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**From mining to construction trucks: more safety and productivity with Allison Transmission
*Allison Transmission presents new 6620 fully automatic transmission and new transmission features at Bauma; see us in hall A4, booth 414.***

**Munich, March 2010** – Visitors to Bauma 2010 (19 – 25 April, New Munich Trade Fair Center) will be the first to see Allison Transmission’s latest Off-Highway Series model – the 6620 – as well as upgrades to the versatile 4000 Series transmission that is so popular to the construction market. The new Allison 6620 transmission builds on the proven rock solid performance, reliability and durability of the existing 6610 model (which it replaces) with improvements to the lock-up clutch, turbine shaft, turbine hub and flywheel, all designed to improve maintenance costs and reduce downtime.

The 4000 Series has been upgraded with an optional provision for a ground-driven pump, to ease the installation of the emergency steering system, a requirement for most European 8x4 tippers. Allison now also offers a 2nd ‘deep reverse’ gear in addition to the standard reverse gear – exclusively available on 4700 and 4800 Series – seven speed models. The 4000 Series six and seven speed transmission range is available with close and wide gear ratios and is popular in construction applications and articulated dump trucks as well as oilfield and crane applications.

Also on show at Bauma is a new Allison-equipped Grove GMK6300L crane (Manitowoc booth, open-air ground F10, booth 1002/6), a new Mercedes-Benz Zetros multipurpose vehicle with an Allison 3000 Series transmission (Mercedes-Benz booth, Hall B4, booth 102/204) and the new Astra HHD8 fitted with an Allison 4700 series (Iveco Booth, Hall B4), a highly technological vehicle, for the toughest working conditions.

**Leading the way in mining and construction transmissions**

Allison Transmission is a global leader in transmission technology used in mining and construction trucks, cranes, and oilfield equipment. Allison-equipped vehicles can be found operating around the world in mines, gravel pits, stone quarries and other challenging operating environments. Even under the toughest conditions, Allison transmissions are reliable, durable and efficient: whether in a BELAZ dump truck in Siberia, in a Volvo heavy haulage truck in Sweden or in Tucker snowcats in Antarctica.

To continually offer ground-breaking and reliable propulsion solutions for various application areas of the construction industry, Allison optimises its off-highway and off-road series transmissions, supporting customers with tailored solutions backed by a global service network of over 1,500 distributor and dealer locations.

In addition to the Allison 4000 and 6000 Series transmissions that will be featured at Bauma, the full range of Allison transmissions, from the 1000 Series to the 9000 Series is designed to support a multitude of rigorous tasks at mines and on construction-sites. The smallest Allison 1000 Series is used in heavy duty pick-up trucks, while the 3000 Series equips medium-sized support vehicles and cranes with engine ratings up to 425 HP or 1695 Nm. The 5000, 8000 and 9000 Series are the largest transmissions offered by Allison. Like the 6000, they are suitable for stationary and mobile off-highway applications. The 9000 Series can handle engines with up to 2,250HP and a torque of 8270 Nm.

With increasing pressure on the mining and construction industry to reduce down-time, increase vehicle efficiency and improve productivity, Allison’s growing presence in the construction sector is supporting these objectives. “Vehicles with Allison transmissions are more productive, require less maintenance and repair and can achieve higher efficiency and optimised operation,” says Manlio Alvaro, Allison Transmission marketing manager EMEA. “Allison continues to innovate and improve our products in order to retain the rock solid reputation we have earned over the past 60 years supplying transmissions to this market segment. That is the reason why more and more operators on construction sites around the world appreciate Allison transmissions.”

**About Allison Transmission, Inc.**

Allison Transmission, Inc. (Allison) is the premier global provider of commercial duty automatic transmissions and hybrid propulsion systems. Allison products are specified by over 250 of the world’s leading vehicle manufacturers and are used in many market sectors including bus, refuse, fire, construction, distribution, military and specialty applications. Founded in 1915, the Allison business is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A. and employs 2,900 people. Regional headquarters with dedicated support staff are located in China, The Netherlands, Brazil, India and Japan. With a global presence in 80 countries, Allison has over 1500 distributor and dealer locations.  More information about Allison is available at [www.allisontransmission.com](http://www.allisontransmission.com).

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