

Press release

Successful tracking

Using Obserwando the theft of a construction machine was foiled - the thief was caught and the machine returned to the owners - tracking exact to the meter



It turned out to be an exciting morning for Rolf Michels, Managing Partner of Michels GmbH from Geldern. The Rösler miniDaT-WEB-Light had sent a SMS. A 1.5 t mini excavator was at an unusual location. A short phone call with the officer in charge who confirmed that the machine should actually be in Essen and the online tracking started. The respective construction machine is equipped with a box measuring only a few centimetres. The data transmission is effected via mobile Internet. The Rösler

Obserwando application can access the data. Using Rösler Obserwando a position query can be sent every 20 seconds. This permits you to know down to the metre where the machine is at the moment and it can be traced which way it went. This mini excavator was not where it was supposed to be.

Leave work radius

Using the Rösler miniDat-WEB-Light it is possible to set a work radius around the machine - in the case of Michels it was 5 km. This means that when the machine leaves this radius, a message is sent both to the PC in the office and the mobile. With a little bit of imagination one could figure out now that the mini excavator was moving towards the Dutch border. The police was contacted immediately and given the exact coordinates of the construction machine. Then suddenly the mini excavator was



not moving anymore. Rösler miniDaT showed a stationary point. The police was quickly on site and even Michels found himself going from surprise to surprise. The mini excavator was at the washing station of another rental company. The vehicle was spick and span and all stickers and similar had been removed. As this happened only recently investigations are still under way. However, thanks to Rösler miniDaT and Obserwando the machine could be returned to its previous hirer and a planned theft could be foiled.

One year with Rösler

Construction and industrial machinery company Michels is a sales office and rental company for construction machinery that also delivers vehicle superstructures. Founded in 1950 it is now managed in the second generation. A total of 110 employees offer their services to the customer at three locations in Essen, Bergheim and the head office in Geldern. "For roughly a year we have been using this Rösler system in our self-drive construction machines, from the 800 kg excavator to the 15 t wheel loader, following the recommendation of customers. It is important for us to detect where the machine is and that we can trace its movements. In the end this yields a high degree of safety, clarity and, as this concrete event showed, also anti-theft protection", says Rolf Michels. The data flatrate on offer makes this form of machine position tracking is quite cheap. Michel says "I can also access the data for the respective machine with my smart phone. The Rösler Obserwando system is a wonderful straightforward software that provides me with important data."

The company

The Rösler Software-Technik GmbH is since 1985 active on the German and European market. With the miniDat-hardware, the WinDaT-software and the Obserwando-system the company offers a complete package of stationary or internet-based monitoring equipment for mobile machines and devices. Theft protection, machine positioning, machine data collection and order processing are the main areas of the Rösler-systems. The Rösler-systems are distributed directly or via retailer. By now more than 50,000 systems are used in forklifts, platforms, construction machines and vehicles.

With the new Rösler-App daTime a further step was made towards a mobile and paperless order processing via smartphone and tablet. More information at <u>www.daTime.de</u>, <u>www.minidat.de</u>.

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