITICAL INGREDIENT

Turn up at Al-Sweimeh and you'll quickly understand why effective servicing of the machines in use there is key to keeping the business profitable. Situated 150 metres below sea level (but still 272 metres above the nearby Dead Sea shoreline, the planet's lowest dry land surface), midday temperatures routinely exceed 40°C and in summer can rise as high as 55°C. Add to that the harsh, sandy, abrasive nature of the terrain and it's no surprise that the machines operated there take a beating as a matter of routine.

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Engineer Zaid Al-Manaseer, owner of Jordan's Manaseer Group of companies



Jordan Tractor's parts and service manager, Amin Amireh

It's the same story at the Al-Hallabat quarry. Although situated 500 metres above sea level – and therefore benefiting from slightly cooler temperatures (though you'd be hard pressed to notice), the nature of the rock extracted there – a very high quality basalt – means that a fine abrasive dust permeates the environment, clogging filters and subjecting equipment to the possibility of high rates of wear. At both sites you'll find Cat machines supplied by local Cat dealer Jordan Tractor hard at work, seemingly unaffected by the conditions, but it wasn't always so.

Christie Janho, chief executive officer at Jordan Tractor, takes up the story: "Before 2008 there were no Cat machines at any Manaseer Crushers site. We had, however, previously supplied a Cat generator set to them for use at Al-Hallabat. It turned out that we were arriving on-site to check and service that single piece of equipment more often than did the dealer who had sold them all their earthmoving machines back in 2005. They noticed this and began to wonder why they weren't getting that level of service from their major equipment supplier.

"As we do with every customer and potential customer, we kept visiting them regularly and even offered advice and help when it was needed on the maintenance and repair of their non-Cat machines. And then, one day, they finally turned to us and said something like 'Would you be able to supply us with 40 Cat machines?'. And of course you can guess what our answer was. It turned out that they were fed up with the levels of productivity achieved with their machines and had decided that Cat machines, with their high performance backed by the kind of maintenance and repair service they were convinced we could offer, would make a significant difference to their business. It was the beginning of what is turning out to be a great partnership. So far we have supplied them with 29 Cat machines and the changeover process is still continuing. Currently, for instance, there's a joint study underway that's looking

at the possible benefits of replacing the company's large fleet of Russian-built off-highway trucks with Cat machines – probably 770s and 772s. So it's an ongoing process and Manaseer's commitment to Cat machines looks set to grow as time goes on. As long as we continue to do our job properly," he adds with a smile.

SUPPORT IN ACTION

The intensive support offered by Jordan Tractor under a service agreement with Developed Crushers Company covering maintenance and repair for all the Cat equipment is evident at both sites. In both workshops a resident team of two Jordan Tractor technicians is on hand 24 hours a day to undertake routine checking, maintenance and repair. They are backed by a 'flying' team of technicians based at Jordan Tractor's Amman workshop, who are on standby 24 hours a day – even at weekends – ready to go to either site should a problem occur that requires more expertise and manpower to solve it than the resident teams can provide. And should major work prove necessary, machines can be transported to Jordan Tractor's workshop in Amman – though only once so far has this has been necessary.

So do the challenging conditions at the two sites lead to abnormal demands being made on the resident technicians? "No," says technician Faris Deges, based at Al-Sweimeh, "it's just the normal procedures, nothing special, we don't face any special challenges." But it's noticeable that he and his colleagues are kept constantly busy and he admits to working long hours, sometimes from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. "Ah," he says, "but that's only because that's what it takes to do our job properly, not because there are any special problems with the Cat machines working here."

The job he and his colleagues do is, as you'd expect, a thorough one. Because of the hard working conditions, monitoring of the machines' condition is constant, with regular checking, reporting and analysis of mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems. Plus, under the Cat S+O+SSM oil analysis service, regular oil analysis



is carried out, with the samples analysed at Jordan Tractor's own laboratory in Amman. Established in 1982, it was the first to be opened in the Middle East.

"All in all it's an intensive program," states Jordan Tractor parts and service manager Amin Amireh. "But the aim is simple – to keep the Cat machines earning money for their owner rather than sitting in a workshop costing them time and revenue. In order to achieve that we operate a policy we call 'repair before failure' and its success is critical to maintaining the machine productivity our customer requires."

A MEETING OF MINDS

Helping to co-ordinate all the support activity is Jordan Tractor CSA administration supervisor Reyad Batah. "If you want to keep everything running smoothly," he says, "nothing beats regular face to face communication at every level. So we hold weekly meetings with all the relevant people from Manaseer Crushers and Jordan

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Tractor. It means that I'm on the road between Amman and the two quarry sites a lot, often three times a week. But the result is effective communication, which leads to prompt action wherever necessary, which in turn leads to a satisfied customer. It's intensive work, but it brings us closer together and the results are worth it for both sides."

At one of these meetings, at the Al-Sweimeh site, both Jordan Tractor CEO Christie Janho and Manaseer Crushers general manager Abdelghani Al-Manaseer are present, and it's clear that their business relationship has advanced way beyond the formal dealer/ customer pattern. Mr Manaseer confirms this: "We are not simply customer and dealer, two linked but separate organisations," he says. "Over the past few years this has become a true partnership, a meeting of minds, working together for our mutual benefit. And surely this is the best way of all to do business."

Standing at the top of the Al-Sweimeh quarry site in the hot afternoon sunshine, looking down at his Cat machines still working at full swing below, site manager Amer Mbeideen would surely agree.



Al-Hallabat's site manager, Omar Al Serdi

CAT MACHINES IN USE AT AL-SWEIMEH

- 8 x 966H wheel loaders
- 3×988 H wheel loaders
- 4 x D10T track-type tractors
- 1 x 329C hydraulic excavator

CAT MACHINES IN USE AT AL-HALLABAT

- 4 x 966H wheel loaders
- 2 x 988H wheel loaders
- 2 x D10T track-type tractors
- 1 x 365C hydraulic excavator



ACCUGRADE AT WORK IN LATVIA

PEACE OF MIND IS ALL PART OF THE DEAL

In a massive infrastructure development in the Latvian capital of Riga and on one of the country's major road renewal projects, a rented AccuGrade 3D GPS-equipped Cat D6K track-type tractor has been boosting work rates to unprecedented levels for local contractor SIA Roadeks.

