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ALE LAUNCH NEW FLEET OF WIDENING TRAILERS IN SOUTH AFRICA



ALE has expanded its global fleet of trailers and invested in the latest range of widening trailers that can be mechanically widened from 3m up to the desired width for the project.

These trailers can be mechanically widened to get the maximum stability and footprint. With 1.8m axle spacing, these trailers are well suited to the transportation requirements in South Africa as they offer a reliable transport solution that can travel long distances.

The trailers have a very strong spine beam, therefore the need of load spreading on trailer will be minimised. They also have a greater capacity, with up to 45t per axle line (2 file).

The trailers are extremely flexible in their capacity with different configurations and options of build, including 3m wide 2 file and 4.3m wide 2 file. The 4.3m wide setup is technically more stable than the normal 3 file setup. This not only adds strength and flexibility, but by providing a stable platform for long distance transportation, they are safer.

Ferdi Roberts, ALE's Sales Manager in South Africa, explains how the trailers will give the region the commercial advantage: "These new widening trailers offer a smarter, safer and stronger transport solution for our clients. We will use less axles than our competitors for the same load requirements as well as offer improved stability at the same time. They will also perform exceptionally well on site moves as well as road transportation and, with the added geometric and hydraulic stability, outperform on strength and versatility.

"With the ability to widen out at different configurations they provide the much sought-after flexibility that is lacking in the industry in South Africa. At 1.8m, the trailers are better suited to our local requirements, clearing bridges easier than our competitors and ultimately providing a safe and innovative package that puts us at the forefront. We now have more than three times the number of axle lines than our competitors and can thus execute larger projects with ease whilst also reducing our clients' risk of paying demurrage to vessels because of limited axle lines having to shuttle cargo."

Ronald Hoefmans, Technical Director at ALE added: "We react to the needs of the market; with the new trailers in South Africa, the trailers provide us with a technical edge and an adaptive solution. These trailers have an unrivalled geometric and hydraulic stability which maximises safety on the tough routes we have to negotiate in many African countries."

ALE ordered 48 axle lines of the latest trailer and are currently lined up to work on several transportation contracts.

ALE worked with Goldhofer on the design and these are the latest trailers to join ALE's widening trailer fleet, after hydraulically widening trailers were launched in Australia in 2014. There are also plans to expand the fleet into the UK.

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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.

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