

Fighting fit

Crane Sales New Zealand will supply ten Effer knuckleboom cranes to the New Zealand Army. The palletised cranes can be switched easily between carriers, and will be used to maintain light armoured vehicles.

The cranes have been designed to remove cannon turrets and power packs from the vehicles for repair or replacement. Crane Sales NZ worked with Transport Technology in Auckland to build palletised mountings with four extendable legs and simple twist lock mountings, which will allow the cranes to be lifted on and off of the army's Mercedes Unimog trucks.

The ten Effer 165s have been supplied with radio remote controls and Yanmar power packs. Each unit carries enough fuel for 40hrs continuous operation, but weighs only 3,800kg.

NZ Army capital acquisitions project manager Major Theo Alexopoulos said, "This acquisition provides a vital capability to enable our soldiers to better support the New Zealand LAV in the field. Responsive equipment care is vital to the success of the commander's mission: the crane will allow key maintenance activities to be performed in the field faster and more safely.

"The NZ Army is pleased to be working with a New Zealand company who have undertaken a collaborative business approach that directly benefits the local economy."



Fagioli finishes first LR 13500 job

Fagioli has completed its first lift using its new 1350t Liebherr LR 13500 crawler. The crane was used on a trans-shipment operation at the port of Marghera in Venice, where it was used to lift the first of three 950t reactor vessels. The crane was brought to Venice on a Mak barge from Ravenna.

