

Port of Uddevalla buys another Gottwald crane

Back in 1986 Port of Uddevalla bought their first Gottwald, a diesel-electric mobile harbour crane. In 2019, more than 30 years later, the Port ordered their second Gottwald crane, this time a railmounted crane. Through all these years John and Peter Muller were sales and service representatives of Gottwald, in Denmark, Sweden and Iceland. Today as owners of Port-Trade ApS. Gottwald has since become a brand of Konecranes.

In 1986, the Port was led by port director Bertil Thuresson, a visionary and hands-on leader with a thorough knowledge of the port business. In need of more crane capacity to support growth, he recommended and the board decided to acquire a diesel-electric mobile harbour crane, a first for the port that until then only had traditional rail-mounted cranes.

The original rubber tired diesel-electric crane, designated HMK 180-69, is still going strong and remains a valuable tool for the port, although nowadays its 40 tons capacity is often a limiting factor. Through the years and to this day, Port-Trade has provided service and spare parts for the crane, as required.

Meeting today's need for higher crane capacity, port management studied available options in the market and, after detailed study and discussions, decided to buy another Gottwald crane. This time an externally powered, rail mounted electric crane, with 100 tons capacity at 20 m radius. The energy efficient crane is powered by renewable electrical energy.

During the procurement process, current managing director Ulf Stenberg, technical manager Johan Eriksson and project manager Robert Rydén teamed up with independent crane consultant Johnny Pettersson.

