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Dear Partners,

The relationship between a manufacturer and its customers is not built on the day of delivery. It is built over time — through every service call, every spare part delivered on time, and every team mobilized to ensure that your facility keeps running.

This is the relationship highlighted in this issue of LEFORT® Mag. From Australia to the United Kingdom, from France to Greece and Taiwan, you will discover our machines in operation at customer sites where we have earned their trust day after day. You will also meet the new members joining our After-Sales Service teams, who are there to continue supporting you in the field.

Our group is growing as well. The acquisition of ALJON, a leading American manufacturer of scrap metal balers and waste compactors, marks an important milestone. It strengthens our presence in North America while complementing our product range.

Today, LEFORT® is a broader and more comprehensive group, even better equipped to meet your needs wherever you are in the world.

Thank you for your continued trust, and we hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Alexandre Henkens
C.E.O.

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ECOMONDO
THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY EXPO

Ecomondo
Rimini, Italy

Hall C3 • Stand 300

03-06
November



Vakbeurs Recycling
Gorinchem,
The Netherlands

10-12
November



CMA Summit
Berlin, Germany

18-19
November



ReMA 2027
Nashville, USA

12-15
April 2027



Pollutec 2027
Lyon, France

12-15
October 2027



KOLOSS 1000



Stephen Dalton and Stephen Dalton Jr

A NEW SCRAP SHEAR

LEFORT® KOLOSS 1000 for Dalton Metal Recycling

Dalton Metal Recycling has established itself as one of Scotland's foremost scrap metal recycling companies. Operating as a family-run business, the company places a strong emphasis on continuous investment in modern technology to enhance operational efficiency and reduce environmental impact. As part of this ongoing development, LEFORT® UK recently installed a KOLOSS 1000 press wings shear at the customer's facility.

A Family-Owned Business on the Rise

With a legacy spanning over 45 years, Dalton Metal Recycling now operates six active sites across Scotland, including three in Edinburgh, two in Glasgow, and a strategically positioned dock facility at Rosyth in Fife. This network provides the company with comprehensive coverage of the central belt—Scotland's most scrap-rich region.

As part of its recent expansion, Dalton has launched a new yard in Sighthill, Edinburgh. Designed as a compact, customer-focused unit, this site offers a fast, streamlined service for non-ferrous metal drop-offs, operating in the style of an express depot.

The company has entered a new phase of strategic development since the beginning of 2026, with Dalton commencing large-scale exports of up to 20,000

tonnes of scrap metal per shipment directly from its own quay at Rosyth.

Spotlight on Govan and the KOLOSS 1000

Dalton Metal Recycling's Govan site, now home to the newly installed LEFORT® KOLOSS 1000, carries a proud industrial legacy. Once the premises of British Polar Engines — a historic manufacturer of marine diesel engines — it famously produced the engine that powered the Toiler, the first motor vessel to cross the Atlantic.

The decision to invest in the KOLOSS 1000 was made by Stephen Dalton after reviewing the performance of other LEFORT® machines. "We chose the KOLOSS 1000 for its high production capability, impressive speed — particularly with the 110 kW motors — and its versatility in shearing all types of scrap," he explains.

This latest addition brings Dalton Metal Recycling's fleet of Lefort shears to four: a static Konkeror 600, a Mobile 800 A/S, a Mobile 1000, and now the KOLOSS 1000.

The team at Govan has responded with enthusiasm. "We are over the moon with the LEFORT® KOLOSS 1000. The amount of product it's been producing has exceeded all expectations. Its speed is phenomenal," Stephen Dalton adds.

Through strategic investments, technical innovation, and a steadfast commitment to environmental responsibility, Dalton Metal Recycling continues to modernise the metal recycling industry in Scotland — demonstrating how a family-run business can successfully blend heritage with progressive thinking.



ALJON, a leading manufacturer of balers and crushers in North America.

LEFORT® Strengthens Its U.S. Presence Through the Acquisition of ALJON

LEFORT®, a manufacturer of equipment for the metal recycling industry, is pursuing its international development with the acquisition of ALJON, a long-established player in the North American recycling industry. Based in Iowa, USA, ALJON is joining the LEFORT® Group and will significantly strengthen its presence in the North American market.

