

Attachment versatility and reliability essential in remote locations

Running earthmoving projects in remote locations requires machinery that's versatile as well as reliable. The cost of calling in a service agent or in-house mechanic can have a significant impact on profitability. That's why earthmoving company, M.W Lissette Ltd, only uses top quality machinery and attachments.

A family-owned business, M.W Lissette Ltd has been operating successfully in the Hawkes' Bay for 34 years. Managing and maintaining a wide range of assets including excavators, bulldozers, metal trucks, transporters, graders, dump trucks and front-end loaders, is a challenge to even the most experienced operator.

With a staff of 35 working on roading and earthworks projects in and around forests and woodlots in the Hawkes' Bay region including the Omarunui Landfill site, keeping maintenance and down-time to a minimum is a top priority.

Warrick Frogley, managing director of M.W Lissette Ltd, upgraded his tilt hitches earlier this year to replace existing machinery, "The first machine with the Doherty tilt hitch has now done over 1000 hours with no issues. I'm impressed by its capabilities."

"We now have three excavators running these hitches," continues Frogley. "It's made the excavators much more versatile in the forestry roading application."

M.W Lissette Ltd, which also owns Kimberly Contractors, has one of their 20 Tonne excavators with a tilting hitch roading inland from Tolaga Bay on the east coast of the North Island. "These remote locations demand reliable machines because service agents travel time and machine down time has a big impact on the business," Frogley explains.

M.W Lissette's operators are also happy with the new excavator hitches, "They like the versatility and not having to get out of the machines to disconnect hoses is a real advantage."

Based in New Zealand with a wholly owned subsidiary in Australia, Doherty is one of the few manufacturers globally to offer quick couplers fully-compliant to Australian standard AS4772-208, European EN474 standard, expecting forthcoming ISO international standards and all major contractor policies. The main feature of the Snaplock+ range is its Dual Pin Locking (DPL) system ensuring attachments remain securely engaged on both pins in the event of loss of engagement force.

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