

JCB sends more machines to Nepal after second quake

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JCB today stepped up its support for earthquake-stricken Nepal with the despatch of more machines to help the country with its clear-up operations.

The news of the \$250,000 equipment donation comes after a second earthquake with a magnitude of 7.3 struck the country just after midday yesterday, killing dozens of people and injuring more than 1,000.

The first earthquake just over two weeks ago killed more than 8,000 people and left thousands more homeless. JCB responded by donating \$1 million worth of equipment including a fleet of backhoe loaders and electrical generators.

Today the company donated an additional four machines, including compact skid steer loaders, to respond to the current needs in the region. Also included in the donation are a pick-and-carry crane and a Loadall telescopic handler which can lift and load debris in areas devastated by the quakes.

JCB Chairman Lord Bamford said: "As the days have gone by our Nepalese dealer has advised of the need for small and manoeuvrable machines which can access confined areas and machines which can lift and place heavy loads. JCB is happy to respond with the donation of an additional four machines, particularly as the country has now suffered a second earthquake. "

JCB is supplying the machines through its dealer, MAW Enterprises Pvt Ltd, in Nepal.

JCB has a long history of helping countries affected by major natural disasters, providing \$500,000 worth of machines and generators to the Philippines when Typhoon Haiyan struck in 2013. Machines were also donated when earthquakes struck in Haiti in 2010 and in China in 2008 and to southern India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia in 2004 following the Boxing Day Tsunami.

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