

Spierings restructures

Five companies within Spierings Holding, owner of Spierings Kranen the Dutch-based mobile self erecting crane manufacturer, have been placed into administration, following a court hearing in mid June. The court agreed on the bankruptcy of the companies while Spierings Kranen will remain in business, although it is shedding a large number of its 140 employees. Production, sales and product support will continue, with particular focus on the current

order book, new sales and product support for the company's 700 plus crane population.

Spierings laid-off 17 people last year but the cutbacks were not sufficient to carry the group through the current market slowdown. It has recently been working on a radical new model, the 'City Boy' for which the company has already booked 10 orders. Owner Leo Spierings, who founded the company in 1987, said: "I am very disappointed to have had



Spierings unveiled the City Boy at Bauma

to initiate such a severe restructuring of the business and particularly upset over the staff losses, but I am optimistic that we will be able to re-employ most of them once the market returns to health."

New Haulotte telehandler range

French-based aerial lift and telehandler manufacturer Haulotte has announced a new three model range of 10 metre/4,000kg telehandlers which include the HTL 3210, HTL3510 and HTL4010 with maximum lift capacities of 3,200, 3,500 and 4,000kg respectively. They join the company's existing four model range which offers lift heights of 14 and 17 metres and includes the recently added HTL3614 and HTL3617PRO with standard frame levelling to the existing HTL4014 and 4017 models.

The new 10 metre models are 2.26 metres wide with an overall length of 4.96 metres and stabilisers that set up within the overall width of the machine. Overall height is 2.42 metres (2.38 metres on the 3210). Maximum forward reach is a healthy 7.2 metres with up to 1,200kg capacity at full extension.

All three models feature hydrostatic transmission and full proportional joystick controls as standard. The company says that the new boom design helps improve the visibility to the right hand side of the machine while leaving space

for good access for routine maintenance as well as permitting the fitting of a wide cab at just under a metre.



The HTL4010 is top of the new range

The HTL 4010 and 3210 are equipped with stabilisers as standard, while the HTL 3510 has plus and minus 10 degrees of frame levelling as standard.

The specifications for the three models are:

HTL 4010 - with stabilisers

4,000 kg maximum lifting capacity

1,200 kg at maximum reach

GVW - not given

HTL 3210 - with stabilisers

3,200 kg maximum lifting capacity

850 kg at maximum reach

GVW 7,850kg

HTL 3510 - with frame levelling

3,500 kg maximum lifting capacity

500 kg at maximum reach

GVW 8,500kg

While not introducing any major breakthroughs in design, the new models offer a strong performance combination for those who do not require more than 10 metres of lift height in a package that is relatively compact.



The HTL3510 features frame levelling in place of stabilisers

Potain spigot alert

Manitowoc/Potain has issued a service bulletin and warning regarding a batch of sub-standard tower spigots on its K600 and K800 tower sections. The bulletin has also been referenced by a UK HSE warning notice.

The bulletin follows two catastrophic spigot failures, one in Chicago in February 2009 and a more recent one in London. In both cases the remaining spigots held the crane in place while emergency steps were taken to secure it. The tower crane tops were righted and supported with a mobile crane in London and jacks in Chicago, while the

parted sections were welded and braced, allowing for a normal disassembly. The failure, which starts as a small crack, is thought to be due to inadequate heat treatment.

Whilst investigations continue, all spigots manufactured between 1st November 2006 and 28th February 2007



A Potain K600/800 spigot.

are suspected of being substandard and subject to replacement. Manitowoc Crane Care says that the K600 and K800 series mast sections are only used on its MD, MDT and MR series cranes. Each tower section has a unique PIN /identification number. A full copy of the bulletin can be found on www.vertical.net June 25th.



A Potain MD model

New equity partner for Weldex

NVM has sold its investment in UK-based crawler crane company Weldex to Dunedin private equity in a deal that values the company at £100 million.

The secondary buy-out leaves owner and chief executive Dougie McGilvray 'at the helm' and continuing to expand the business. McGilvray founded Weldex in 1979 and has built it into the UK's largest crawler crane rental company employing 102 at its two locations in Inverness, Scotland and Alfreton, England.

