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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# The 2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi and the Centaur 8x8 World-Class, Low-Impact, Amphibious Transportation for Utilities!

The increasing demand for utilities, along with tougher environmental regulations, can make energy and utility fleet managers feel like they are being pulled apart. Nothing meets the complex back-country vehicle needs of energy companies like the 2012 ARGO lineup. ARGO's flagship model <u>ARGO 8x8 750 HDi</u> balances a low terrain impact with a high payload capability for both personnel and gear. The <u>Centaur 8x8 DT</u> has a rear platform that can be fitted with a plethora of cargo boxes, cranes or other custom equipment to make field personnel get critical work done in any terrain. All of ARGO's models have a low relative cost when compared to tracked hydrostatic vehicles or helicopters. In fact, ARGOs are the best value, extreme-terrain capable solution for any place that hydro, gas or communications work and monitoring crews need to travel. Areas inundated with temporary flooding, crisscrossed by small streams or dominated by muskeg are no match for these amphibious vehicles. And best of all, decades of experience in the most rugged places on earth help ARGO to offer machines that are low-maintenance and reliable. <u>Add to your company's bottom line by streamlining your off-road vehicle fleet with the all season ARGO!</u>

When tending to power lines or pipelines, utility crews often travel from water or snow to land, and back again. Using traditional vehicles mandates a fleet of expensive tracked vehicles or snowmobiles, UTVs and small boats. Why not address this multitude of needs with <u>amphibious ARGOs that can carry cargo and up to six passengers!</u> ARGOs deliver plenty of power safely and with excellent stability. Fully enclosed cab options will ensure that personnel can stay in the field, not on the sidelines, regardless of the environment.

For 2012, ARGOs have an endless variety of accessories for the toughest tasks your crews face. The rear spare fuel and tire carriers can be used for extended trips into the bush. The new custom-designed cargo box liner can be used to protect the vehicle from chainsaws, drill bits and other heavy, sharp tools. The ARGO and Centaur platform has endless customization options for whatever task is necessary, while still maintaining the stable center of gravity and all-terrain capability.

The heavy duty 2012 Centaur 8x8 DT comes with 3 cylinder liquid cooled 34 hp turbo diesel engine providing more power and load capacity, and features a wide range of track solutions for extreme terrain performance. The Centaur is not fully amphibious but can cross water with a fording depths of 26".



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www.ARGOutv.com E-mail: sales@ARGOutv.com 2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi - low cost solution to replace expensive hydrostatic vehicles when people and equipment transport is required

ARGO has given its marquee model, the **2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi**, the advanced features that utility fleet managers are looking for:

Lighter steering effort for all-day ease-of-use, a more powerful drive train for accomplishing the most rugged tasks, comfortable seating, massive storage space, and a more durable design to maximize utilization - getting the job done from -40C to +40C. The new **2012 ARGO 750 HDi** is fuel efficient, simple to maintain and environmentally friendly.

The patented ADMIRAL transmission takes the driving experience of the full skid steering system to a level never seen before in this price range. The all season 2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi pairs the ingenious triple-differential ADMIRAL steering transmission with a powerhouse 31-hp fuel-injected engine to create something truly unique: an all-terrain, amphibious off-roader that turns with ease in high gear, while maintaining its amazing on-the-spot maneuverability in low gear. For 2012, ARGO is introducing a new high torque alternative allowing the operator to improve performance and mobility in extremely difficult terrain conditions.

ARGO's 2012 models continue to benefit users with a quiet muffler and improved engine compartment cooling. For more comfort, all liquid cooled 8x8 ARGO models can be equipped with optional suspension seats and a convenient entry step.

## Your Work Crews Will Never Say "We Can't Get There" Again!

This remarkable vehicle is packed with a suite of premium features not found anywhere else, including the ARGO's unique 25" off-road amphibious tire, providing greater ride comfort, all-terrain traction and propulsion over water. Large triple-sealed outer bearings and heavy-duty axles enhance durability and life expectancy in demanding off-road conditions.

The overall result: a superior amphibious UTV for up to 6 passengers that is simply in a different league. The 2012 models reflect ARGOs continued advancements in steering efficiency, low maintenance and ergonomic design.

For 2012 there is wide selection of ARGO models: ARGO 8x8 750 HDi Special Edition, ARGO 8x8 700 HD, ARGO 6x6 650 HD, ARGO 8x8 700 HD EU, with road approval for Europe as well as the entry model ARGO 8x8 Frontier 650 providing great value at the most attractive price.

All 2012 ARGO vehicles are available in tundra, yellow, blue, black, and red. In addition, ARGO is introducing an advanced environmentally friendly Gardobond® metal coating process providing significantly improved performance and durability without containing any hazardous heavy metals. In summary, ARGO's new 2012 HD Series are a quantum leap in all-terrain extreme versatility, performance, comfort, power and ruggedness that needs to be experienced.



## Amphibious UTV

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The ARGO product line is designed for utility construction and maintenance, resource exploration, mining, the public sector as well as agriculture and forestry. This versatile all-season workhorse can be equipped with optional accessories such as rubber tracks, convertible top, receiver winch, windshield, bilge pump, and a lot more.

Engineered and produced continuously since 1967, every ARGO is backed by decades of unrivaled experience in the design and manufacturing of off-road vehicles. Today, ARGO is the world's leading manufacturer of lightweight amphibious vehicles and innovative off-road platforms.

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