

# Top transport



Just like 10 years ago, when International Cranes started the original ranking of the world's largest crane-owning companies — the IC50 — here we aim to develop a similar listing for owners of specialized and heavy transport equipment around the world.

Companies are listed according to their Transport50 Index, calculated by adding together the transport capacity

IC presents the inaugural *Transport50*, a first attempt at listing the world's largest heavy and specialized transport equipment-owning companies ranked according to the total carrying capacity of their fleet

of all modular and specialized trailers in a fleet. The data is supplied by the listed companies that complete a detailed questionnaire covering heavy haulers working mainly on sites and projects, and the heavy and specialized road hauliers.

The intention is that the information gives a clear picture of a company's capabilities and in this respect feedback on the questionnaire's content is welcome. One respondent already suggested expanding the 750 to include girder bridges.

## To the results

To many it will not be a surprise to read that Mammoet is at number one but some may be surprised at the second and third place companies.

ALE in the UK ranks second and Lamson Australia third. Even if the fleets of the second and third placed companies were combined Mammoet would still be larger.

Adding the fleet of Sarens at number four would change this. It should be noted, however, that Sarens did not provide figures on its fleet of specialized transport trailers. This segment is primarily aimed at transport companies specializing in road haulage of heavy and over-dimensional loads. But for those who also have a large fleet of heavy cranes requiring support vehicles, for example, Mammoet and Sarens, this segment applies naturally.

The list shows something about the importance and influence of modular trailer systems, especially

the self-propelled modular transporters (SPMT) which make a great impact on the list.

Conventional hydraulic modular trailers, however, with mechanical steering and with or without integrated self-propelled trailer modules, are likely to be the standard for heavy load moving around the world. Companies from east to west, for example, Bigge in the US and Natvar Parikh in India, and from north to south, such as Kujalaunelä in Finland and Iga in Brazil run an extensive fleet of modular trailers and transporters.

Also in this category are two-axle dollies, most common in the US. Those dollies are mainly used in special road hauling set-ups, to comply with stringent axle spacing road regulations, and house or

Rank	Company	Transport50 Index	Total capacity of all modular trailers and dollies (tonnes)	Total capacity of all specialized trailers (tonnes)	Number of tractor units
1	Mammoet	72880	60800	1200	280
2	Abercrombie Lead Engineering	27280	23700	3500	40
3	Lamson (Australia) Pty Ltd	19880	7800	1300	30
4	Sarens	18880	18000	n/a	n/a
5	Kawa Transport	17700	n/a	n/a	208
6	Local Transportes Trazidos e Entregados	15280	9800	5500	89
7	Bigge Crane and Rigging	18100	8000	2100	30
8	Big Move	7615	1360	6425	180
9	Iga Ispartic Torres	7588	5080	2608	80
10	Lamson International - North America	6861	2612	3450	33
11	Deep South Crane & Rigging	5818	4268	1550	25
12	J Super & Son Trucking & Rigging	5606	2216	3390	25
13	Bornhart	5460	5460	n/a	30
14	Orlowski's	5337	1777	3560	26
15	Natvar Parikh Industries	5 300	5100	n/a	15
16	Kujalaunelä	3695	2145	1550	22
17	Precision Heavy Haul	3845	184	2851	10
18	Berkshire Specialized Transport	2478	2415	255	30
19	White Brothers Trucking	2500	n/a	2500	43
20	Superior Transportation	2 300	n/a	n/a	22
21	Parikh Specialized Transportation Contracting	2844	1440	604	12
22	Blomend Heavy Haul	2800	n/a	2000	10
23	Madros Transport	1888	830	1058	26
24	Prangl	1858	288	1050	18
25	Caribbean Heavy Lift & Transport Arms	650	350	300	14



ideas and, of course, nearer the time we will look forward to receiving your completed entry forms in time for next year's listing. Let us know at the usual editorial address if you think your company should be included in next year's Transport50.

Thanks to all those who completed the entry forms this year – your contribution is appreciated – and we look forward to your participation next year. ■

In May 2004 Movusset obtained the world record for the heaviest load moved on wheels. The Netherlands-based heavy lifting and transport specialist used a record total of 410 axle lines – 1800 wheels – at SPWT

structural moving.

