

Press Release

SCHOPF Maschinenbau announces the arrival of the new age SCHOPF SFL 60XLP LHD pictured on test in the mine in Germany and Rustenburg South Africa.

(Ostfildern/Stuttgart/Germany, March 2008) This unit uses all the latest technology and design principles and has a total height of 1.38 meters with remote cameras or alternatively 1.58 meters without cameras.

The force and power of this unit is unsurpassed with its 3.5 yd³/6 mt capacity bucket and acute discharge angle; the 'Z' linkage on the bucket assist with higher breakout forces. The oversized drive train of well matched and recognized brand name components provide all the driving force and thrust with 17.5 x 25 tyres, withstanding the static and dynamic loads.

We have experienced good fuel consumption and low tyre costs; drivers comfort has been addressed so he can withstand a 8hrs shift without tiring. His cab protection (Rops/FOPS) and safety secondary outlet has been provided to a high quality. Production result to-date are also showing positive figure with capabilities of 50/60 cycles per shift on a 100 m tramming distance.

We believe that the loader offers an overhaul rand per ton saving at the work face.

192 words / 1174 letters / Pictures available on request

Looking forward to any and all discussion to the future.

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Company Profile

Founded in the late forties, SCHOPF Maschinenbau GmbH produces specialist vehicles for the underground mining and aviation industries.

SCHOPF's product range of mining vehicles comprises underground loaders from 6 t to 18 t payload suitable for all materials and volumes, together with dump trucks and utilities supplied in collaboration with an international partner. As a brand new development SCHOPF presented during BAUMA 2007 in Munich the SFL 60 XLP to the mining industry. This EXTRA LOW PROFILE Underground Loader offers a payload of 6 t at a machine height of only 1.38 m. The unit is powered by a Diesel engine with 173 HP (129 kW) and is in accordance with the latest environmental requirements.

Products supplied for both civil and military aviation include a complete range of tugs to handle aircraft in every weight range including Antonov 225 and A380, container / pallet loaders and passenger stairs. In supplying to NATO, airlines, ground handling companies and airports around the globe, 90% of SCHOPF's related production is for export, with deliveries to more than 150 countries. With a "Total Quality" approach to every aspect of the production process SCHOPF is certified according to ISO 9001:2000 standards, and the company has gained a well-deserved reputation for superior quality and service. SCHOPF products are universally renowned for their excellent durability and low operational costs. Expert after-sales service is available worldwide at short notice, which together with the prompt supply of spare parts, forms part of the SCHOPF quality package. Our very high rate of re-orders provides evidence of the product excellence achieved over the years. Product conception, design, manufacture and sales are carried out by our "lean team" of 140 specialists, all based at our facilities in Ostfildern near Stuttgart in south western part of Germany.

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