

Merlo works with Army forces

The Merlo Training and Research Centre hosted the Italian Army's Italian Taurinense Alpine Brigade for a project recently. The activity involving the Brigade's 2nd Alpini Regiment was a practical assessment for the potential joint use of civilian and military vehicles and personnel in natural disasters, relief operations and other such instances.

The assessment looked at the feasibility of moving of 20-foot containers using Merlo off-road telehandlers. The activity

Merlo telehandlers, pictured here, were recently used by the Italian Army for training.

consisted of loading and unloading the containers and handling them in various configurations.

The initiative was also designed to test the effectiveness of transporting Merlo telehandlers inside the containers themselves, in a state that would enable them to be used immediately for lifting,

handling and excavation work.

Finally, training was carried out with rescue workers. The simulations, never carried out before, saw them abseiling from 98 feet from a platform attachment, with space for up to three rescuers at a time in full equipment.

