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ALE ON TRACK WITH VIETNAM'S FIRST MONORAIL SYSTEM



ALE have almost reached the half-way point in a major transportation project to move the longest and heaviest bridge girders in Vietnamese history.

The global heavylift specialist won the contract to transport 254 bridge girders, weighing 230t and reaching 32m in length, for Vietnam's first ever monorail system.

The project is taking place in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, and ALE are transporting the girders 13km from the casting yard at Duong Noi to the erection area of the Cat Linh - Ha Dong line.

ALE started to move the first girder in March 2014 using, 17 axle lines of conventional trailers, two prime movers and two bolsters with 200t capacity.

Van Duc Trung, ALE Operations Manager, is really pleased with the progress made: "We are really proud to have such an instrumental role in this landmark project for the country. So far, we have moved over 40% of the girders and we are on track to complete on schedule.

"We have carefully selected the most suitable equipment and configurations for the transportation. As the girders are 32m long, we have utilised two bolsters for support. The team are working hard and we are continuing to progress with this milestone project."

The high-profile monorail project has received a lot of attention from the Government and public and is forecasted to last 20 months, with expected completion by the end of 2015.

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Image 1: One of the bridge girders on route.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Founded in 1983 by Roger Harries, ALE delivers a highly tailored, end-to-end service covering every aspect of the handling, transportation and installation of heavy, indivisible loads, including lifting, transporting, installing, ballasting, jacking and weighing.

ALE delivers strategic heavy-lift services to a wide range of sectors, including civil, oil and gas, energy, nuclear, offshore, renewables, petrochemical, ports, marine, minerals and metals and mining.

In 2008 it launched the AL.SK190, the world's largest land-based crane, which it developed specifically for the lifting and installation of ultra-heavy loads and which is capable of lifting a record-breaking 4,300te and can be relocated on site fully rigged.

In 2011 ALE launched its ground breaking innovation - the Mega Jack system- capable of lifting 60,000te to a height of 25m the Mega Jack was developed to meet increasing demand in the offshore industry.

In 2012 ALE announced the building of the next generation AL.SK350 - the latest world's largest capacity land based crane with a lifting capacity of 5000te.

In 2013 the Mega Jack performed the record breaking lift of the Arkutun Dagi topside in Korea, at 42,780t it is the heaviest load ever jacked.

In 2013 ALE announced its latest innovation to be offered to the heavylift market in the form of the Hydro Deck. With the ability to mitigate the challenges faced when loading-in or out in extreme tidal variations the Hydro Deck changes the way construction is done in these parts of the world.

In 2014 ALE announced its new 'innovation' series brand with the launch of the Mega Jack 800.

ALE is headquartered in the UK and has more than 30 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America, the Middle East and Australia. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2008, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2004, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. ALE is also registered and qualified in the Achilles Norway and Link-up systems, and is a member of both the British Safety Council and the British Standards Institution. Further information can be found on the ALE website at www.ale-heavylift.com