Mark Ligertwood, who led the buy-out for Dunedin joins the Weldex board said: "We have tracked the progress of this business for a considerable time and have been impressed at the way it has continued to grow through the recession. It is extremely well positioned to play a vital role in the construction of new offshore wind capacity."

McGilvray, added: "We have a strong order book and good visibility on forward orders for the larger cranes, particularly those being used in the renewable energy and power plant sectors for which demand is expected to increase in the UK. Our headquarters remain in Inverness and the McGilvray family remain fully involved in the day to day running of the business."

Vertikal Days edges up

The fourth Vertikal Days event at Haydock Park near Manchester attracted 1,133 named visitors in mid June, up just a percentage point on 2009. The weather held up and the conferences at the show were generally well attended. The first day attendance was substantially up on the first day last year with 796 registered while the second days was quieter at 337 – although a number of visitors returned from day one swelling the numbers.

Unlike most shows Vertikal Days only attracts volume users and buyer of aerial lifts, cranes and telehandlers. This year a larger percentage of the UK and Ireland's crane and access rental companies attended with a number of them getting out their cheque books and buying. If you missed it this year turn to page 47 to get a feel from our photo review.



A Weldex crane on a plant dismantling job in the UK



UK-based crane, access and telehandler rental company Hewden has relocated its headquarters to its Manchester's Trafford House building, creating 45 new head office jobs in areas such as finance, credit control, payroll and administration.

The move follows the sale of the company by previous owner Finning International, to private equity firm Sun European Partners and the resulting separation of 'back room' activities. Hewden's managing director Kevin Parkes said: "Our finance and administration teams have scooped a number of industry awards this year, add to this the backing of our new owner and we are establishing ourselves as a successful and growing employer in the region."

New mobile crane 'best practice guide'

The CPA has launched its best practice guide for the 'Maintenance, Inspection and Thorough Examination of Mobile Cranes' which has been endorsed by all major relevant associations including the HSE. The document which was put out for comment last October is now available to download from the CPA website (www.cpa.uk.net) and consists of two main parts - Maintenance and Inspection and Thorough Examination of mobile cranes.

The law relating to cranes is clear and includes requirements for them to be inspected, examined and maintained to ensure they do not present a risk. However, investigations into recent accidents have shown that enhanced standards of maintenance and thorough examination could have reduced the chance of death or injury.

This 'best practice guide' therefore aims to clarify the practical elements of maintenance, inspection and thorough examination and it is hoped that companies will now follow this guide in preference to the four year test - that dates back to 1961 – which requires a 25 percent overload lift.

"We need to publicise this new best practice guide so that it is followed by the crane companies and is recognised by clients instead of the old four year test," said the CPA's Colin Wood.



New investor for Midland Access

Leicestershire, UK, based Midland Access Platforms has appointed Simon Tysoe as a director after he became an equity partner in the business. Tysoe has owned and managed Tysoe Installations, a cold room specialist, for the past 28 years, but joined Midland to assist with setting up the company's future strategic initiatives.

Steve Beynon who has owned and managed Midland for the past 11 years, said: "Midland is ready to move on as a company in terms of its growth and abilities. We've recently begun to expand our fleet with the addition of 10 scissor lifts from Genie and have plans to buy further equipment in the coming months."



Genie opens European logistics operation

Genie's new European operation in Roosendaal, Holland, is now fully functional, centralising its equipment inventory and consolidating and streamlining parts operations previously located in France, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Italy, Dubai and the UK.

A recent open day gave dealers and customers the chance to view the new 5,000 square metre parts facility as well as the 750 square metre administration and PDI area and 12,000 square metre machine storage yard.



The Roosendaal facility in the Netherlands

"This facility is a visible sign of our commitment to serving the European market and is a major restructuring of the business," said Matt Fearon, vice president, Genie Europe. "The goal is that when the growth starts, hopefully next year, we will have enough capacity to deal with it." Genie has maintained its local technical service and training capabilities around Europe. "We can pick parts from here in Roosendaal, but we did not want to lose the technical expertise in each country," he said.

In the UK Genie has appointed Independent Parts & Service (IPS) to support its UK/Irish parts efforts. Customers have the choice of ordering parts directly from Genie in Roosendaal or from IPS as a local alternative. IPS has stocked Genie parts for the last 10 years. The aim is to provide Genie customers with an additional local parts availability for same day delivery or collection and reduced shipping costs.

