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Local firm reconditions heavy equipment, ships to Russia

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National Equipment shipped a reconditioned Caterpillar Dozer to Russia this week.

The \$240,000 reconditioned earth-moving equipment left Jacksonville's Blount Island terminal Tuesday bound for Amur Machinery in Vladivostok, Russia, said Ed Kostenski, National Equipment president.

"We've never shipped anything to Russia in our 18 years of existence," he said. "This will probably lead to more orders [from that company.]"

The equipment will take a month and a half to get to its destination, he said. "Then it takes two weeks to drive across the ice," Kostenski said. "And the ice thaws at the end of the March."

The unit was reconditioned at National Equipment's shop on New Kings Road.

"These things sell for \$950,000 new," he said.