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Brokk delivers robots to Fukushima in Japan

Brokk, the world's leading manufacturer of remote controlled demolition machines, is delivering robots to Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan. The first task for the machines is to provide access to highly contaminated areas and clean up contamination. "One key difference between Brokk's demolition robots and other robots currently on site is that our machines are capable of carrying out multiple different and tougher tasks, such as tearing down concrete structures and take care of heavier contaminated materials" says Martin Krupicka CEO of Brokk.

The first contact with Brokk and its Japanese partner BGE Company Ltd was taken soon after the accident at Fukushima, as Brokk demolition robots are known globally for decommissioning and material handling in radioactive environments. Brokk has since then had staff in place in Japan to better understand the situation and the challenges in detail. The first Brokk machine, delivered in middle of April, will be used to get inside one of the most damaged reactors. The last month has been a very intense time for Brokk's staff and its subcontractors in order to be able to deliver the machines in a very short period of time. With the ongoing crisis at Fukushima, every day saved has been of high value. Brokk staff is currently present in Japan to provide training on the machines and their capabilities to the local operators.

Brokk has successfully delivered robots for demolition, decommissioning and disposal of radioactive material to the nuclear industry for over twenty years, including to the USA, France, Great Britain, Russia and Japan. Brokk machines have for example been used for decommissioning and cleanup at Chernobyl in Ukraine. *"Brokk was chosen for this extremely challenging work by Taisei Corp, which works for TEPCO at Fukushima, because of our extensive experience in the nuclear industry. Today we have over two hundred machines at various nuclear sites worldwide" says Mike Evans, Head of Nuclear at Brokk.*



Brokk has proven and tested products and solutions after having delivered more than 5,000 demolition robots worldwide for the past 30 years. The Brokk machines can also be equipped with a variety of tools, making them the real multipurpose machines.

This past Monday, a second shipment of three Brokk machines took place using a specially chartered flight from Luleå Airport in northern Sweden. These machines were all designed and modified to handle the extreme situation and the high radiation at the Fukushima site. Among other things, the machines will be operated from a control room located as far as one kilometer from the reactors. Currently, the machines are expected to be working onsite at Fukushima within the next few weeks.

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