Auction breaks crane record

Auctioneer Ritchie Bros has broken its record for the highest value equipment item ever sold at its recent Denver auction. The record once again falls to a Manitowoc crane, with \$2.5 million bid for a 2006 Manitowoc 16000 440-ton crawler crane purchased by a buyer from California. The previous record was \$1.75 million for an unused one year old, 220 ton Manitowoc 14000, sold in October last year. The record busting buyer also purchased the highest priced Rough Terrain crane in the auction, a 2007 130-ton Grove RT9130E for \$675,000. More than 1,900 registered bidders from 32 countries, competed for 1,400 pieces of equipment, trucks and cranes at the sale.

ALE expands further

Global heavy transport and lifting company ALE is making a substantial investment to its crane fleet including adding a second 4,300 tonne AL.SK190 which it claims is the world's largest land-based crane, with a load moment of 190,000 tonne/metres.



ALE is adding a second 4,300 tonne capacity AL.SK190 to its fleet

The crane will be completed in the second half of 2011. The company has also built a new 650 tonne heavy duty skid-shoe for the load-out and load-in of offshore modules, as well as the installation of bridge decks, container cranes and other heavy loads. Its first job this summer is loading-out a 20,000 tonne topside in Korea.

The new investment brings ALE's hydraulic skidding capacity to more than 70,000 tonnes and total skidding capacity to over 150,000 tonnes. The company has also ordered a new-build barge, the ALE 300, to complement its smaller class 250 barge working in the Middle East.

1,250 tonne crawler from Fuwa

Chinese manufacturer Fuwa Heavy Industry has launched its new 1,250 tonne QUY1250 crawler crane with a 125 percent overload test (1,560 tonnes) in front of potential customers, distributors and officials of China's Liaoning Province.

The new crane can be seen at Bauma China later in the year. The QUY1250 - powered by a 641kW Cummins engine and Rexroth hydraulic system - is rated at 1,250 tonnes at eight metres radius with the main boom in super lift configuration. Maximum height configuration is 96 metres of main boom plus 108 metres luffing jib.

Fuwa is currently working on another new model to slot in between the QUY1250 and the QUY 500. With increasing domestic and export sales, the company is expanding its manufacturing facilities, currently adding a new factory near Shenyang.



The new Fuwa QUY1250

Manitex acquires CVS Ferrari



Manitex International, the boom truck, Rough Terrain crane and RT forklift manufacturer has taken over the running of CVS Ferrari, the Italian-based reach stacker manufacturer. The deal follows CVS Ferrari's entry into administration and is not a full acquisition at this stage. Manitex has established an Italian company - CVS Ferrari SRL which has agreed to rent and operate the business for up to two years with an option to purchase once the Italian insolvency process, 'Concordato Preventivo' is concluded.

Lampson cited for 2008 accident

US-based crane rental company and manufacturer Lampson, has been cited by federal regulators for an accident in which a 1,100 ton Transilift crane collapsed at the Black Thunder Mine, Wyoming in 2008 injuring three men.

The report by the Mine Safety and Health Administration said the foundation the crane was travelling on was uneven and saturated by rain. The soil gave way under the machine's weight resulting in a side loading that caused its collapse. The crane was lifting and moving a 250 ton, 70 metre long section of conveyor support tubing at the time. The citation could result in a fine of up to \$70,000.

The large tube can that it was lifting can be seen on the left.



Jonathan Till of GT Access, with the first of a number of Height Rider 21 Hybrid platforms

GT adds Hybrids

UK-based GT Access has taken delivery of its First Niftylift HR21 Hybrid - part of a large order for new Niftylift machines. GT Access owner Jonathan Till said: "These machines not only have the unique SiOPS operator protection system but also hybrid power. I am convinced I will be able to achieve a better return by offering equipment with a lower carbon footprint. It is also substantially lighter than other 70ft booms."

