

## Bodangora Rock & Gravel



Top – LiuGong loader 856II owned by Dave Nolan, above – the loader in action at Bodangora Rock & Gravel, bottom – Nolan & Hodges with Don Cashen.

We recently went out to Bodangora to catch up with John Hodges and Dave Nolan of Bodangora Rock and Gravel, who recently bought a LiuGong 856II Loader, here's what they told us...

### **So, tell me a bit about yourselves...**

John tells us that "I've been involved with Wellington council for over 20 years now, but got the land a number of years ago which I and Dave are now making use of. Dave has been involved in the earthmoving industry for a number of years and has a lot of experience in machine dealings.

### **Tell me about your company...**

'Well it's actually a brand new company. Dave and I got together and started it, what happened was the land was very cheap to buy as it was a gift to me a number of years ago, I've had the land for a number of years, but it wasn't until I went into business with Dave that I discovered the full potential that my land had. We get orders off company's (largely companies that specialise in building roads) for specific materials (which my land is home to a lot of) – then we crush the rock, once at this stage, it is

ready for provision to our clients. Basically, I own the land and Dave owns the machine” says John.

### **Why did you buy LiuGong?**

“We were going to buy a second hand machine, but then discovered the LiuGong 856II Loader – Buying a brand new LiuGong is much more valuable than buying a second hand machine, I mean, why spend more money on a machine that may have 10,000 hours plus on it when I can get a LiuGong for a lot less? We just thought, ‘why not?’

“Both of us think that this Loader is a lot better than any other Chinese machine we’ve seen, it’s much better quality,” Dave adds – “you can see that just from the welding.”

“Semco (formerly Case Equipment Sales) have provided fantastic after sales service and I have much faith in both them and our local salesman Don Cashen for the future. The back up support from LiuGong Machinery is very good.” Dave tells us that he has had one bad dealing with a Chinese machine in the past so was a bit sceptical about buying another; however he had faith in LiuGong, much to his satisfaction. “We are very happy.”

### **Are there any good/bad points that stand out in particular about your machine?**

John tells us ‘the mechanical engine bonnet is a God send, you used to have to undo everything manually, it’d be a right pain, this way saves time, effort and therefore money and also makes access to the engine VERY easy, it makes all the difference’. Then Dave went on to comment on features of the machine; ‘Beautiful welding, it really is, and there’s also really good vision from inside the cab which I find to be really spacious’.

### **Would you buy another LiuGong machine?**

John says ‘Definitely, As long as it can do the work, last through the hours and continue to perform the way it is - I think it will’. “No worries” says Dave.

