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AUSSIE ROCKBUSTER BECOMES THE RUBBISHBUSTER IN NORWAY

Over 25 years of development throughout Australia and Overseas has laid a solid foundation for Adelaide based Broons Hire (SA) Pty Ltd to expand into the EEC market with their revolutionary BH-1220 Rockbuster mobile rock crusher, earning valuable export dollars for the Australian economy.

Recently loaded aboard the M.V. Berlin Express, the Rockbuster bound for Norway, is to be put to use crushing of all things, refuse!

"We've always considered Greater Europe and Scandinavia as having opportunities for our Rockbuster", said Broons Hire founder, Graham Bowes, "...however, we never considered using the machine to process industrial refuse."

"Since our original discussions with the Norwegian firm, Oedegaard Avfallsdeponi, we've now had several enquiries for similar applications here in Australia so it looks as though we may have stumbled across a new market".

A tried and proven design in the Australian Outback, the Broons BH-1220 Rockbuster is a portable engine driven hammermill crusher. Powered by a reliable Caterpillar 3306TA diesel engine, the highly portable Rockbuster can be crushing within 2 minutes of arriving on site, producing around 100m³ of crushed rock per hour suitable for sub-base and basecourse layers in road construction.

Infeed rocks up to 500mm diameter are quickly reduced to 40mm minus well graded crushed rock simply by towing the Rockbuster along a windrow at around 0.5kph. By operating above the pavement, the Rockbuster has no detrimental affect on the surface over which the material to be crushed is spread.

Independent costings across a range of material types indicate the Rockbuster to be as much as 40% cheaper on some projects making it a viable alternative to conventional "in-pit" crushers, the majority of which are manufactured offshore. "The only machine capable of performing a similar task is made in Italy and costs over 3 times that of the BH-1220 Rockbuster," said a delighted Mr. Bowes.

"The Norwegians were visably impressed with the highly effective operation of our unique Rockbuster and quality of the equipment emanating from our manufacturing facility. In contrast to many





overseas nations, they found our 'Australian' business ethic to their liking, in particular our honesty and integrity in all dealings".

"As a family business it has been important we insulate ourselves from any regional economic downturn in order to protect our firm and the people that worked with us. Long before the South Australian economy took a significant nose dive in the late 80's and early 90's, we began investigating opportunities for our equipment both interstate and overseas in order to remain viable and maintain our base in Adelaide", remarked Mr. Bowes.

"Our first Rockbuster was exported to South Africa in 1983 and from there another 17 machines have been put into operation throughout the Republic. Even more unique, our "Square" Impact Roller used in the compaction of poorly filled sites and major earthworks projects, has seen use on the English Chunnel project, the new Chek Lap Kok airport in Hong Kong and various other ventures throughout the USA and New Zealand."

The Rockbuster is only one of a list of innovative earthmoving machines emerging from the Broons stable, including their unique BH-1300 "Square" Impact Roller and BH-1830 Combination Roller.