CTE restructures

Italian truck mount and spider lift manufacturer CTE has announced a major restructuring of its operations and a sale and lease back of its headquarters premises. The group's entire product support and customer service operation will now be centralised at its Rovereto plant, with a call centre staffed by engineers. The company is also adding mobile service vans and appointing authorised workshops across Northern Italy to replace its own service depots in Dolo and S. Giuliano which are closing. Sales and marketing functions will also be located in Rovereto, while the engineering department for all CTE owned brands, including CTE, Effer and Bizzocchi, will be centralised at its Bertinoro site. As part of the restructuring and leaseback arrangement, the company has announced a €3.5 million injection of additional capital into CTE SpA and Effer SpA, the two main operating companies within the Group.

Ashtead cranks up capex

Ashtead, owner of Sunbelt in the USA and A-Plant in the UK has released its full year results and announced that it is stepping up its investment in new equipment.

Total group revenues were down 25 percent to £836.8 million for the year and three percent in the fourth quarter at £210 million. Sunbelt revenues dropped 25 percent to \$1 billion, while A-Plant fell 13 percent to £162 million, both remained profitable at the operating level. Ashtead says that it is increasing its capital expenditure this year from £63 million to £225 million - more if the market shows stronger signs of recovery. The average age of the group's fleet was 44 months at the end of March, compared to 35 months last year.

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New UK oriented Zoomlion

Chinese crane manufacturer Zoomlion has developed a new 35 tonne truck crane for the European market in partnership with its UK-based distributor Crowland Cranes.

The new QY30V-1 has completed its final 10 day operational tests in China, under the watchful eye of Crowland's Peter Issit and has now shipped.



The new 35 tonne Zoomlion QY30V

Further testing will be carried out in the UK as well as giving potential customers time to put the crane through its paces. The 35 tonne rating is at 2.5 metres radius and it can take 1,100kg to 28 metres. It also boasts a full power 40 metre main boom, plus eight metre underslung fly jib, with three offset positions. The new model is the first of three new truck crane developments, with new 55 tonne and 70 tonne revisions due out by the end of the year. Zoomlion is also preparing to ship its new 80 tonne QUY80 crawler crane.

Tanfield extends sale option

Tanfield, owner of Snorkel aerial work platforms has extended the exclusivity period for the sale of its Smiths electric vehicle business to Smith Electric Vehicles US (SEVUS) in a deal worth up to £70 million, buy a further 60 days.



The 12.5m Ascendant A12.5VM on a transit van

Smart Ascendant

UK-based self drive vehicle mounted lift specialist Smart Platform Rental has purchased its first Ascendant - an A12.5VM van mounted lift on a 3.5 tonne Ford Transit chassis.

Smart Platform spokesman Guy Willett said that the company was impressed with the simplicity of the design, operation and maintenance of the Ascendant unit together with its excellent unladen weight which provides a payload of 450kg. The order was placed at this year's Vertical Days where the company also ordered its first Land-Rover based lift, a 14 metre Socage 314 from Kettering-based Cumberland Industries.

Fire destroys Tinsley facility

A massive fire has destroyed the premises of Stockton-on-Tees based Tinsley, the UK-based manufacturer of special trailers for the crane industry. A fire broke out at a neighbour's facility and quickly spread to the Tinsley offices. Tinsley not only builds counterweight and boom trailers with built-in fall protection systems, but also manufacturers replacement body panels and serves the crane and aerial lift industries with blasting and painting services, crane repairs, rebuilds and servicing.

New telehandler hoist

Bobcat has launched a new range of hydraulic hoists and jib extensions for its telehandler range which meet or exceed the latest ISO 430 1-1 classification T4, L2, M4. The boom nose mounted hoists are rated to 3.5 or 4.0 tonnes and 600 and 1,000 kg when combined with a four metre extension.

The company says that the new attachments are designed for applications in construction, general industry and maintenance combining the functions of a crane with the site mobility and versatility of a telehandler. The hoists have a usable 24 metres of 12mm wire rope and offer a maximum speed of 21.5 metres per minute. Correct rope winding is ensured by a spring tensioned roller, small rake angle with guide pulley and a grooved drum (complying with EN-14492-2). The extra wide block prevents lines from twisting. The hoists are available as both factory and dealer installed options.



