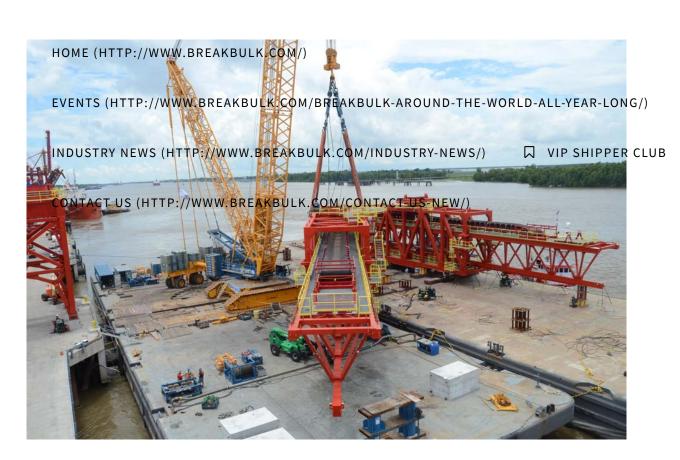


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SARENS INSTALLS RECORD SHIPLOADER AT CMT

Crane rental firm Sarens Group has installed the world's largest shiploader system at the Convent Marine Terminal on the U.S Gulf Coast.

The giant unit was floated to the site by barge in 10 pieces, with the heaviest of these weighing 450 tonnes. The engineering team from Sarens utilized a 300-foot by 100-foot barge and a Terex CC 6800 crawler crane from its fleet.

The crane was outfitted with a 500-tonne hook block with 2 x 10 lines and two runner lines using a SSL configuration and a 72-meter-long main boom. The crane was also equipped with Saren's SARspin rigging system, and a super-li wagon with 450 tonnes of weight.

"The process involves more than just lining and swinging material into place, operating a large crane on a barge is a slow and delicate process that requires adequate coordination," said Steven Sarens, director of Houston operations at Sarens.

Sarens completed a total of 26 li s over the course of 23 days, relying on the ballast wagon to help keep the crane and material balanced on the barge and strategically positioned throughout the li ing process.

Headquartered in Belgium, The Sarens Group provides heavy li ing and engineering expertise and equipment worldwide via a network of more than 100 subsidiaries in 54 countries.

Photo: The shiploader during installation. Credit: Sarens

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