

IRISH HIRERS INVEST

EHN has received news of significant equipment orders being placed by hirers in Ireland, suggesting that recovery is strengthening in the country.



SAM Hire, which has 13 depots throughout Eire, has bought 20 Takeuchi mini excavators ranging from one to three tonnes, to replace older machines in its fleet following an

upturn in business. Models chosen include the 1.6 tonne class FB216 that was introduced recently as the successor to the popular TB016.

Pictured during the delivery of the machines are, from left, Ger Doyle, Group Operations Manager with SAM Hire, Conor Breen, MD of dealer BFM, and Takeuchi's UK & Eire Sales Manager, Chris Bushell. The manufacturer reports that 2014 has seen a significant increase in sales of machines ranging from one to 14 tonnes in Ireland compared with previous years.

Another Irish hirer that has been busy placing orders is Dromad Hire. The Dundalk-based business has added several new products to its fleet to expand its grounds care equipment offering, following a number of deals done at the recent Executive Hire Show.

Purchases include a GreenMech 19-28 diesel wood chipper, which Dromad's Service Manager, Gary Power, describes as "perfect for customers who need to process large volumes of timber". The company also bought a Camon turf cutter and a BCS scythe cutter bar from Tracmaster.

MD Seamus Byrne told EHN that other recent additions to the fleet have included a JCB 535/140 telehandler and several Skyjack battery-powered scissor lifts.



More Terex dumpers for GAP

GAP has placed an order for 400 one, three, six and nine tonne Terex site dumpers, to be supplied throughout 2014. This latest deal continues a trading relationship between the two companies that extends over 12 years.

Earlier this year, Terex also announced the creation of 50 new jobs at its Coventry factory to meet growing demand for its machinery, and says that it been investing significantly into the development of new equipment.

The Hireman achieves quality recognition

The Hireman, which has three depots in London, has been awarded bronze-level accreditation by the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS), in association with Transport for London (TfL). The initiative promotes high standards of fleet operations, including ways in which vehicles and depots are run safely, efficiently and in an environmentally sound manner. It also recognises commitment to continuous improvement in service, Health & Safety and staff training.

The accreditation process included an on-site audit to assess internal processes, including daily transport operations, safe working procedures and risk assessments, and staff training.

MD Neil Graham told EHN, "We took the decision to apply for FORS accreditation to assist several customers, and, as a result, can now better service clients across all TfL sites, particularly Crossrail. We are already working towards achieving the higher silver level of the Scheme."