HAB moves on the UK

H.A.B - the German-based boom and scissor lift manufacturer - has appointed Ascendant Access as its distributor for the UK and Ireland. The announcement was made at last month's Vertikal Days where Ascendant displayed a 15 metre, 1.2 metre wide H.A.B S152-12EWD electric powered scissor lift. The agreement with H.A.B is the first dealership arrangement that Ascendant has concluded and is intended to supplement and expand its product range in the UK.



The H.A.B scissor lift on the Ascendant stand.

Loxam adds Haulotte

Loxam UK has purchased 20 new 33ft/10m platform height Haulotte Compact 12DX diesel scissors. The machines - supplied in Loxam colours and fitted with 3.6 kVA generators - have already been delivered to Loxam depots across the UK.

Darrel Voce, Loxam UK's technical manager said: "We needed more diesel scissors to meet the increasing demand from the construction market for a machine that is suitable for use on more compact sites with less space between buildings. The Haulotte diesel scissor is ideal for this application because of its small footprint."



(L-R) Darrel Voce, technical manager Loxam UK, Shayne Wright, general manager Haulotte UK, Brian Stead, managing director Loxam UK



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Rami acquires in Czech Republic

Finnish-based international rental company Ramirent has acquired the staff, machinery and equipment rental business of NTC Stavební Technika in the Czech Republic. Founded in 1991 NTC gives Rami three additional locations in Hradec Králove, Pardubice and Ceska Skalice, along with seven employees. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Another name change for the Rowes

We reported back in February on the latest company in the Rowe family of Prime Serve Solutions (PSS) notoriety - Brandon Lifting Services. This has now undergone a name change to Brand 1Solutions Ltd - same company and same director, Paula Jane Rowe, Lee Rowe's wife.

The Rowes most recent company prior to Brandon/Brand 1 - PSS (LT) Ltd - is still trading, or at least still exists, although it appears to have left a string of disputed debts with activity reportedly having been switched to Brandon Lifting Services/Brand 1 Solutions.

Swiss lift

The first lift for Swiss rental company Senn's new 1,200 tonne Liebherr LTM11200-9.1 All Terrain crane was carried out in last month at a wind farm in the Jura mountains. The contract involved installing eight Vestas 2MW wind turbines on Mont Crosin - a perfect task for a big telescopic.

With hub heights of 85 metres the crane needed to lift 80 tonnes to a hook height of 113 metres. The LTM 11200-9.1 was rigged with 182 tonnes of ballast, 52 metres of telescopic boom and Y-guying system, a 20 metre lattice extension and 48 metre luffing jib.

Senn co-owner Jörg Senn said: "It only took a few days for us to be able to do what we wanted with the crane. It can be set up and dismantled very quickly and even with these systems it still had lifting power in reserve. The crane only needs a small area to be assembled and erected, and that is particularly important in areas such as here in the Jura where nature can be extremely sensitive".



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York Crane adds 40 tonner



(L-R) Thomas Schramm of Tadano Faun, Brian Crisp of UK cranes, Chuck Richardson and Margaret Jordon of York Crane and Satoru Oyashiki of Tadano Faun.

York Crane Hire of Helmsley, North Yorkshire, UK has ordered an additional 40 tonne Tadano Faun ATF 40G-2. Directors Chuck Richardson and Margaret Jordon agreed the final details of the deal with distributor UK Cranes at last month's Vertikal Days. "The 40G - 2 is without question a drivers' crane and as such the best on the market," said Richardson.

New Ruthmann CEO



Rolf Kulawik is the new CEO of Ruthmann

Rolf Kulawik has been appointed as chief executive of German truck mounted lift manufacturer Ruthmann, following the departure of owner Heinrich Winkelmann and Heinz-Jürgen Buss to head up the €400 million Winkelmann Group, following the death of Winkelmann's father in May. Kulawik will be supported by Uwe Stapper and Uwe Strotmann, with the three forming a senior management team. Kulawik moved to Ruthmann from Wumag in July 2009 as head of worldwide service operations. Winkelmann and Buss remain Ruthmann shareholders.

Caterpillar dealer in receivership

Billy O'Riordan was appointed in June as receiver for Ireland's Caterpillar distributor McCormick Macnaughton and McCormick Macnaughton Power Services. The company has branches in Lisburn and Cork as well as a recently-built head office complex in Rathcoole, Dublin, where it developed large amounts of office and industrial space as the property market turned, contributing to its financial troubles.

