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**Walsemann & Sommer purchases first Grove crane**

Rental company Walsemann & Sommer GmbH has taken delivery of its first Grove all-terrain crane – a 400 t capacity, six-axle GMK6400. The company already has a large rental fleet but Björn Sommer, general manager of Walsemann & Sommer, specifically wanted the GMK6400 not only for its flexibility, but for its compact design. Operators can drive the GMK6400 at any time of day and on to virtually any job site as its design satisfies road permit laws across Europe, while its compact shape means it can work on projects more usually suited to five-axle mobile cranes.

“We are extremely impressed with the GMK6400 and its short rigging time and strong lifting capacity from the main boom and luffing jib, especially with the MegaWingLift capacity-enhancing attachment,” says Sommer. “And the price-performance ratio is excellent compared with others.”

The crane boasts a 60 m main boom and 79 m luffing jib. It also features a single engine and the MegaDrive hydrostatic drive. The crane is popular for wind turbine assembly and maintenance work.

“Customers want the best possible crane in every class,” says Manitowoc’s Central Europe sales director, Erdo Arslan. “The GMK6400 performs lifts that no other rival crane can. It delivers maximum return on investment for the customer. We are incredibly proud of this crane.”

Walsemann & Sommer GmbH was founded 1959 and is based in Delmenhorst, Germany. It operates mostly in northern Germany and its cranes have worked on power plants, wind farms and factories.

**Picture caption:**

Celebrating the delivery of the first Grove crane to Walsemann & Sommer. Left to right are: Andreas Meyer, Walsemann & Sommer; Björn Sommer, Walsemann & Sommer; and Hans-Peter Schidor, Manitowoc.

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