

August 17, 2011

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Re: Konecranes Business in Iran

Dear Mr. Lundmark,

On behalf of United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI), I am writing to alert you to the potential use of Konecranes Oyj (“Konecranes”) cranes by the government of Iran to stage public executions by hanging. As part of its “Cranes Campaign,” UANI is urging all crane manufacturers, including Konecranes, to end their business operations in Iran until the current regime in Tehran ends this grisly practice and stops threatening the world through its pursuit of an illegal nuclear weapon.

Of concern to UANI is the fact that Konecranes lists two Iranian companies on its website through which Konecranes equipment is sold – [Sepahan Lifter](#) and [Fassan Co.](#) Additionally, Konecranes subsidiary Morris Material Handling has been reported to sell crane kits to the Iran-based Arian Company (Hoist Magazine, “[Morris firms relationships in Middle Eastern region](#),” 10/6/2000).

The extensive business relationships that Konecranes maintains with Iranian entities create the strong possibility that the Iranian regime has used Konecranes equipment for public hangings. Even putting aside the clear misuse of these cranes for public executions, the possibility of the Konecranes name being even remotely associated with the authoritarian regime in Tehran should be reason enough for Konecranes to sever its business in Iran. This is especially important in light of the extensive government contracts Konecranes has received from the United States ([USAspending.gov](#), “Konecranes ABP”). Since construction equipment is readily purchased for use in Iran’s energy sector any sale of such equipment to Iran may be sanctionable under U.S. law and jeopardize the ability of Konecranes to secure U.S. federal and state contracts.

After being confronted with photographic evidence that its cranes were being used for public hangings, Tadano Ltd. and Furukawa UNIC both recently decided that the reputational risk was too great to merit continuing their business in Iran. Terex Corporation has also recently decided to end its business in Iran for similar reasons.

UANI urges Konecranes to make the same responsible decision as Tadano and UNIC especially as the human rights situation in Iran continues to deteriorate. Iran is on course for a record year in executions, having already executed some 200 people in 2011, many of them publicly. That is an average of almost two executions a day. (See July 6 op-ed in the *Los Angeles Times*, "[Iran's Execution Binge](#)").

UANI calls on Konecranes to end its business dealings with Iranian entities and guarantee that none of its cranes and other equipment is being used to perpetrate such grave violations of human rights.

UANI also calls on Konecranes to follow the good example set by Caterpillar, Komatsu, Tadano, UNIC and Terex and immediately end its presence in Iran.

Please let us hear from you by August 29, 2011, as to whether or not Konecranes will take action to end its business in Iran.

Very truly yours,



Ambassador Mark D. Wallace

cc: The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security &
Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member, United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security &
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The Honorable John Kerry
Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

The Honorable Richard Lugar
Ranking Member, United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senator for Wisconsin

The Honorable Herb Kohl
United States Senator for Wisconsin

The Honorable Peter T. King
Chairman, United States House Committee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Ranking Member, United States House Committee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lebten
Chairman, United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Howard Berman
Ranking Member, United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Leon Panetta
Secretary of Defense, United States Department of Defense

The Honorable Martha N. Johnson
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