

PRESS RELEASE

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ALE START FABRICATING HEAVY DUTY JIB ON AL.SK CRANES



ALE has started fabrication works for the new heavy duty jib that will fit onto both the AL.SK190 and AL.SK350 cranes.

With lengths up to 100m, the new jib will have a 3,400t lifting capacity and will be built from specialist steel milled with steel grades up to S1100Q. The jib is a modular design and can be assembled in different configurations.

Ronald Hoefmans, ALE's Technical Director, said: "The AL.SK cranes have always been designed with a potential for a jib but has previously never been required. We anticipated the need to lift with heavier capacities to bigger heights and now have confirmed contracts to do so. At ALE, our priority is foresee future challenges and provide an innovative solution for our clients.

"The new jib will enable us to achieve this and lift heavy loads to bigger heights with a larger radius. The jib will be comprised of a unique patented design with a wide strut. It is this special design which will boost the lifting capacity."

The build is expected to complete by the end of the year and will perform its first lifts up to 2,800t in 2017.

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Images 1 and 2: Conceptual drawings for the new jib



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 4,300t and can be relocated on site fully rigged.

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 5,000t.

ALE 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