First CAP for Highway Plant

Belfast-based Highway Plant has become the first company in Ireland to be certified to provide training for the IPAF Competent Assessed Person (CAP) card. It has also gained the IPAF Rental+ quality standard.

The company which celebrates its 27th anniversary later this year joined IPAF in 1984 and has been a training centre since 2001.

Director Julie Houston Smyth who recently became the first female to be appointed to the IPAF council, said: "As a family business we have worked very hard to educate powered access users and promote safety. We are very proud to have achieved the Rental+ accreditation and look forward to training people for the CAP card."



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• **Frank Scarborough** previously with Snorkel, Grove and UpRight died suddenly Wednesday July 7th.



Frank Scarborough

• **Andy Fraser**, managing director of Finning UK is moving to vice president Finning power systems and global business development.

• **Neil Dickinson**, currently director construction for Finning UK will take over from Andy Fraser as managing director.

• **JLG's** Nordic and Baltic distributors have discussed a combined product support group at their annual meeting in Bergen, Norway.

• **Terex** says that the antitrust investigation into its activities in the crushing and screening markets has been concluded without charges.

• **Snorkel** distributor Termiser has been appointed as distributor for the **Pop-Up** range of lightweight aerial lifts.

• **JLG** has appointed **Manitowoc Poland** as its industrial distributor.

• **Pop-Up Products** has appointed **Leach Lewis** as its new distributor for Southern England.

• Crane veteran **Sid Slater** of RH Neal, Coles Cranes, Grove and Krupp passed away after a long illness on June 18th.



Sid Slater

• **Skyjack** parent, **Linamar** has acquired most of the shares in **Linamar Hungary** that it did not already own.

• **Bobcat** is adding 100 hourly jobs at its Gwinner facility in North Dakota as business improves.

• Las Vegas-based **Ahern Rentals** has engaged **Oppenheimer & Co** to review various financing alternatives.

• **Compact Lifting Equipment** of the UK has won a three year supply agreement with Howdens Joinery.

• **Industrial Access Systems** of Glasgow has purchased the first **Multitel SMX 225** spider lift in the UK.



Lee Robertson

• **Scotia Plant** of Coatbridge, Scotland, has appointed **Lee Robertson** as its new general manager.

• **Sennebogen** has appointed **Pace Cranes** as its distributor in Australia and New Zealand.

• Australian **Boom Logistics** has dismissed an informal takeover bid from **Archer/McAleese**

• **Andries Schouten** has been appointed as managing director of Dutch crane and access company **HDW**.

• **Ramirent** has appointed **Dino Leistenschneider** as director group sourcing and member of the group management team.

• **Colin Bond** - worldwide events manager at **JCB** and well known international demonstrator - has retired after 41 years.

• **Hewden** has supplied 50 telehandlers to support the Deloitte Ride Across Britain charity event.

• **Snorkel** has appointed **Comingersoll** as its new distributor for Portugal.

• **Cramo** has acquired two equipment locations from Finnish contracting group **Lemminkäinen**.

• Turkish crane and access rental company **Istanbul Vinc & Platform** has taken delivery of a 70 metre **Palfinger-Wumag WT700**, the largest lift in Turkey.

• **Lavendon** has reported an improvement in market conditions in spite of a 10 percent fall in first half revenues.

• **Manitou** has postponed any discussion of a capital increase at its AGM and issued a positive report.

• The fifth **TABS** German language safety conference for aerial lifts attracted 110 delegates to a venue in Munich at the end of June.



• **JCB** has appointed **Michael Mohan** - previously with Jaguar Land Rover - as group engineering director.



Michael Mohan

• **Kranlyft** the master distributor for **Maeda** cranes has appointed **BelarusLift** as its first distributor in Belarus.

• **Hewden** has signed a deal with **Skanska** worth up to £2 million a year.

• **Hatz diesel** has appointed Dublin-based **Sleator Plant** as its dealer for Eire and sister company **Southern Plant** of Park Royal for the London area.

• **Access Platform Sales** has appointed **Chris Banks** as technical director and **Shane Paver** as operations director Scotland.



