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The JCB JS200 tracked excavators which are being donated to the relief effort in Pakistan. The machines are pictured at the JCB Asia Pacific Offices in Singapore prior to shipping.

Caption: Reference to the Tsunami disaster a JCB backhoe loader is put to work in Tamil Nadu, India. The machine was part of a £1 million donation of JCB equipment to the affected region earlier this year.

JCB DONATES OVER £500,000 OF MACHINES TO HELP IN ASIAN DISASTER AREA

JCB joined the global relief effort in India and Pakistan by donating over £500,000 (US 889,000) worth of machines. Four large 20-tonne excavators will be used by the military in earthquake-torn Pakistan, and two JCB backhoe loaders will be donated to help the rescue and clearing work in India.

The tracked excavators are designed for arduous quarrying and demolition work and will be used by the Pakistan Army to clear roads and begin the clearance of collapsed buildings. The machines will be supported by JCB's Pakistan dealer, Blackwood Hodge, based in Karachi. In India, JCB is working in conjunction with Oxfam which is playing a leading role in the disaster relief effort.

JCB has a history of donating construction equipment to grief stricken areas of the world. The company donated over £1 million of machines to the Tsunami disaster - JCB machines were employed in Southern India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. It also helped in 1999 with the earthquake disaster in Turkey.

Sir Anthony Bamford, Chairman, JCB Group said: "We have a duty to help the people of Pakistan and India who have suffered so severely in this earthquake. I hope the machines can be used quickly to help start rebuilding people's lives."

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