

PRESS RELEASE

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ALE ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR LATEST INNOVATION



The wheels have been set in motion for another ALE innovation as a new concept has been announced: the All Terrain Transporters.

This new generation trailer will allow fast transportation of large and heavy loads on minimally prepared roads to deep, inland locations.

As an addition to the Innovation Series, the transporters will be a first for the industry and will join the other feats of engineering: the award-winning AL.SK crane fleet, the revolutionary Mega Jack and Mega Jack 800 systems, and the inventive Hydro Deck.

ALE's R&D Department is working with a manufacturer to jointly develop the new trailers. Ronald Hoefmans, ALE's Group Technical Director, explained why and how this new idea was conceived: "Currently, a lot of road preparations have to be done to bring big loads to new developed areas on deep inland locations with conventional trucks and trailers. We started to research into a solution that would solve the problem more effectively and we came up with the All Terrain Transporters which can perform the task at higher levels of safety and save clients a huge amount of money on road preparations.

"These self-propelled transporters almost move with the speed of conventional trucks and have the flexibility of an SPMT. In addition, their large wheels and the number of drive axles enable cross country operations.

"This new concept has a more advanced technical specification which will be able to travel longer distances, climb steep slopes and transverse across minimally prepared roads, whilst having more horsepower. We envisage these transporters will revolutionise the way we transport loads, offering a more time and cost effective solution for clients in many global locations."



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Image 1: Concept of the new All Terrain Transporters.

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 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.

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