Chris Banks

• **ACT** of Saudi Arabia has purchased a 1,200 tonne **Liebherr LTM11200-9.1**, All Terrain crane.

• **Terex AWP/Genie** has won a four year purchasing contract from the **National Joint Powers Alliance**.

• **Cranes UK** has drawn a grand winner to its 'Test your strength' competition at Vertikal Days. Check its website to find out if it is you.

• North Carolina-based crane rental group **Buckner Companies**, is purchasing four **Liebherr LR 1600/2** crawler cranes.

• **Continental Crane** of La Miranda California has acquired the assets of **Carde Pacific** and merged the two businesses under the **Carde Pacific** brand.

• Antwerp, Belgium-based access rental company **Lauwereys** has purchased three new **GSR** truck mounted lifts.

• **Palfinger** North America has hired **Greg Sneek** as crane product manager, based in Niagara Falls, Canada.

• UK crane veteran **Bob Wedge**, 48, of **Birmingham Crane Hire** passed away in early June, after a long battle with cancer.

• Heavy duty scissor lift manufacturer **Holland Lift** has appointed **Teupen Makina Ithalata** as its distributor for Turkey.

• California-based **King Crane Service** has moved to a larger and more modern facility in San Jose.

• **Mike Haden**, a **CITB** instructor from Birmingham passed away in mid June, sadly we have few details - "A little Irish fella, once met never forgotten."



Keith Davies

• **Keith Davies** has been appointed parts manager for **Haulotte UK**.

• **IPAF** has published three standard mastclimbing forms/templates to promote safety and best practice.

• **Genie/Terex** has appointed **Rumailah Motors** as its distributor for Qatar and **Hi-Reach Manlift (Pty)** as its distributor for Sub-Saharan Africa.

• **GE Capital** has announced that it is a co-lender for the \$175 debtor in possession credit line for **Neff Rental**.

• Heavy trailer manufacturer **Nooteboom** has appointed **Benno Hüskena** as its new CEO to take over from **Marc de Leeuw**.

• Spanish crane and access rental company **Hune** has been taken over by its major lender **Banesto**.

• Indianapolis-based aerial lift rental company **Airworx** is opening a Fort Wayne, Indiana location.

• **Haulotte** has appointed **All Canada Crane and Aerials** as a new dealer in Eastern Canada.

• **JLG** has signed a national distribution agreement with Alger-based **Fayalift** for the Algerian market.

• **Vp** - owner of UK-based telehandler rental company **UK Forks** - has reported full year revenues of £134.2 million.

• **JLG** has promoted **Scott Milligan** to vice president, customer support and aftermarket development for the Americas.



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• **PSE** has ordered a number of **MEC's** 40S Titan boom lifts and plans a major road European road show later this year.

• Dutch-based rental company **HWS**, has launched a programme to promote the use of harnesses with boom lifts.

• Australian-based **Coates Hire** has acquired the assets of **Monash Hire Group** for an undisclosed sum.

• Tennessee-based **Barnhart Crane & Rigging** has purchased the crane rental division of **Powell Companies**.

• UK crane rental company **Spence Crane Hire** has taken delivery of a new two axle **Liebherr LTM 1040-2.1** All Terrain crane.



• **Madisa** - the largest Caterpillar dealer in Mexico - will offer **JLG** lifts from its 45 locations across Mexico.

• **Australian Crane and Machinery** has appointed **Vaibhav Kale** to head its export and international sales.

• **Lavendon UK** has won a **RoSPA** Gold Award for Occupational Health and Safety.

JLG has received an \$85.7 million order for 492 more **ATLAS II** telehandlers from the **US Army**.

• **Manitowoc** has appointed **Roy V. Armes**, 57, of **Cooper Tire** and **Donald M. Condon**, 61, of **Olefin** as non executive directors taking the board to 10.

• **Harsco Infrastructure** has won a formwork and related services contract in Southern Ethiopia.

• **Arjan Roelse** has resigned as chief executive of **Platform Sales Europe** and left the business.

• **Higher Access** has opened a purpose-built training facility in Manchester.

• **Mainline Tools** and **Plant Hire** of Swadlincote in Derbyshire, UK has joined the **Access Link**.

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