Uldis Klaperis, Chairman of Riga-based construction company SIA Roadeks points to traffic streaming along the highway overpass that runs almost above his company headquarters: "Latvia may not be a big country with an enormous population," he says, "but as you can see it is a busy country. And as it has grown busier over the past decade, the more urgent it has become to improve the country's infrastructure. It is our good fortune as a company that we have been chosen to be part of that process."

SIA Roadeks began life in 1997 as a small road maintenance and construction company, activities which are still the company's core business. Following a successful start, growth began to accelerate in 2001 and has continued to this day, despite the recent downturn in the country's economy. "We now employ between 100 and 180 people, depending on the time of year," states Uldis, "we're currently the fifth largest construction company in Latvia, and ..." he smiles here "...we're aiming to improve on that as quickly as possible." He also emphasises that the company's rapid growth has not simply been in staff

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and turnover, but in experience as the range of projects undertaken has expanded. "And experience counts," he adds, "especially when times are not easy and you're under pressure to work ever more efficiently."

"WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE UNPRODUCTIVE"

It can't be denied, though, that in the road construction business size matters. So the fact that SIA Roadeks now owns a total of around 30 machines, including trucks, dozers, graders, backhoes, paving machines, and soil and asphalt compactors, counts in the company's favour when tendering for bigger projects. Of these 30 machines, no fewer than nine bear the Cat logo. "You could say that they are our key machines in the road construction side of the business," states Roadeks director of manufacture Janis Ansviesulis.

Why Caterpillar? Janis gives a pragmatic answer: "We bought our first new Cat machine – a D5 track-type tractor – in 2005, along with another, non-Cat machine. In 2006 we had minor problems with the Cat machine and with the other machine too. Our local Cat dealer, SIA Witraktor, fixed the D5 immediately, with no downtime. We didn't get the same response for the other machine, so we decided to replace it with another Cat machine. We can't afford to be unproductive."

There were other factors, too, that convinced SIA Roadeks that an investment in Cat machines was the right route to take. Janis says: "We keep a close eye on machine efficiency, reliability and productivity. We measure and judge one machine against another so we know which machines are pulling their weight and which aren't. Quite simply, the Cat machines give us the performance we're looking for. Our operators like them too. They tell us they have more usable power than comparable non-Cat machines."

He adds that turning to Cat dealer SIA Witraktor meant that he could also benefit from a machine demonstration before deciding to buy. "And not just a few hours, but a week in order to evaluate the machine fully. No other dealer offered us that."

TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE RENTAL OPTION

Like Cat dealers throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Latvia dealer SIA Witraktor offers a rental service for Cat machines. It's an option that SIA Roadeks has taken full advantage of by renting PM102 and PM200 cold planers, an AP655D asphalt paver, and a D6K track-type tractor equipped with a complete 3D GPS AccuGrade system. All of these machines are being used in two major ongoing road construction projects, with the AccuGrade-equipped machine in particular delivering performance and productivity that have kept SIA Roadeks up to speed in difficult circumstances.

THE SOUTHERN BRIDGE – CONNECTIONS FOR SMOOTHER TRAFFIC FLOW

Riga's Southern Bridge project has a long history. First drawings for a road bridge to the south of the city over the river Daugava south were first drawn up in the 1930s. However, they remained merely'a good idea to be put into action one day'. Then, with the growth in business and tourist traffic followed by Latvia's accession to the European Union in 2004, the need for the Southern Bridge – now seen as a major element in a planned ring road round Riga – became urgent. Construction started in 2005 and the bridge was opened to local city traffic in November 2008. But work on the access road system connecting it to the major highways south of the city continues, with completion scheduled for the end of 2011.

SIA Roadeks is one of the major contractors on this project, responsible for construction of a 2.5km stretch of access road consisting of nine separate carriageways in all – a total of 22.5km of construction work, to tight deadlines. "It's a difficult task," says Uldis Klaperis, "because we must build short sections of road simultaneously, in co-ordination with other contractors building other, connected, sections. So speed and accuracy are vital. That's why we decided to rent the Caterpillar 3D GPS AccuGrade system. We had first seen it at the Cat demonstration centre in Malaga and realised it would be ideal for this project."

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is "the company's best operator", according to his boss, with third place in Operator Challenge Latvia 2008 and second place in operator competition CATBALL 2010 to his credit. "I had never used AccuGrade before," he says, "so I expected it to be a headache. But it wasn't. I spent two days training with Edgars Dambergs, SIA Witraktor's technical communicator, and then, after about two weeks in the field with it, I found it extremely easy to use – I had no problems. It makes my life simpler and my work easier. And best of all, when I'm up there in the cab working with AccuGrade, I'm the boss. I don't depend on others, they depend on me – and that's a great feeling!" The AccuGrade 3D system uses GPS technology to compare the blade position to a computerized site plan and signals the operator or hydraulic system to raise or lower the blade.

According to Janis Ansviesulis, AccuGrade 3D GPS has exceeded their expectations, proving even more productive than anticipated. "It's faster and cheaper, and because there's no need for constant optical surveying, it eliminates the human factor and saves on personnel costs. And it lets us keep working in the dark, a real benefit in winter; you can't do that with an optical surveying system. The system has even helped us prove to government inspectors, who believed that we had made a 5cm mistake in level on one section, that this wasn't the case. In fact it turned out that they had made a human error in their own checking process Without AccuGrade we might have spent time and money trying to rectify a mistake that wasn't, in fact, a reality. So when anyone asks us about the benefits of AccuGrade, I have to say that, as well as cost-saving, a major plus point is peace-of-mind; quite simply, you can trust the system to deliver the goods."

