

New Holland B100C Backhoe Loader for Cutting Marble

A new star is making its debut in the marble quarry sector: a **New Holland Construction B100C** backhoe loader has been equipped with a support arm and chain cutter, mounted in place of the traditional backhoe that offers a new ingenious and simple method for cutting blocks of marble, which is both fast and efficient. The B100C was fitted with a chain cutter (CST 965) developed by **Benetti Macchine SpA**, who are based in Carrara and specialize in supplying marble-cutting machines. They worked in close collaboration with the New Holland Construction Engineering division in Lecce, which has the capability to produce bespoke machines, based on requests from its customers, for niche sectors. Fitting a backhoe loader with a chain cutter is an alternative to diamond wire cutting machines, normally used to cut large blocks of marble (or "bench walls"). However, the New Holland solution offers greater safety and a considerable reduction in working time. Diamond wire cutting machines do not move autonomously, but must be positioned on tracks that run next to the blocks to be cut. This op-



The NHC backhoe cutting marble

eration lengthens working time considerably. The New Holland Construction backhoe loader, however, is able to move up to the marble blocks autonomously and square them up, to allow them to then be transported by truck to the facilities dedicated to transforming them into slabs. ■

1st Whirlpool Bathtub in Marble or Natural Stone

Neutra introduces HYDROWELL the first whirlpool bathtub made from a single block of marble. It is the first company worldwide capable of combining the technical and mechanical requirements of a multi-



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function bathtub with the ambition of exclusively utilizing marble or natural stone. A testimony of Neutra's attention to everything related to quality of life and the definition of design furnishings, the all-marble or natural stone HYDROWELL whirlpool bathtub is an expression of Neutra's ability to design and create increasingly complex and unique products. Therefore it is designed to perfectly fit in private residential environments as well as in facilities aiming to provide the highest level of comfort to guests relaxing in a hotel or spa. A result of Neutra's Research and Development office, HYDROWELL responds to a specific demand of the contract sector but is ideally suited for any bathroom environment solution.

The decision to use marble or natural stone was not made casually. Sensory and tactile benefits of stone when it comes in contact with water and the human body have always been well known. The Neutra bathtub has the prerogative of enhancing this effect if combined with a whirlpool system. The stone's capability to retain heat helps maintain the water at the desired temperature for longer than traditional whirlpool bathtubs. ■