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Update on the construction & mining markets

The Construction and Mining Equipment Industry Group manages the sales data for the construction & mining equipment sold in Australia. This report provides a snap-shot of sales trends.

In overall terms the markets are very buoyant and are showing little sign of easing in the short term. Next year it is expected to be another strong year for all construction and mining equipment categories.

The trends in specific equipment categories are:

Hydraulic Excavators

- Overall market is at a record high.
- For 12 months to end of October:
 - Excavators <11.5 tonne market has increased by 35% in 2004 compared to same period in 2003.
 - Mid range excavators 12t-50t market has increased by 13%
 - Large excavators >50t market has increased by 41%.
 - Overall increase is 23%

Wheel Loaders

- Market is at its highest level since late 1995.
- For 12 months to the end of October the market has increased by 15% over same period last year.

Crawler Dozers

- Market has recovered from its lows in 2001 and 2003 but is not back to previous high in late 1998.
- For 12 months to end of October market has increased by 32%.

Rigid Dump Trucks

- Market is at highest level since early 1999.
- For 12 months to end of October market has risen by 93% over same period last year.

Articulated Dump Trucks

- Market is well down on its high in mid 2003.
- For 12 months to end of October market has declined by almost 23%.

Backhoe Loaders

- Market has been relatively steady over the last 15 months albeit at a high level.
- For 12 months to end of October market has risen by only 3%.

Skidsteer Loaders

- Market is at a record high but is starting to level out.
- Over 12 months to end of October market has increased by almost 23%.

Motor Graders

- Market is at its highest level in over 10 years.
- For 12 months to the end of October market has risen by 31%.

Road Rollers

- In the 10 months to end of October market has increased by almost 24%.

If you are interested in purchasing the yearly sales statistics, please contact CMEIG on 0418 445 906 or by email at inquiry@cmeig.com.au.

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