

# UNITED AGAINST NUCLEAR IRAN

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Willi Liebherr  
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**Re: Liebherr Corporation and Public Executions in Iran**

Dear Mr. Liebherr:

On behalf of United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI), I am writing to alert you to the possible use of Liebherr Group ("Liebherr") cranes by the government of Iran to stage public executions by hanging. UANI is urging all crane manufacturers, including Liebherr, to cease their business operations in Iran until this grisly practice ends and the current regime becomes a responsible member of the international community, including the abandonment of its nuclear weapons program.

UANI has already succeeded in persuading three of the world's top construction equipment manufacturers, Caterpillar, Komatsu and Terex, to stop their business activities in Iran. We hope that Liebherr joins them to send the strongest possible signal that the actions of the regime in Tehran are so far outside the boundaries of acceptable behavior that the cessation of business ties is the only responsible corporate decision.

Sadly, the issue of public executions has taken on greater importance this year. Iran has set a blistering pace of executions in the first months of 2011, with the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran proclaiming that the regime is on an "execution binge." As of April 21, Iran has executed 101 individuals according to Agence France Presse. The Norwegian government places the toll at 187. Norwegian research also shows that Iran has "executed 15 people in public so far this year, compared to 19 for all of last year." (AFP. "Norway blasts 'grotesque' hike in Iran public executions," 4/21/11)

Our understanding is that Liebherr still maintains an active presence in Iran. According to the company Website, Liebherr sells equipment in Iran through the Tehran-based Boron Marz Co. (Liebherr Website. "Sales and service partners worldwide"). Similarly, the Iranian company Shenavar Saze Pooyesh (SSP) states it is the exclusive agent of Liebherr Werk Nenzig, the Austrian subsidiary of Liebherr (SSP website. "Home"). It is deeply troubling that SSP lists several major clients on its Website in the shipping and oil and gas industries, including sanctioned entities blacklisted by the U.S. Treasury Department, like the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL). The IRISL is inextricably linked to Iran's missile and nuclear

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programs. And, as you already know, the German government expressed concerns as far back as 2005 that Liebherr cranes were being used by blacklisted Iranian shell companies to support Tehran's missile program. (*Der Spiegel*. "Will a German Crane Be Used By the Mullahs to Make Missiles?", 4/25/05; Iran Watch. "Iranian Entity: Mizan Machine Manufacturing Group")

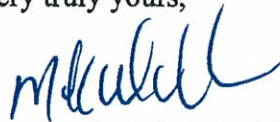
UANI recognizes that Liebherr is not in any way condoning the activities or potential end-use of your cranes for executions or missile development by the government of Iran. That said, it is important to recognize how Liebherr's association with the Iranian regime can have lasting damage on Liebherr's public image. Given the threat posed by Iran's pursuit of an illegal nuclear weapons program, sponsorship of terrorism, and egregious human rights record, it is only natural that citizens and governments around the world are scrutinizing ever more closely the activities of companies in Iran. In the United States alone, Americans are increasingly calling upon companies to pull out of Iran. The U.S. government has taken action as well, including the imposition of sweeping sanctions last year specifically targeting sectors related to shipping, oil and gas. This should be of particular concern, in light of Liebherr's expanding business with the U.S. government, including the award of an \$842,000 contract with the U.S. Department of Defense in 2010. It is worth noting too that other governments, including the European Union, Australia, Canada, Japan and the Republic of Korea, have also independently imposed sanctions against Iran in the past year.

In light of the above concerns, UANI calls upon Liebherr to join other responsible corporations and end its business operations in Iran. In so doing, Liebherr can help put pressure on the Iranian regime and persuade them to change course and abandon policies running directly counter to the values of the civilized world. More importantly, by joining other construction companies and pulling out of Iran, Liebherr avoids any possibility of having its brand name associated with Iran's grisly practice of public executions by hanging or development of Iran's weapons of mass destruction program or oil and gas sectors, which fund Iran's international terrorism and illicit nuclear program.

Please let us hear from you by May 9, 2011 as to whether or not Liebherr will take action to end its business in Iran.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Ambassador Mark D. Wallace

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