

Talce uses Topcon's Machine Control in Ventspils harbor



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Talce limited is a Latvian company that has discovered the advantages of Topcon's Machine Control during their work in the harbor of Ventspils. They have chosen a 2D Laser solution to complement their Komatsu D61 dozer. Aivo Gādmanis is the project manager for Talce: "For us the choice for laser was a logical one as it is hard to find projects in Latvia where GPS is needed and it is hard to find people who can make the right design data for 3D."

Talce is a 150 employee company with several daughter companies, which has a specialization in road construction and bridge-reconstructions. The first project where Talce used Topcon's Machine Control was in the planning of a terminal at the port of Ventspils.

"The terminal stores coals from Russia, which are then moved to ships or along the railways. At the harbor we do 40.000 cubic meters of leveling, 50.000 cubic meters of earth moving and 30.000 cubic meters of laying gravel. The whole project covers 2.5 hectares of ground and we take care of all the roads and the houses." During their work Talce got a good chance to test their new Topcon Machine Control system. "The system is very good. We do not need an employee for the optical level anymore. So we can work very fast and keep a good quality. There is no need to set up the jobsite, we only use the transmitter. It is time, employee, diesel and money saving!"

Martins Vitkovskis is chairman of the board for Talce. "We decided for Laser Machine Control because we have many projects in the forest. The trees would get in the way of the GPS-signal and the satellites. The system is very fast. Normally a project would take three weeks. Now we only needed three days, with only two people. So I am very satisfied. We only have one problem! Once you start working with Machine Control you can not stop", he adds with a laugh.



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