ON THE ROAD TO A BETTER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

SIA Roadeks have found the same benefits when using the rented AccuGrade 3D GPS system on another large road project, the renovation of a 200km A IV category State Road P33. Contracted to renovate an 8km section of this project, SIA Roadeks are involved in digging out the old road to a depth of between three and four metres before constructing a new, straighter and smoother road in its place. The task involves moving around 170,000m³ of different types of soil, rock, gravel and old asphalt.

"Again," says Janis, "different parts of the project were being undertaken at the same time, each at a different stage, and using AccuGrade made the transition from one section to another much simpler than it would otherwise have been."

RENT OR BUY? THE ANSWER IS 'YES'

On both projects, claims Uldis, renting the AccuGrade 3D GPS system was the most attractive option. "AccuGrade really provides the best advantage on big projects, and currently these two are our only big ones. And perhaps, too, the technology will evolve further over the next few years, so – by the time we really need a permanent system of our own – renting now leaves us free to buy the most up-to-date equipment later."

So will they turn to AccuGrade again in the future? "Of course," insists Janis, "where we can't use it, the need to employ more people makes it more expensive not to have the system than to have it. That's particularly relevant in difficult times when you need to 'think more' in order to be efficient. The AccuGrade 3D GPS system certainly makes a significant difference!"

MAINTENANCE TIPS TO MAXIMISE MACHINE LIFE AND PRODUCTIVITY

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Regular inspection and maintenance of your hydraulic system and following contamination control practices will lower your owning and operating costs and maximise your machine's productivity and uptime. In this article we offer some essential advice to maximise the life and performance of your machines' hydraulic systems.

MAINTENANCE TIPS

1. CHANGE FILTERS REGULARLY AND CAREFULLY

Hydraulic filters should be changed as per the Operation and Maintenance Manual. It's also important to keep new filters and other parts packaged until they're ready to install and to remove old filters carefully.

CONTAMINATION CONTROL TIPS

75 percent to 85 percent of hydraulic pump, motor, cylinder and valve failures can be traced to contamination. Due to the extremely small clearances in today's hydraulic systems, even particles you cannot see can damage pumps, motors, cylinders and valves by causing abrasive, adhesive and fatigue wear.

INSPECTION TIPS

1. PERFORM REGULAR VISUAL INSPECTIONS

Look for leaks in cylinders or hoses, worn or damaged hoses, missing bolts, damaged cylinder rods, worn wiper seals, etc. in order to prevent a small problem from becoming big and contamination from entering the hydraulic system.

2. SELECT THE RIGHT OIL

Ensure your hydraulic oil contains the needed additives, like oxidation and foam inhibitors, and zinc to provide maximum protection to pumps, motors, cylinders and valves. Caterpillar HYDO[™] Advanced oil contains the necessary additives and extends your hydraulic oil change interval.

1. USE TIGHT-FITTING BARREL COVERS

Tight-fitting covers can help prevent dirt, water, airborne particles and other contaminants from entering oil barrels. It's also wise to store barrels inside.

2. MONITOR BULK FLUIDS

Check the condition of the oil in your bulk tanks periodically. Make sure the tank has a 4-micron air filter breather as oil is dispensed.

3. USE HIGH EFFICIENCY FILTERS AND KIDNEY LOOPING AFTER REPAIRS

Contaminants invade the hydraulic system whenever it's open for a repair. We recommend Kidney Looping and the use of Cat High Efficiency Filters following any system invasion in order to remove contaminants.

2. HYDRAULIC SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CHECK

Hydraulic system efficiency can drop by as much as 20 percent before the machine operator detects there's a problem. Cat dealerships can perform Hydraulic Service inspections to help keep your hydraulics in peak condition.

3. KEEP HYDRAULIC TANKS FILLED

Always keep the hydraulic tank between the "Full" and "Add" marks. Insufficient fluid levels are the leading cause of pump cavitation and can also result in high oil temperatures, causing oil to degrade.



SIEGFRIED PENZENSTADLER

owner of Munich-based German construction company Penzenstadler GmbH







The Cat M318C on show on the Caterpillar stand at Bauma, complete with a 'sold to Penzenstadler GmbH' sign.

INSTANT ATTRACTION

When Siegfried Penzenstadler, owner of Munich-based German construction company Penzenstadler GmbH, visited the Bauma trade fair in April last year he had no immediate plans to buy a wheel excavator. Yet just a couple of hours later he was the proud owner of an immaculate four-year old Cat M318C with only 3,000 hours on the clock. Here's how it happened.

Penzenstadler GmbH has been in business since 1940, first as a transport company and then subsequently expanding into the construction, earthmoving and recycling fields. The company bought its first excavator in 1954 and its first Cat machine – a D4 track-type tractor – in 1980 following Siegfried Penzenstadler's takeover from his father as head of the business in 1976. The company now has an annual turnover of €20 million a year, employs between 70 and 100 people (depending on the level of business) and operates a total of 35 earthmoving machines.

Of these, no fewer than 25 are Cat machines, so why is the Cat brand so popular with Penzenstadler? "They are not the cheapest machines you can buy," says Siegfried, "but in my opinion they are quite simply the best. Parts availability is good, and when the time comes you know you'll be able to sell them anywhere on the planet."

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT (AGAIN!)

However, neither selling nor buying was on Siegfried's agenda when he visited the Caterpillar stand at Munich's Bauma trade fair for construction machinery last April. "I merely went to see what was on show, what was new, as I always do," he claims. "Although at the back of my mind I may already have had the thought that the business might be able to use another wheel excavator at some time in the future. But not necessarily right away."



And then on the Caterpillar stand he saw a Cat Certified Used M318C wheel excavator, built in 2006 and with 3,000 hours on the clock. Within an hour or two the decision to buy it was taken and the deal completed. "For us that was a smart move," says Siegfried with a smile. "Not only did we get a great machine, but throughout the rest of Bauma it was on show on the Caterpillar stand with

"The price was OK, everything was OK and I love it."

a 'sold to Penzenstadler GmbH' sign on it, and that meant good publicity for our company! But more seriously, the price was OK, everything was OK and I love it."

