

## WORLD NEWS



**TURKEY** Liebherr has released aerial footage from the construction site of the world's largest airport in Turkey.

The Istanbul New Airport, currently under construction in the European side of Istanbul, is utilising the 58 Liebherr tower cranes that constituted the firm's largest ever order in 2015.

Turkish contractor IGA started work on the first phase of the US\$ 10 billion project in mid-2014, with phase one completion due at the beginning of 2018.

By this summer, 13,000 people and 2,000 construction machines were operating at the site.

At a recent Liebherr media event in Biberach, Germany, Danyel Temizkan, managing director of Liebherr Makine Ticaret Servis in Turkey, said, "The successful completion of a project of this nature in Turkey will enable Liebherr to demonstrate its technical, logistical and financial capacities."

■ See the video at [khl.com](http://khl.com)

### EVENTS DIARY

**2016**

**International Rental Conference China**

November 21, 2016  
Shanghai, China  
[www.khl.com/irc](http://www.khl.com/irc)

**Bauma China**

November 22 – 25, 2016  
Shanghai, China  
[www.bauma-china.com](http://www.bauma-china.com)

**Bauma ConExpo India**

Dec 12-15, 2016  
Delhi, India  
[www.bcindia.com](http://www.bcindia.com)

**2017**

**World of Concrete**

January 17 – 20, 2017  
Las Vegas, USA  
[www.worldofconcrete.com](http://www.worldofconcrete.com)

**Samoter**

February 22 – 25, 2017  
Verona, Italy  
[www.samoter.it](http://www.samoter.it)

**ConExpo-Con/Agg**

March 7 – 11, 2017  
Las Vegas, US  
[www.conexpoconagg.com](http://www.conexpoconagg.com)

**SMOPYC**

April 4 – 7, 2017  
Zaragoza, Spain  
[www.smopyc.es](http://www.smopyc.es)

**APEX**

**(International Access Equipment Exhibition)**

May 2-4, 2017  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
[www.apexshow.com](http://www.apexshow.com)

**International Rental Exhibition (IRE)**

May 2-4, 2017  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
[www.IREshow.com](http://www.IREshow.com)

**Plantworx 2017**

June 6-8, 2017  
Brunningthorpe, UK  
[www.plantworx.co.uk](http://www.plantworx.co.uk)

**BICES 2017**

September 20 – 23, 2017  
Beijing, China  
[www.e-bices.org](http://www.e-bices.org)

### US

## Leaning tower of SF

A legal wrangle is ongoing in the US, where the tallest concrete structure ever constructed in San Francisco is both sinking and leaning.

The 58-storey, 196.5 m Millennium Tower in San Francisco has reportedly sunk 40.6 cm and is currently leaning 19.3 cm off of vertical at the top.

The skyscraper, home to 400 luxury condominiums, opened with much fanfare in 2009, and has won numerous architecture and engineering awards.

Developer Millennium Partners said the sinking was due to major excavation works taking place a few metres away, where a bus and rail hub is currently under construction.

Millennium Partners says dewatering that took place when contractors began work on the center, caused the sand beneath the Millennium Tower to compact, causing the tower to sink. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority hit back, saying the issue was due "entirely to the failure of the foundation piles...to hit bedrock".

### MEXICO

## Cementing positivity

Cement-making giant Cemex has released its third-quarter results for 2016, showing net income up to US\$ 330 million, from US\$ 286 million in the same period last year.

The results represent Cemex's fourth consecutive quarterly increase, which, the company said, was due to higher prices of its products, as well as the higher volumes sold, not only in Mexico, but also in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Perhaps significantly, the latest net income increase is the highest in a single quarter since 2008.

The company's consolidated net sales totalled US\$ 3.6 billion in the quarter, up 4% on the comparable period in 2015, and net operating earnings increased by 25%, to US\$ 551 million.

Cemex chief executive officer, Fernando A. Gonzalez, said, "During the third quarter, we continued to deliver strong underlying operational and financial results by remaining focused on the variables we can control."

### INDIA

## Railway link win for L&T

A consortium of India's Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Construction and Japan's Sojitz Corp has secured the contract for a rail link in northern India.

The contract, valued at INR 3,799 crores (US\$ 569 million), includes the design and construction of a detour section of the Western Corridor freight route. The line, at the northern end of the corridor, will run through the states of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The scope of the work for the consortium includes 315 km of railway line, 29 major and 240 minor bridges, a long tunnel, 2 traction sub stations, 321 track km of overhead equipment, supervisory control and data acquisition works and Intermediate block signalling at five Stations, as well as the supply of all associated equipment.

This section will be designed for 25 tonne axle load track, 2x25 kV traction power system with high rise overhead equipment and Intermediate block signalling.