Founded in 1963, ALJON has more than 60 years of experience in the design and manufacture of equipment primarily dedicated to the recycling of scrap metal and end-of-life vehicles (ELVs). The American company is particularly well known for its balers and crushers, designed to meet the demanding requirements of recycling professionals.

ALJON also manufactures landfill compactors for waste management and assembles Vammas snow removal equipment.

With a long-standing presence in the North American market, the company has an in-depth understanding of recyclers' needs and has built a strong reputation for the quality, performance and reliability of its products.

Complementary Expertise

Through this acquisition, LEFORT® and ALJON intend to combine their skills

and expertise to offer recycling professionals an increasingly comprehensive range of solutions. The complementary strengths of the two companies will help expand the range of machinery and services available to customers across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The transaction also marks a new milestone in the development of LEFORT® North America, established in 2014. It will strengthen the Group's industrial and commercial footprint in the United States while consolidating its position in one of the strategic markets for the metal recycling industry.

With revenues of more than \$40 million and nearly 50 employees, ALJON brings to the LEFORT® Group recognized expertise, additional production capabilities and an even stronger local presence among recycling industry players across North America.

A New Milestone in LEFORT®'s Growth Strategy

According to Alexandre Henkens, CEO of LEFORT®, the acquisition is fully aligned with the Group's development strategy: *"We are delighted to welcome ALJON to the LEFORT® Group. This acquisition marks another important milestone in our growth in North America and the implementation of our strategic plan. I am confident that the combination of our expertise will create exciting opportunities and strengthen our ability to support our customers over the long term with increasingly comprehensive, high-performance solutions tailored to their needs."*

LEFORT® NORTH AMERICA:

Growing Alongside the North American Market

Since LEFORT® North America was established in 2014, the LEFORT® Group has steadily strengthened its presence across the North American market. Based in Sunrise, Florida, the subsidiary now plays a key role in the Group's development across the United States, Canada and Mexico, combining local commercial support with dedicated technical assistance for customers.

This local presence is a major asset for LEFORT® customers. LEFORT® North America has a team of field service technicians, service vehicles and a large spare parts inventory based in Florida. This organization enables the Group to support its customers well beyond the sale of a machine, providing local service and responsive technical assistance tailored to the requirements of the North American market.

Over the years, this strategy has resulted in a significant installed base and continued growth across the region.

Since the subsidiary was established, over 100 LEFORT® machines have been sold, reflecting the Group's strong momentum and the trust placed in its solutions by leading recycling companies.

This growth is also supported by an extensive range of machines and technologies. From wrap around lid-type shears and side-compression shears to mobile equipment and high-capacity solutions,

LEFORT® North America can offer a wide variety of configurations to meet the diverse applications and requirements of its customers. The region is home to a number of significant LEFORT® installations. Additionally, Advantage Metals Recycling, a Nucor company, has recently purchased and is preparing to install a LIDEX 1,300-ton (1,440 US tons) shear and SA Recycling has recently purchased a LIDEX 2,000-ton (2,200 US tons) shear, demonstrating the Group's ability to deliver high-performance side-compression technology to major recycling operators. Both of these installations will be operational in Q2 2027. Other notable installations include TRAX mobile shears and KONKEROR systems, illustrating the breadth of the solutions available to North American recyclers. The TRAX, in particular, combines mobility and productivity, offering operators greater flexibility in their day-to-day operations.

The development of LEFORT® North America is also part of a broader Group

strategy. In September 2026, LEFORT® announced the acquisition of ALJON, a US-based manufacturer of equipment for metal recycling and end-of-life vehicle processing. This acquisition further strengthens the Group's industrial and commercial footprint in North America and opens up new opportunities for growth.

According to Jonathan Miller, Managing Director of LEFORT® North America, *"The acquisition of ALJON, a well-known and respected legacy company here in America, is a further testament to the LEFORT® group's commitment to our customers here in the North American market. This acquisition, and the combination of two very strong players in the North American market allows us to continue to grow and develop both our sales as well as our after-sales support activities, thus enabling the group to provide world-class after sales service and parts support to all of our clientele, current and future."*



The TRAX, one of LEFORT®'s flagship products, combines mobility and productivity, offering operators greater flexibility in their day-to-day operations. Here, a 1,250-ton cutting force (1,375 US tons) version with a loading table, installed at OmniSource, LLC in Indiana.