CAT CERTIFIED USED FOR PEACE OF MIND

For local Cat dealer Zeppelin sales representative Marko Gaspar, Siegfried's lightning decision wasn't such a big surprise. "After all," he says, "he did the same thing three years ago. That time he turned up at Bauma and bought a used 950 wheel loader simply because he fell in love with it; he admits now that he had no real need for it at the time. But it's given him outstanding service on every job site, so we knew he liked the Cat Certified Used concept."



Jens Schrader, Caterpillar's used equipment consultant for Central and Eastern Europe explains: "If you're going to buy second-hand equipment there's always a perception that you're taking a risk. How can you be sure you're getting good value? It's like buying a used car; you can get a good used Mercedes, say, for a particular sum of money, but you're taking a risk because you don't know its history. So you end up buying a new Fiat instead for the same money.

"The Cat Certified Used concept overcomes that obstacle. It provides an up to two-year Cat Certified Used warranty, plus a low interest finance package and a service contract. And the used machine itself is prepared to a high standard, with up to 140 different inspection points covered before it's put up for sale. It's a program that's now offered by every Cat dealer in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, and the overall result, for every buyer of a used Cat machine, is peace-of-mind that you won't find elsewhere."

A CLEAR ADVANTAGE

For Siegfried Penzenstadler the benefits are clear: "The price/performance equation was right, reliability's good, and in our pipe laying and road construction work, which is where it's been used so far, the M318C is doing

everything we ask of it. And our operators like it better than other makes of machine, particularly because the hydraulics provide them with a superior response.

"Usually we buy new – only 10 percent of our machines were bought second hand – but we have no worries about this machine. It went straight from Bauma to a construction site and it's still performing as expected. And because we have had a strong relationship with Cat dealer Zeppelin ever since 1980, we know the back-up will be there to keep it working should that ever become necessary. For us it's a no risk solution."

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- 5x 325DLN
- 2x 325CLN
- 1x 325BLN
- 2x 966G
- 1x 950G
- 2x 966H
- 1x D6N LGP
- 1x D5M
- 1x D5H 1x M318C
- 1x 928G
- 1x D4M
- 1x 320BLN
- 1x 950F
- 1x 322BLN
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'NO BREAKDOWN TIME' FOR EGYPT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Egypt Environmental Services specialises in treatment and elimination of solid wastes. The company is supported by local Cat dealer Mantrac with a total repair contract for all machines, as part of their requirement for "No Breakdown Time".

Performing CTS was essential as part of the solution. With continuous follow up every 1,500 hours, results showed that within two months two machines – a track-type tractor and a tracktype loader – needed service and undercarriage component replacement. Consequently on-time planning eliminated potential breakdown, preventing unnecessary disruption on site.

Says Ahmed Soliman Sorour, who has been with Mantrac since August 2009 and now performs CTS inspections: "CTS has opened new opportunities with customers and increased our credibility with them.Today, we perform an average of 50 CTS inspections per month with around 15 customers."

LESS DOWNTIME, LONGER LIFE, LOWER COSTS

WITH THE CATERPILLAR CUSTOM TRACK SERVICE

Caterpillar builds value and durability into every undercarriage system, balancing critical factors like raw materials, heat treat processes, and the amount of wear material. And of course you want to reduce downtime and plan undercarriage maintenance in order to reduce costs as much as possible. The Caterpillar Custom Track Service (CTS) inspection programme has been developed to help you achieve these goals.

ENHANCING BUILT-IN VALUE

Undercarriage components wear according to operating conditions and operating techniques and can therefore be managed as a system. By providing expert system management and planning assistance, the Caterpillar Custom Track Service inspection allows you to take full advantage of this built-in value.

The service works with you to monitor performance and predict wear rates, helping you plan maintenance and evaluate your most economical maintenance options. The result? You'll be able to schedule service rather than having to deal with costly unscheduled downtime.

FAST, ACCURATE ANALYSIS

To make the best undercarriage maintenance decisions, you need accurate information provided exactly when you need it. Using the most advanced diagnostic equipment available, such as ultrasonic wear indicators, the Custom Track Service inspection will accurately monitor track performance and predict wear rates.

Measurements are taken from various positions around the undercarriage, including the links, idlers, shoes, sprockets and rollers.

INFORMED DECISIONS FOR HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY

The information gathered from the undercarriage measurements is analysed and used to draw up comprehensive reports. These provide you with a practical insight into the current condition of your undercarriage and the estimated life of its various components. So you can evaluate service options, plan your maintenance and schedule downtime.

In short, the Caterpillar Custom Track Service inspection provides you with all the information you need to make informed decisions that will help keep your machines working at optimal productivity while reducing your costs as much as possible.



THE NEW PRODUCT LINK: IT PAYS TO KNOW

Since 2007 Cat Product Link fleet-management has been making a huge difference to the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of Cat customers' operations throughout Europe and Turkey. Now this unique Cat solution has been expanded to boost fleet management effectiveness even more, with additional cellular technology-based hardware, a new, user friendly, web based application with enhanced features and new capabilities. Increased Satellite and Cellular coverage will also extend these benefits to customers in Africa and Middle East.

VISIONLINK[™] - THE INTUITIVE INTERFACE

Completely updated and revamped, the latest Product Link features a highly intuitive new interface, VisionLink, which makes it easy to monitor data from your whole fleet, and then zoom in for a detailed look at individual machines.

VisionLink equips your business with powerful tools and features for processing and provides you and your Cat dealer with information vital to maintaining your business efficiency. Essential tools include mapping, working and idle hours, fuel level, and more. As a result you'll be able to keep machines in peak operating condition with timely notification of system events, diagnostic codes, and other machine health indicators. This basic information can be applied across your whole fleet to draw inferences about machine efficiency and under-utilised assets.

