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Allied Cranes expands their offering

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Project specialists, Allied Crane Hire, continue to upgrade and expand their fleet of cranes and geographical market. "We truly are a sub-Saharan company" says MD Peter Ripepi, whose son Garth runs the West African operation.

"We have operated in 11 African countries as far north as Sierra Leone. Make no mistake, the challenges of working in these markets are not for the faint-of-heart" he continues, "we have the manpower, skills and equipment to take on various projects and our expansion programme has increased our offering substantially."

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"We have focused in gearing ourselves up to meet our clients' demands by investing extensively in our equipment" says Service Director Andre Engelbrecht.

"What started out as an initial upgrading programme to replace certain equipment in our fleet, soon grew into an expansion programme to meet the demands of our loyal suppliers. If you aren't using Allied you should be," he smiles "because you may be settling for second best."

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The benefits of the trailer will be three-fold, continues Andre, "We will be able to manoeuvre heavy cranes to site with ease, while the cost savings in transport will be improved significantly.

"We will be able to provide greater transport options to our clients with increased capabilities, and our carbon footprint will be decreased."

His two sons, Andre Jnr and Theo, run different branches of Allied and have never been afraid to get their hands dirty.

"Looking forward," say Andre Jnr "we see ourselves contracting our services and transporting facilities to established entities within the renewable energy arena, particularly windmills."

Allied see themselves playing a vital part: "Every time a windmill is erected, a crane is needed to lift the different components into place" says Theo, "and the extendable Goldhofer trailer will come into its own, transporting the mast, blades and turbines to site."



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