

Magirus delivers 100 fire engines to the Junta Nacional de Bomberos de Chile

Magirus completes two large orders for Chile / Symbolic key handover takes place 30 meters above ground / Following successful customer acceptance, 100 fire engines will depart for Chile by sea.

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Last year, the central body of Chile's national Fire Department, Junta Nacional de Bomberos de Chile (JNBC), placed two major orders with Magirus, ordering a total of 100 tank pumpers.

The first tank pumper order for 23 TLF 4000 (C4 Semiurbano) was placed in October 2016. Four weeks later, the Junta commissioned a further delivery order for Magirus fire engines. While the first order will be delivered to fire departments in the Bío Bío region, the additional vehicles are destined for national use. These vehicles fall into three categories: 32 TLF 4000 (C4 Semiurbano) vehicles, 16 TLF 4000 all-wheel (C4 Semiurbano) vehicles as well as 29 TLF 3000 (C5 Forest) forest firefighting vehicles.

High-ranking representatives of the Junta accepted all the vehicles at a presentation held at the Magirus headquarters in Ulm, Germany. The tank pumpers were especially positioned on the test site of the Magirus Excellence Center for the customer's review. A symbolic key handover to the representatives of the Chilean Fire Department was presided over by Magirus CEO Marc Diening. This handover was most certainly out of the ordinary as it took place 30 meters above ground. Using two Magirus M42L-AS articulated turntable ladders, the delegation was able to view all of the vehicles from a bird's eye view. While up in the air, the delegation received a special firefighter salutation of well wishes: "Have a good trip and return safely from all your future missions."

All of the 100 Magirus fire engines were built exclusively on IVECO Eurocargo chassis and have powerful 220 kW (299 hp) engines. Thanks to an all-steel crew cabin, the C4 Semiurbano is designed for a fire brigade team of 1+8. Of the total 71 units, 55 were ordered with the well-established 160E30 model in the 4x2 variant. The twin-tire all-wheel 150E30W 16 fire engines ensure better driving in rough terrain. The large, external water tank has a capacity of 4,000 litres. All vehicles have a Magirus MPN230 centrifugal pump with a capacity of 3,000 litres per minute with 10 bar.

"Magirus offers us a very flexible vehicle and superstructure concept that is ideal for operations on motorways and in rural or urban areas," commented JNBC Vice President Raúl Morales, adding that:

"The agile fire engine covers so many operational areas and reliably replenishes extinguishing water whenever necessary."

In the past, Chile's national fire department has had to fight forest fires that were immense in scale. At the beginning of this year, fire destroyed an area of over 370,000 hectares – four times the size of Berlin, Germany. Firefighters, rescue workers and residents were kept in suspense for weeks.

The Junta Nacional de Bomberos ordered 29 Magirus C5 forest firefighting vehicles especially for such operations. As single-tire all-wheel variant with an all-steel cab (1+5), the 150E30 WS Eurocargo chassis shows its strengths most especially on unpaved terrain. The technical firefighting structure includes a 3,000 litre tank and the powerful Magirus MPN 230 pump, together with reliable self-protection for vehicle and crew.

The vehicle shipment to Chile has already commenced travelling from Germany to South America via sea. The official delivery to the Chilean fire departments will take place following their arrival.

Caption photo 1: Fire engine formation „Chile 100“

Caption photo 2: Symbolic key hand-over to the Junta Nacional de Cuerpos de Bomberos de Chile (JNBC); from left to right

Junta Nacional de Cuerpos de Bomberos de Chile:

Erik Oyarzo - Vicepresidente JNBC (1st from left)

Marcelo Zúñiga - Vicepresidente JNBC (2nd from left)

Raúl Bustos - Secretario Nacional JNBC (3rd from left)

Raúl Morales - Vicepresidente JNBC (4th from left)

Magirus:

Marc Diening - CEO Magirus (5th from left)

Roland Müller – Sales Direktor (6th from left)

About Magirus

Passion and precision, high-tech and craftsmanship. Since 1864, Magirus has combined innovation and tradition to assist firefighters throughout the world. With a comprehensive range of state-of-the-art, reliable fire engines, turntable ladders, rescue and equipment vehicles, special solutions, pumps and portable pumps, Magirus is known globally as one of the largest and technologically leading providers of firefighting and disaster control technology. Magirus is a brand of CNH Industrial N.V. (NYSE: CNHI / MI: CNHI), a worldwide leading company in the capital goods sector with a broad spectrum of products and a global presence.

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