



Hitachi Sumitomo Heavy Industries Construction Crane Co., Ltd.

### Crawler Crane 6000SLX Receives 40<sup>th</sup> MACHINE DESIGN AWARD Nippon Brand Prize

Hitachi Sumitomo Heavy Industries Construction Crane Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Higashi-Ueno, Taitou-ku, Tokyo; President Toshimi Sakai) been awarded the “Nippon Brand Prize,” the second prize of the 40th MACHINE DESIGN AWARD sponsored by *The Business & Technology Daily News*, for its 6000SLX model all-hydraulic crawler crane with a 500 ton maximum lifting capacity. This was the second consecutive year for the Company to receive an award, after garnering the Distinctive Merit Award in 2008 for its SCX2000-2 crawler crane for the Japan market.

Among the positively evaluated features of the 6000SLX were its realization of a transport mode that is readily adaptable to the transportation circumstances of each country or region, improved heavy-duty lifting capacity for wind power generation units and similar facilities, the development of new boom attachments to handle combined extreme loads and high lifting, assembly in just one-third the time (two days) of conventional designs based on enhanced assembly/disassembly performance, and a more efficient utilization rate that enables use of the 6000SLX as a 300 ton class crane thanks to its lower counterweight requirement even for 500 ton lifting. In awarding the Nippon Brand Prize, the Judges Committee chairperson noted the judges’ assessment that the 6000SLX “showcases the best of Japanese manufacturing to the world through the realization of fully balanced performance and the development of a new segment that takes maximum advantage of functional properties.”

Note: The MACHINE DESIGN AWARD is an award established through support of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in cooperation with The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and various industrial groups for the promotion and development of Japanese industrial product design. Products selected for the award are evaluated comprehensively from every aspect including economic efficiency, marketability, safety from an ergonomic perspective and environmental protection.



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