

## Press Release

### The SCHOPF SFL60FLP – a muscular workhorse for South African collieries

(Ostfildern/Germany, 11/02/2010) The Schopf SFL60FLP flameproof underground loader sets new LHD standards in South Africa's underground coal mines. Its mere **1,38 m** height – lower than any competitor's – takes future decreasing seam thicknesses into consideration, while at the same time offering such superior operational features as a 6 t payload and a 3.2 m<sup>3</sup> ejector bucket. Outstanding design features include centre oscillation, Z-linkage and individual cooling circuits for hydraulics, brakes, transmission and engine. Its 21 t operating weight is perfectly matched by the 6-cylinder, 127 kW John Deere engine. Boasting an oversized drive train, the loader offers the highest tractive effort in the field making it the ideal tool for heavy haulage and transport tasks, quick cycle times in coal and – especially – waste rock loading and hauling in main and chain road development.

Armatures and controls are stripped down to an absolute minimum; simple hydraulic systems and electrical circuits with easily accessible, off-the-shelf components reduces the burden a company may have resulting from a lack of experienced personnel.

Safety and ergonomics – our primary considerations in loader design – are reflected by ample space, automotive-style operator seating, a certified FOPS/ROPS roof, standard failsafe POSISTOP brakes and all SABS flameproof standards approvals.

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*Picture: SCHOPF Underground Loader SFL60FLP*

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## Company Profile

### SCHOPF Maschinenbau GmbH

SCHOPF designs, manufactures and sells products for the underground mining and tunnelling markets and ground support equipment for civil and military aviation worldwide.

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.

Products supplied to both civil and military **aviation** include a complete range of tugs in weight classes from five to 70 tonnes, capable of handling aircraft in every weight range including the Antonov An 225 and Airbus A380. Container/pallet loaders, lifting transporters and passenger stairs round off the SCHOPF line of products.

Organisations in over 160 different countries benefit from, and attest to, the robustness, reliability and cost-effectiveness of SCHOPF's products, as well as the excellent customer service and spare parts support. With a "Total Quality" approach to every aspect of the production process, SCHOPF is certified according to ISO 9001:2008 standards, and has gained a well-deserved reputation for superior quality and service. Product conception, design, manufacture and sales are carried out by a "lean team" of 140 specialists, all based at the facilities in Ostfildern near Stuttgart in south western Germany.

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