HARNESSING THE POWER OF CELLULAR TECHNOLOGY

Today, hardware is available that uses Low-Earth-Orbit satellites to transmit data from and to your machines. New generation Product Link add-ons communicate on the cellular network (GSM) to its family of enabling hardware, giving you the ability to select exactly the right communications option for the location in which your fleet is operating.

Cellular communication's primary advantage is its wider bandwidth, which means simply that the signal can accommodate more data more frequently.

SEE YOUR ENTIRE FLEET AT A GLANCE

Cat Product Link is as much a part of today's Cat machine as the engine or transmission. But with the latest version, this expanded capability can be extended to your entire fleet, regardless of make or model, allowing all equipment to be monitored in one secure web-based application.

A PARTNERSHIP FOR ADDED VALUE

The Cat dealer network, with its worldwide strength and capability, is an integral aspect of the Product Link solution and expands its value for you in terms of quality service and rapid parts support.

By partnering with your Cat dealer in the use of Product Link, you'll enhance your ability to manage both your equipment and your business more effectively. The payoff: lower operating costs, more efficient application of machines to job sites, increased machine utilisation, and cost savings from maintaining your machines in good health.

WHAT CAT DEALERS SAY:

Mikael Bjorklund: Product manager Parts and Service, Pon Equipment AB Sweden: "With Product Link we went to the next level in giving our customers more insight on how their machines are utilised and operated. They have a better understanding of when to maintain their machines and better control when operating them. And new Product Link means more user friendly, better reports and, most important, more data from the machines to take the appropriate decisions in terms of owning and operating cost."

Matteo Bragotto: Service manager, CGT Italy: "Product Link is helping us change from a reactive organisation to a proactive one. Rather than simply reacting to problems, we're now helping our customers benefit from improved business efficiency. And with new Product Link things are even better, with even more valuable information and features available for the customer."



COMPREHENSIVE FLEET MANAGEMENT

- Fleet Summary shows your entire fleet at a glance
- Maps make finding
 specific equipment/job
- sites fast and simple • Customisable views allow you to quickly see specified groups of machines, all equipment on a job site, what equipment is due for service and more.



DETAILED ASSET MANAGEMENT

Easily locate and "zoom in" on a single machine
Track asset movement over any specified time period.



USER-FRIENDLY DASHBOARD

- See individual machine
- status instantly • Monitor current fuel
- level, total fuel usage
- Stay on top of outstanding alerts
- Idle vs. Work Time graph helps
- you monitor utilisation • Make better informed equipment assignment decisions. Is a loader being overworked while its trucks idle? You may need fewer trucks to service that loader.





3D IMPRESSION When completed, the Eastern Bosporus Strait Bridge will be the world's longest cable stayed bridge

DATE WITH DESTINA ON RUSSKY ISLAND

For the inhabitants of Russky Island, near Vladivostok on Russia's Pacific coast, February 2012 will mark a turning point. That's when leaders of the 21 APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation) nations will turn up there for their 20th annual summit, and their impending visit has led to major infrastructure and construction projects that are set to dramatically improve the islanders' long term future. And of course Cat machines are there in force. The U.S. \$2.5 billion construction project includes hotels and a conference centre, modernisation of Vladivostok airport, highway construction and reconstruction, a theatre for staging opera and ballet productions, and a sea façade including port structures and infrastructure. It also involves construction of a new university campus, the Far Eastern University, which will host a large number of guests from the Asia-Pacific region during the summit before assuming its educational role.

Linking Russky Island with Vladivostok will be the new Eastern Bosporus Strait Bridge. When completed it will be the world's longest cable-stayed bridge, with a span of 1,104 metres and an overall length of 3,150 metres. And crucially for the island's 5,000 inhabitants, it will end long periods of enforced isolation caused by winter weather bad enough to disrupt the ferry service – until now the only means of transport to and from the mainland.

MEETING AN IMMOVABLE DEADLINE

Early in 2009 construction company Crocus ZAO was chosen as general contractor for the project. Given an immovable deadline of the end of 2011 for completion of all work, the company had to move fast. Site clearance, levelling and installation of utilities had to begin even before completion of final design documentation. Consequently dozens of bulldozers, excavators, loaders, graders and large dump trucks had to be delivered to the island at top speed.

It's not surprising, therefore, that Crocus ZAO turned to local Cat dealer Amur Machinery. From its warehouses in Vladivostok and Khabarovsk, in 2009 Amur Machinery initially supplied 12 Cat machines to Crocus ZAO, with another 10 being rented. In February last year another 17 machines were purchased.

In all, during 2010 nearly 100 units of Cat equipment were at work at sites on Russky Island, including a diesel power plant and three C32 modular diesel generators. The latter are currently being used to generate power at the construction site for the Primorsky Oceanarium, which will become one of the largest research, educational and entertainment centres in the Asia Pacific region. When completed, the C32s will be used as a backup power supply for the Oceanarium.

SUPPORT WHERE IT'S NEEDED...

Given the amount of Cat equipment in operation and the scope of work, Amur Machinery decided to set up mobile machine shops on the island to provide the necessary equipment maintenance and repair on site. And Amur Machinery's subcontractors working on Russky Island are also providing leased equipment to accomplish specific tasks on short notice.

Commenting on the construction works, Caterpillar CIS Industry sales manager Robert Thiel says: "This project is unique due to the large construction volume in the very limited timeframe. Reliable Cat machines together with world-class product support from Amur Machinery and attractive finance terms from Caterpillar Financial were major drivers for the project. We are proud to be part of this major infrastructure project in Russia."



...AND A PERMANENT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

For the Russky islanders themselves, the benefits will be significant and will last way beyond the conclusion of the 2012 APEC summit. Gone will be the drawbacks of long periods of isolation. In their place will come the benefits of an improved and expanded infrastructure on the island itself, plus greater employment opportunities and the prospects of a better way of life afforded by improved access to schools, hospitals and other services on the nearby mainland.