LEFORT® America's facilities in Sunrise, Florida.



The LEFORT® and ALJON sales team at Scrap Expo 2026.



DDM's LEFORT® LIDEX 1000T, based in Toowoomba, Queensland.

DARLING DOWNS METALS:

Embracing Ethical Recycling, Ensuring Minimal Environmental Impact

Founded in 1992 in Toowoomba, Queensland, Darling Downs Metals (DDM) is a family-owned Australian recycling company. Over more than three decades, the company has progressively expanded its operations to provide a comprehensive range of services combining metal recycling, demolition and commercial site cleanups.

The story of DDM began on a much smaller scale. When Ken Frasle and his family moved from the Sunshine Coast to Toowoomba, he started the business with just one truck, three bins and three employees. These early beginnings reflect the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to drive the company's development today, as well as the ability of metal recycling businesses to grow from a strong local presence and close relationships with industrial customers.

Today, Darling Downs Metals operates in a market where metal recovery has become a major economic, industrial and environmental issue. The company processes scrap metal from traditional collection activities, as well as materials generated by demolition and deconstruction projects. This diversification enables DDM to meet a wide range of requirements while giving recovered materials a second life.

With more than 30 years of experience and cutting-edge machinery, DDM aims to ensure precision and consistency throughout the recycling process while maintaining high-quality standards. For

the company, equipment performance is also a key factor in supporting its growth and meeting the demands of processing increasingly challenging materials.

"To carry out our work, we needed a powerful machine with sufficient cutting force to process sometimes very demanding materials and support our future growth," explains Paul Frasle, owner of Darling Downs Metals.

With this in mind, the company opted for a 1,000-tonne LEFORT® LIDEX shear equipped with a side-compression box. The machine features an 8 m x 2 m box, an 800 mm cutting width and a 4 x 110 kW hydraulic system, making it suitable for processing large volumes of scrap metal.

Beyond its power, this investment is expected to enable DDM to increase its processing capacity and support the continued development of its operations. The objective is also to have a machine capable of adapting to the wide variety of materials encountered at industrial sites and demolition projects.

Through its development, Darling Downs Metals illustrates the evolution

of a family-owned business into a specialised metal recycling company. By combining experience, high-performance equipment and a diversified range of services, DDM aims to continue its growth while contributing to more responsible metal recovery and reducing the environmental impact of metal waste.



Paul Frasle, the owner (left), Lionel Le Mentec from LEFORT® (center), and Greg Wehl, the Ops Manager (right) during the on-site assembly of the machine.



KOLOSS by Northern Metal Recycling – 1,450 tonnes of cutting force, powered by a powerful Scania V8 diesel drive, with an 8-meter box and a loading hopper.

KOLOSS 1450: Powering Northern Metal Recycling's Continued Growth

With a production of 300,000 tonnes per annum across two sites, Northern Metal Recycling is investing in the equipment needed to keep pace with its continued growth. The latest addition, a LEFORT® KOLOSS 1450, is set to play a central role in the company's ongoing development.

A Growing Force in the Northeast of England

The Northern Metal Recycling yard in Shildon was formerly part of an historic railway manufacturing facility that closed in 1984. In fact, the railway line of the Worlds first public railway to use steam locomotives in 1825, ran by the side of the current yard. This railway celebrated its 200th anniversary last year. Northern Metal Recycling Ltd, owned by Jordan Bell, was incorporated only 7 years ago in 2019 and has expanded greatly from small beginnings to its current size of more than 30,000 m² of surface area and 23 employees. It is now reportedly the largest independent metal recycler in the Northeast of England.

The KOLOSS 1450 at the Heart of Production

Northern Metal Recycling have their own transport fleet and take on demolition projects, making use of their large mobile shear for this work. Their core business is processing scrap metal,

both ferrous and nonferrous. The new KOLOSS 1450 is the heartbeat of the yard shearing heavy oversize, HMS 1&2, demolition scrap, and baling a few cars. With an overall production of 300,000 tonnes per annum through this and their other newly opened yard in Blaydon, Newcastle-Up-On Tyne, the machine is working to its full capacity.

