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**Press release****MECAPLÚS SIGNS NEW DEALER FOR GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA****MECAPLÚS, S.L.****July-2009**

MECAPLÚS S.L., Spanish manufacturer of aerial work platforms, has signed AST GmbH as its exclusive distributor for Germany, Switzerland and Austria

MECAPLÚS is an offshoot of a tree specialist tree pruning contractor with over 20 years experience. The company started out in the year 2000 as a tree pruning specialist and devised the booms to dramatically improve efficiency, as well as the safety of their staff. It has now added new models with larger two man platforms for more general applications (solar parks cleaning, painting, system installation and maintenance, etc., ).

The product range now includes regular and self levelling articulated booms, with 4x2, 4x4, full crawler chassis or half tracks.

AST GmbH has its headquarters in Blaustein in Southern Germany, and is divided into two business areas. The 'AST Technology' area specialises in the sale of special aerial platform technology. This includes mast climbing work platforms from the Canadian manufacturer FRACO and pillar cranes from the Italian company GELCO. In this section, AST GmbH not only offers the sale and lease of such products, but also project planning, service and installation customer service. The 'AST Work Safety' area concentrates on engineering and services. This area is commissioned by clients to monitor construction sites, offer support in production processes and carry out further training courses for employees and management staff. AST GmbH is an IPAF training centre, and trains operators, demonstrators and instructors for elevated work platforms in accordance with the internationally recognised and certified IPAF standard. As the only training centre in Germany, we offer all prescribed courses for power saw use on elevated work platforms and combine them with the IPAF-PAL card. The AST Technology and AST Work Safety branches unite to offer optimal solutions for all aspects of aerial platform technology. With the initiation of Mecaplús self-levelling articulated work platform, AST GmbH identifies a unique chance to link cost-effectiveness with complete safety for special activities, such as tree felling, cleaning tasks and installation work. Alongside a special Mecaplús demonstration team with Mecaplús demonstration machines, AST GmbH will also offer training on Mecaplús work platforms in accordance with the IPAF standard.



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As a result of its nonstop innovative activity, MECAPLÚS has recently introduced its latest product, the self-levelling articulating platform ME12SL that aims to revolutionise the way of working at heights with absolute safety, thanks to its innovative automatic levelling system without outriggers, able to carry out jobs with absolute safety and without decreasing performance on land surfaces with level changes of up to 30%.

An accumulated experience of over 20 years working in extreme environments enables MECAPLUS to ensure the reliability of all of their platforms, including the ME12SL model.

Mecaplús will be showing its ME12SL model and its dynamic self-leveling system at Platformers Days show in Germany at the end of August.



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