CAT MACHINES AT RUSSKY ISLAND

In 2009 the local Cat dealer Amur Machinery supplied 12 Cat machines and rented 10 additional units to Crocus ZAO, the general contractor laying the groundwork for the summit's facilities. In February 2010, another 17 machines were purchased: four 428E backhoe loaders, a D5NXL, a D6T, a D7G and two D6NXL and two D9R track-type tractors, three CS56 vibratory soil compactors as well as a 320DL, a 325DL and a 330DL hydraulic excavator. Cat Financial funded the entire mix of track-type tractors and excavators.

INGENUITY AT WORK

When you are faced with extending and updating a complex transport infrastructure in an environment as challenging as Switzerland's, it takes imagination, superior skills and total dedication – along with Cat machine versatility and reliability – to get the job done. Here we focus on two examples.

1: MONTE CENERI

Cat machines, specially customised for tunnelling, at work underground at Monte Ceneri.





THE SWISS ALPTRANSIT LINE GOES UNDERGROUND AT MONTE CENERI

In spring last year work began on the 15.4km long Ceneri Base Tunnel in the Swiss canton of Ticino. This tunnel, comprising two single-track bores, continues the Swiss AlpTransit line south of the Gotthard Base Tunnel.

Commercial operation of the tunnel is planned to start at the end of 2019. It will carry high-speed rail and heavy freight trains, neither of which can operate on the existing steep track over the Monte Ceneri mountain.

To meet machinery needs, the tunnel contractor consortium Condotte Cossi turned to Swiss Cat dealer Avesco, working – for this project – in collaboration with Italian Cat dealer CGT and German Cat dealer Zeppelin.

The Cat 314D LCR and 328D LCR excavators in use on the project have been customised by the dealer for tunnelling. Booms and dippers are unconventional in both shape and size, and heavy-duty dozer blades are fitted to the car body. Strong covers protect the top of the blade cylinders. These modifications ensure outstanding stability and enable any type of levelling work to be undertaken. While clearing the tunnel crown and vertical face from loose rock, the blade at the rear prevents the machine from creeping backwards. Like all machines at the site, the eight compact radius excavators are equipped with two fire extinguishers, one in the cab and one on the exterior of the excavator.

For loading and shovelling within the narrow connecting galleries, Avesco modified four Cat 938H wheel loaders. Fenders have been shortened and parts of the rear fenders removed. The maximum width of the loader is now 2.6m. To better protect the operator, a second roof and a front windshield guard have been added to the cab. A moving cover prevents damage to the dump-cylinder and heavy steel beams on the counterweight protect the radiator from side-impacts.

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When drill and blast operations are in full swing, crews drive the two tunnels simultaneously to the north and south. After each blast a 328D LCR tunnelling excavator clears the crown and the face of any loose rock and finishes off the tunnel profile with the hydraulic hammer. The cleared area is then secured with rock bolts, steel meshes and shotcrete before a wheel loader removes the muck at the tunnel face and dumps it into a mobile crushing plant. The broken material leaves the tunnel on an extendible belt conveyor system. About 20 percent of the excavated rock can be reused for onsite concrete production. The rest will be disposed for landscaping the area around the construction site.



FROM TUNNEL TO BRIDGE IN THE KNONAUER AMT

In the second half of the 19th century trains from Lucerne to Zürich passed through the "Knonauer Amt" area because the line along the shores of lake Zürich was not yet built. The single track railway crossed a main road in a 10 metre deep man-made cut between the villages of Hedingen and Bonstetten/Wettswil. Instead of building a bridge across the cut, the owner of the railway line decided on a tunnel to fill the gap for the road. Masons used solid sandstone blocks to construct the tunnel, with a crown measuring 70cm and walls at the bottom on both sides 150cm. Afterwards they backfilled the cut to the level of the road, creating the 21 metre long Chrüzachertunnel.

As more people leave the big cities to live in surrounding villages, public transport capacity needs to increase to take them to work in cities like Zürich. Which is why in the near future the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) decided to add a second track to the railway line in the "Knonauer Amt". So in 2009 the fill above the tunnel was excavated and a new concrete bridge replaced the road across it. Consequently the tunnel lost its purpose and was scheduled for removal.

After the last train passed the Chrüzachertunnel late on a Friday night in July last year, SBB-workers removed the overhead power-lines. Then a special train with conveyor belts covered the tracks with 60m³ of crushed stones. At 04:00 the first 51 tonne Cat 345C L, suspended from a 200 tonne capacity crane, was lowered onto the covered tracks. At 04:30 the first sandstone block at the northbound side of the tunnel fell to the ground. 28 minutes later a second Cat 345C L excavator was in position at the southbound side. Attacked with a hydraulic hammer and a concrete crusher, the tunnel crown started to crumble. At 07:38 the tunnel crown was gone. While the southbound excavator broke down the side walls with a hammer, two other 345C's moved stones and fill material to the road level. Around 08:30 the first road-going trucks appeared. A Cat 973C kept them busy all day, loading 2600m³ of material which was hauled to a dumpsite for recycling. And by Saturday evening the Chrüzachertunnel was history.

2: KNONAUER AMT

Moving stones and fill material at the site of the former Chrüzachertunnel







CAT CERTIFIED USED EQUIPMENT TRIED, TESTED, TRUSTED



MUHAMMED ERCAN, owner of Ermas Mermer



A large block of marble is carried away from the quarry face for processing in the nearby factory.



Smaller blocks of marble are carried away from the quarry site by a Cat 725 articulated dump truck.

How an extended on-site demonstration helped convince a Turkish marble producer of the economic benefits of turning to Cat used equipment.

From its headquarters near Yatagan in western Mugla province, marble producer Ermas Mermer operates a total of five quarries – two in the Yatagan area and three further south near the city of Antalya. Three associated factories handle the output from the quarries. In business since 1985, total annual production of marble runs to 150,000 tonnes a year, which, thanks to its high quality, is in growing demand worldwide. Of this total, some 75,000 tonnes is excavated at the Yatagan quarries, where the company currently uses earthmoving equipment that includes hydraulic excavators, wheel loaders and articulated dump trucks – some 28 machines in total, no fewer than eight of them bearing the Cat logo.