Most of this material is either exported via container or through their deep sea-port facility which can handle ships of 80,000 metric tonnes capacity.

Their latest LEFORT® machine was selected for its speed, strength, production output, power, and quick availability of spare parts.

A loyal customer their fleet has included many of LEFORT®'s models: LEFORT® TRAX 600, LEFORT® Medium 850, LEFORT® KONKEROR 600, LEFORT® KOLOSS 1000 and now the LEFORT® KOLOSS 1450.

The LEFORT® KOLOSS 1450 has 1450T cutting force, 2 x 600HP Scania V8 diesel engines, 90T shear head, 8 meter

length box, loading hopper and very high production. This has replaced a LEFORT® KOLOSS 1000 TS which has provided excellent service, but the continued growth at the yard, demanded the need for a larger shear, not long after the KOLOSS 1000 was installed.

Output: The Main Feature

Jordan is very pleased with the install and the machine itself, but the main feature is the output. Whilst the yard is extremely busy, Jordan comments: *"The machine is able to cut large and tough items with ease and its speed, depth of box and the compacting forces of the lids, all help to massively to improve the output, this means that we are able to have our product ready to sell much quicker than previously."*

The machine takes pride of place at the top of the yard and stands out well with its specially selected coloured lids and hopper and will be shearing and baling away for a good many years to come.

The future is bright for Northern Metal Recycling as they continue to find new markets to buy from and sell to. Jordan is always looking to move the business forward and it would be no surprise to see the growth continue, especially with the help of the new KOLOSS 1450 and the backup of LEFORT®.

#News in Brief



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IMR / A NEW LIDEX 1300

The German company Innovative Metal Recycling GmbH (IMR) specialises in the recycling of steel, stainless steel and non-ferrous metals. IMR recycles up to 500,000 tonnes of metals per year. Its new LIDEX 1300, installed at its Krefeld site, is used to shear steel and stainless-steel products, supplying steel mills, rolling mills and foundries worldwide with homogeneous grades of metal.



02

TEHNOMET / A KONKEROR 650 IN GREECE

A KONKEROR 650 has been commissioned at the site of Greek recycling company TEHNOMET in Schimatari. Equipped with a 6-metre box, a 132-kW electric motor and two 240-tonne press wings, the machine also features the Tropical Package, allowing it to operate in temperatures of up to +45°C. This project was supported by our distributor BTC, which has been responsible for the sales and after-sales service of LEFORT® equipment throughout Greece for many years.



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SD METAL / A SECOND LIDEX IN TAIWAN

Following the delivery to customer Feng Hsin, LEFORT® has commissioned a second 1,300-tonne LIDEX shear baler in Taiwan, this time at SD Metal Enterprise Co., Ltd. Based in Kaohsiung, the company specializes in the processing and recycling of scrap and metals, particularly for the supply of steel mills. With these two new references, LEFORT® further strengthens its position as a key partner for the steel industry in Taiwan, with the support of Steve Yang, Sales Manager of CHENG HO HSING, exclusive distributor in Taiwan.



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AER ENERGIPOLE / HEADING TO THE CARIBBEAN

AER – Antilles Environnement Recyclage, a subsidiary of Energipole based in Guadeloupe, has confirmed the purchase of a LEFORT® TRAX 650 shear baler. The site processes nearly 20,000 tonnes of waste per year and employs around 65 people. The new 650-tonne machine will soon reinforce its processing and recovery capabilities.



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LEFORT® / AFTER-SALES SERVICE TEAM EXPANDS

LEFORT® is continuing to strengthen its after-sales service team, with Alexandre Perot dedicated to Italy and Jean Carré responsible for German-speaking countries. We wish them every success in their new strategic roles!



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ORANO- LEFORT® / A PARTNER FOR THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

Orano, the French industrial group specialising in the nuclear fuel cycle, has acquired a 2,000-tonne LIDEX shear baler, the most powerful machine in LEFORT®'s range in terms of side compression. Designed for the safe compaction and shearing of metal waste generated during the decommissioning of the historic enrichment plants at the TRICASTIN site in France, this new installation demonstrates LEFORT®'s engineering expertise in highly specialised industries such as the nuclear sector.



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