In all the 'tonnage power' of the heavy end it should be noted that Keen, ranked fifth, is purely a heavy and specialized road carrier, operating a fleet of almost 600 specialized trailers and 268 tractors. A similar trend can be seen in Europe with, for example, the Big Move group that operates almost exclusively in heavy and oversized road haulage.

We realize that the list, with 25 entries, is far from complete and that

there are many companies around the world, for example, Fagoli in Italy, Emmert in the US, van der Vlist in the Netherlands and Utoc in Japan that should be listed, but did not supply data, plus many still to be discovered to send them a questionnaire. Therefore, this year's Transport50 is an embryonic attempt to which more companies, with your help, can be added when the second Transport50 is published in 2006.

We welcome your comments,



ME moving a 1200 tonne machine in UAE

Depots	Area of operation	Employees	Senior contact	Web address
52	Worldwide	1800	Roderik van Seumeren, President and CEO	<a href="http://www.mammoet.com">www.mammoet.com</a>
15	Worldwide	295	Roger Harris	<a href="http://www.ale-heavylift.com">www.ale-heavylift.com</a>
6	Worldwide	80	Phil Lunn, Managing director	<a href="http://www.lampsoncrane.com">www.lampsoncrane.com</a>
30	Worldwide	850	Hendrik Sarens, Sales & marketing director	<a href="http://www.sarens.com">www.sarens.com</a>
13	National	485	William Keen, President	<a href="http://www.keenreport.com">www.keenreport.com</a>
5	Continental	630	Camillo Filho, Operations director	<a href="http://www.jocar.com.br">www.jocar.com.br</a>
6	Worldwide	200	Weston Seitelner, President	<a href="http://www.bigco.com">www.bigco.com</a>
12	Worldwide	350	Horst Waltek, Chairman	<a href="http://www.bigmove.net">www.bigmove.net</a>
4	Continental	250	Lupercio Torres Neto, Vice president	<a href="http://www.rgs.com.br">www.rgs.com.br</a>
8	Worldwide	250	William L Lampson, President and CEO	<a href="http://www.lampsoncrane.com">www.lampsoncrane.com</a>
4	Continental	200	Mitch Landry, Vice president	<a href="http://www.deepsouthcrane.com">www.deepsouthcrane.com</a>
3	National	92	Valerio Colonna, Marketing manager	<a href="http://www.papoo.com">www.papoo.com</a>
14	Continental	400	Jeff Latture, Vice president	<a href="http://www.barnhartcrane.com">www.barnhartcrane.com</a>
2	National	65	Steve Erickson	n/a
n/a	Worldwide	390	Apuva Parkh, Managing director	<a href="http://www.npi.net">www.npi.net</a>
1	Continental	40	Timo Riho	<a href="http://www.kajeteusnelia.fi">www.kajeteusnelia.fi</a>
1	Regional	22	Michael Poppe, President	<a href="http://www.precisionheavyhaul.com">www.precisionheavyhaul.com</a>
2	Worldwide	100	Delynn Burkhalter, President and CEO	<a href="http://www.burkhalter.net">www.burkhalter.net</a>
5	Continental	56	James White, Owner and president	<a href="http://www.whitecrstucking.com">www.whitecrstucking.com</a>
1	Regional	35	Patrick Barber, President	<a href="http://www.superiortransportation.us">www.superiortransportation.us</a>
2	Continental	30	Don Nolan Jr, Vice president	<a href="http://www.heavyhaul.com">www.heavyhaul.com</a>
2	Continental	30	Steven Engel, President and CEO	<a href="http://www.diamondheavyhaul.com">www.diamondheavyhaul.com</a>
n/a	National	n/a	Nilesh Patel, Managing director	<a href="http://www.nabrostransport.com">www.nabrostransport.com</a>
8	Continental	450	Christian Prangl, Marketing manager	<a href="http://www.prangl.at">www.prangl.at</a>
1	Continental	25	Marco van Dael, Operations director	n/a

\* Note: This entry's figure does not include the 5200 tonnes additional capacity of LCT Composite Container Transporter equipment that that runs on crawlers instead of rubber tyres.