It wasn't always this way though. Company owner Muhammed Ercan confesses that before 2008 you would have been hard pressed to spot a single Cat machine on site. "We had in fact bought an old Cat machine back in 1997," he says, "and that was still in use – in fact it still is today. But for some reason a myth had grown in the company that fuel consumption on Cat machines was higher than with other brands. As far as I can tell now, this myth wasn't based on solid evidence, but the result was that we were no longer really interested in the brand and were mostly operating other makes of machine."

BACK-TO-BACK EVALUATION

By 2009, though, growth in the business meant that Ermas Mermer needed to expand its fleet and was considering buying one, or perhaps two articulated dump trucks – probably second-hand machines. At this point Izmir-based Turkish Cat dealer Borusan Makina, in regular contact with the company, saw an opportunity to overcome the company's reluctance to consider the Cat brand. The Cat dealer's offer of an extended on-site demonstration was accepted and a used Cat 725 articulated dump truck, built in 2005 and with around 4,600 hours on the clock, was delivered to the Yatagan quarry site for extended evaluation, back-to-back with another maker's equivalent model of a type already in use at the site.

Ten day's of extensive performance evaluation, with performance recorded and evaluated at the end of every day, convinced the company that their reluctance to consider Cat machines was misplaced. Muhammed explains: "Over the course of the demonstration it became clear that the Cat machine was delivering more usable power than the other machine for the same fuel consumption. So it was able to work faster for the same fuel use, and would therefore offer us higher productivity. Provided, of course, that we could depend on it to function reliably. There was another plus point, too," he adds. "Our operators preferred working with the Cat machine. Its extra power meant that it was easier for them to use and made their work simpler – an important factor for us to consider."

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All Cat Certified Used equipment is less than five years old, has low work hours and includes:

- Minimum 6-month power-train warranty
- Like new appearance
- Up to a 140-point inspection
- Less than 50 percent wear on tires, undercarriage, and ground engaging tools
- Scheduled maintenance completed by a Cat factory trained technician
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- Extended service coverage options

Inspection points cover:

- General condition
- Boom / stick
- Safety items
- Electrical system
- Operator station Transmission
- Engine brakes
- Cooling system Hydraulics
- Final drives
- Undercarriage
- Attachments

Cat machines in use at Frmas Mermer:

- 2 x 980 HBH wheel loaders 3 x 725 articulated dump trucks 2002 model with 9,300 hours 2005 model with 4,600 hours (CAT Certified Used) 2006 model with 4,900 hours (CAT Certified Used)
- 2 x 330BL excavators



A COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR TOTAL SUPPORT

However, Muhammed still hesitated before committing himself to buying the used Cat machine. "We were already using the non-Cat machines in our quarries," he states, "so we knew their capabilities, whereas the Cat machine, although it performed brilliantly in the trial, was still an unknown in terms of reliability, maintenance and durability. Would it continue to work

"The warranty package dispelled all our worries about reliability, servicing, everything."

for us as effectively as it had during the demonstration period? And, it has to be said that the second-hand Cat machine would still be more expensive to buy than an equivalent second-hand model of our usual brand. So we needed reassurance that we would be making the right decision by going with Cat."

That reassurance came in the form of the warranty package offered by Borusan Makina. "It dispelled all our worries about reliability, servicing, everything," claims Muhammed, "particularly the 3,000 hours warranty. On a four-year old machine that's a good deal – as good as some brands offer on a new machine. Consequently we made the decision in favour of Cat and put the 725 straight to work."

And has it performed up to expectations? "Yes," says Muhammed emphatically. "When we bought it we added 2,000 hours on the clock. By the autumn last year it had already clocked up 7,000 hours with no real problems and we're now expecting to use the machine for another five years - that will be around 15,000 hours in total." And for further proof of his satisfaction, he points to the fact that Ermas Mermer has now invested in more Cat equipment - a mixture of new and used machines that brings the company's Cat equipment inventory to a total of ten machines so far.

WHY BILY LISED?

For Ermas Mermer, the decision to invest in used Cat equipment makes sound economic sense. It's a simple matter of cost versus performance and reliability. "For instance," says Muhammed, "take the trucks we use to transport marble from the quarry face to the processing sites. Like every other marble producer in Turkey, we've used on-road trucks. Though they're not ideal, they're cheap to buy compared with quarryspecific off-road trucks. But if you can buy a used Cat articulated dump truck instead, with the kind of back-up we're getting from Borusan Makina as part of the deal, you can guarantee that it will work harder, longer, and in all conditions, whereas an on-road truck simply can't do that. So the cost/productivity equation changes in favour of the used Cat truck.

"That's why we've invested in Cat used equipment, and it's why we intend to keep doing so."

Learn more about our articulated trucks www.uk.cat.com/articulated-trucks

THE NEW CAT 374D L HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR WELCOME TO A NEW GENERATION OF PERFORMANCE

When operators try a machine whose performance is better by 10 percent or more than the one they're used to, it's said they'll really feel the difference. So, with 18 percent more horsepower than its predecessor, plus 17 percent higher digging forces and significantly greater stability, when they turn to the new Cat 374D L hydraulic excavator the difference will be crystal clear.

The new Cat 374D L replaces the 365C L, delivering substantial gains in uptime, performance and operating costs. It combines extra horsepower and stronger hydraulics with new buckets and greater operating weight to boost trenching, loading and lifting capabilities. Add greater operator convenience, safety enhancements and easier serviceability and you'll see that the 374D L is designed to deliver clear business as well as performance gains.

DEVELOPED TO WORK HARDER FOR YOU

The launch of the 374D L is the result of a comprehensive two years in field-testing, as well as five years study from concept to production. No less than 13,000 hours have been clocked up on seven excavators. Reinforced undercarriage components and increased cylinder size using tougher materials ensure durability in any application.

