

# Transport and logistics growth generates interest in Sidelifters

*The growth in container movement activities in Djibouti and Ethiopia has led to much interest in Steelbro sidelifters and the delivery of two units to Djibouti.*

CHRISTCHURCH, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND, August 2, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Following the growth in container movement activities across Djibouti and Ethiopia, there has been much interest in Steelbro sidelifters. As a result, Steelbro have just delivered two new sidelifter units to customers in Djibouti.

Over 500 Steelbro sidelifters are already working in countries across Africa. Many organisations are seeing the economic benefits of using a sidelifter to deliver containers to their clients.

The SB450 sidelifter is specially designed for Africa. It will help transport and logistics companies increase the number of containers they can deliver per day and increase the efficiency of their existing fleet.

A sidelifter is a purpose built semi-trailer on which a specially designed set of cranes is mounted, to lift and transport ISO shipping containers of various types, sizes and weights. These can range from the standard 20ft and 40ft containers up to 45 ft with the same equipment. Now with the introduction of the new SB450 unit, the sidelifter can safely lift a massive 45 tonnes.

New Zealand based Steelbro, has an international reputation for design innovation and manufacturing excellence. With more than a century of experience which dates back to 1878, Steelbro has established itself as a major player in the global transport business. The SB450 sidelifter with its safety advances and improvements in lift capacity is a product of Steelbro's New Zealand based design team. Take the lift capacity as an example: This latest unit has a massive 45 tonne maximum lifting capacity which safely allows the transport of very heavy containers. The design process sees the engineering team start with the known design capacity of the componentry of existing cranes and decide what parts can be strengthened to achieve the desired capacity. Those components are then redesigned as required.

Along with improved componentry, the safety factors are further enhanced by the SB450's reach of 3.9 metres. The outreach is measured from the centre of the trailer to the centre of the lifted container. This SB450 sidelifter can lift to its full hydraulic capacity i.e. lift to its maximum weight at a further distance than previous models. This feature still comes with the excellent stability during the lifting process that Steelbro equipment is known for - especially useful when transferring containers from sidelifter to trailer and from sidelifter to rail wagon.

Steelbro sidelifter technology is revolutionising the way transport companies manage their workloads. The sidelifter's ability to shift containers between a number of transport systems can save time and increase the efficiency of their businesses. The ability to load and unload containers on the ground also increases efficiency and safety for operators. To most organisations, this means costs savings and increases in bottom line profits.

For more information on Steelbro sidelifers and to see videos of the unit in action, contact:

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