PERFORMANCE AT A HIGHER LEVEL

A 160mm track-gauge increase significantly increases stability, while other undercarriage improvements reduce stress and boost operating life. There are also new, stronger buckets, and the 374D L's work tools extend application options into operations such as demolition, scrap processing and quarry work. The implement hydraulic system provides a 10 percent flow increase for faster cycle time in hydraulic flow and horsepower. The pressure increase combines with larger digging-arm and bucket cylinders to yield 17 percent higher digging forces.

OPTIMAL COST MANAGEMENT

Also new in the 374D L's hydraulic circuits are electrically controlled regeneration valves, assuring positive response from the boom and digging-arm cylinders – so you benefit from shorter cycle times and fuel savings estimated at over two percent. And because fuel consumption is displayed on the monitor, operators can see how their actions impact fuel use. Finally, via the monitor you can adjust hydraulic power from standard to high or economy mode, ensuring optimum cost management.

SAFER WAYS TO WORK

Naturally, safety is a no-compromise priority. Wider catwalks either side of the upper structure provide safe access to maintenance points, and the tempered glass rear window can be removed to serve as a secondary exit. Standard halogen and high intensity discharge lights provide exceptional jobsite illumination and feature time-delay for safe exit from the machine at night. The monitor's full-colour graphic display shows comprehensive machine information, as well as displaying images from the optional rear-view camera, and the Cat Wide Area Vision system can be quickly and simply added when other cameras are needed.

Convenience and comfort get high priority too, with joystick console height and control lever response adjustable to preference.

In fact, as Caterpillar hydraulic excavator product and application specialist Jerome Claret confirms: "Everything about the new 374D L hydraulic excavator has been tailored to make certain that our customers benefit from real uptime, clear performance, lower operating costs and safety advantages unmatched by other hydraulic excavators."





374D L

- Operating weight: 70,900kg to 75,596kg
- Net power: 355kW
- Hydraulic flow: 2x440lpm
- (implement) +360lpm (swing)
- Implement pressure: 350 bar
- Stick cylinder size
- (bore): 210mm
- Bucket cylinder size, VB2
- Linkage (bore): 190mm
- Track gauge: 3.41m

365C L

- Operating weight:
- 67,650kg to 71,520kg
- Net power: 302kW
- Hydraulic flow: 2x400lpm
- (implement) +360lpm (swing) • Implement pressure: 320 bar
- Stick cylinder size
- (bore): 200mm
- Bucket cylinder size, VB
- Linkage (bore): 180mm
- Track gauge: 3.25m



THE MOTOR PATROL N. 20, CATERPILLAR'S FIRST MOTOR GRADER.

Introduced 70 years ago, the Motor Patrol N. 20 marked an important step in the construction and maintenance of roads. It was the first of a series of Cat motor graders that culminates in today's M Series, delivering the latest generation of technology breakthroughs.



This Cat 12G motor grader, produced in 1978, has clocked up 40,000 working hours. Owned by Slovakian construction company VION, it is still in regular use, working on road maintenance.



Built in 1939, this Cat Number 12 motor grader, serial number 9K1200SP, was imported into the UK in 2007 after spending its working life in Washington State in the northwest of the USA. It is still used occasionally to maintain haul roads at a waste recycling facility in Cambridgeshire, England.



The latest Cat 14M motor grader represents a revolution in operational efficiency, visibility, service ease and overall productivity.

CAT IN BRIEF



BUILT TO LAST? YOU BET!



It was in London in 1990 that an entrepreneur first saw the tidal wave of grunge fashion approaching. Young consumers, it seemed, wanted boots - and they wanted them not only to last but to improve with age. What better, he thought, than the Cat and Caterpillar brand names to tempt young people in search of a rugged look to reflect their independent, don't-give-a-damn attitude? And so a boot was born - the Cat Colorado boot. Since then millions of pairs have been sold worldwide. Here's just one - bought 15 years ago and still going strong: "The build quality of my boots," says their proud owner, "has been something else; it has amazed me how long they have lasted." Just like the machines from which they took their name, you might say! He adds: "They managed to adapt to both scorching heat and freezing cold. In the last eight years they have been put through their paces and protected my feet - and, more importantly, my right ankle which was severely broken in a skiing accident."



CATCH UP WITH US ONLINE

In population terms it's said that if Facebook were a country, it would be the fourth largest in the world. So it's no surprise that Caterpillar has an official fan page there. Now, whatever you want to know about Cat or discuss with fellow fans, you know exactly where to go. Follow Caterpillar Inc on:

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THE FLIGHT NOW LEAVING...

...is, as you can see, a Cat 730 articulated truck weighing in at a cool 23 tonnes. With its articulation bearing temporarily locked, but with no further modification necessary, it's on an aerial journey from 800m above sea level to 2500m to work on a hydroelectric power station extension at Linth-Limmem in Kanton Glarus, Switzerland. Along with tools and materials, every single construction machine on the job has to be transported this way.



SMOOTH SAILING FOR A 385C

Off the coast of Brittany, France, now there's a new breed of marine machine at work – a Cat 385C excavator. It's aboard the "Michel DSR", a dredger built by the Piriou Shipyard for sand mining contractor CETRA. Cat dealer Bergerat Monnoyeur took up the challenge of adapting the 85 tonne 385C. Modifications included undercarriage removal and addition of a special bucket for lifting sand from up to 9m down in the ship's hull. This is the first time Bergerat Monnoyeur France has handled such a task, which took three people four-and-a-half days to accomplish.

When it comes to hauling solutions, we don't stop at one.

One of the keys to success is choosing the best adapted solution. This is why Caterpillar provides you with an entire range of machines that will ensure high production rates and lower your cost per ton/ cubic meter. No matter what the working conditions are, your Cat[®] dealer recommends you the most economical and productive way of moving your materials.

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