

CAT and Soilmec confirm agreement



Caterpillar and Soilmec have confirmed their plan to jointly develop a range of foundation cranes. The agreement follows the launch at Bauma of the 65 tonne Soilmec SC-65 lattice boomed crawler crane which was designed and built in collaboration with CAT.

Since then the machine has gone on to complete the final phases of its field validation programme in a demanding working environment on a Trevi Group managed job site. The two partners in the project say that the cooperation leverages Soilmec's expertise in the foundation sector

with Caterpillar's ability to bring together an extensive range of world class components, systems and technologies supported on a global basis. It is planned that the new crane range will be extended to include further models with capacities of between 60 and 200

The Soilmec SC-65 is a joint venture with CAT

tonnes. They will initially be distributed via Soilmec dealers, but also made available to those Caterpillar dealers who have demand within their sales territory.

Kobelco in China move

Kobelco Cranes has announced a joint venture in China to manufacture crawler cranes. Chengdu Kobelco Cranes Co will be established this month with a ¥2 billion (€17.6 million) of capital with Kobelco owning 51 percent of the equity and local partner Sichuan Chengdu Chenggong Construction Machinery Co. holding the balance.

The joint venture will build a new 6,900 square metre plant on a 133,000 square metre site in Sichuan Province. Production at the new facility is planned to start in August 2012 and is expected to build models up to 250 tonnes capacity with annual production ramping up to 80 units a year within five years.

The new venture follows Kobelco's recently announced \$12.7 million crane production facility in Sri City Special Economic Zone in India which will build crawler cranes from 90 to 250 tonnes capacity. Kobelco claims a 17.4 percent share of the worldwide crawler crane market.



Kobelco will produce cranes up to 250 tonnes in both China and India.



Recom builds the Comedil luffing range

Terex buys into Italian crane manufacturer

Terex has acquired a 33 percent stake in Italian-based luffing jib tower crane builder Recom with the aim to make a full takeover in the longer term. Privately held Recom is based in Belluno, Italy and designs and manufactures luffing jib tower cranes that are distributed exclusively by Terex Cranes under the Comedil brand.

Recom was established in 2003 by Ferruccio Moritsch, the founder of Comedil tower cranes - now owned by Terex - to design and build luffing jib tower cranes for the worldwide market and has been selling through Terex Cranes' distribution network since 2008. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

...And takes a run at Demag Cranes

In a separate move Terex has retained Goldman Sachs to advise on a possible bid to acquire a substantial holding in Demag Cranes, the German-based overhead and Gottwald port crane manufacturer. The move follows an earlier strong rebuff by Demag of an uninvited approach from Konecranes of Finland. Terex and Demag declined to comment.

Thihatmer hands over at Teupen



Alfons Thihatmer (L) and Michael Wotschke at Bauma 2010

Alfons Thihatmer, chief executive of spider and truck mounted lift manufacturer Teupen, has announced that he will assign his current management responsibilities to Michael Wotschke and will resign from the Teupen group management board on his own initiative by the end of this year.

Thihatmer has been a managing director of Teupen since 1986 and has played a significant role in the company's development, including launching tracked aerial lift production leading to the company's current leadership in the mid to large spider lift market. He will retain an involvement with the company as a consultant and shareholder, with particular focus on the development of new products.



Specialist Crane Hire merged its operating units into a single business earlier this month and has taken delivery of a new 110 tonne Grove GMK5110-1

Specialist consolidates into single unit

The Specialist Hire Group has consolidated its crane hire operations into a single company under the Specialist Hire Group Crane Division. The business is a combination of Jardine Crane Hire (acquired 2003) Marsden Crane Hire (2004), cranes from Steelforce Bowmech and more recently Telford and Heartlands Crane Hire. More on this along with a face to face interview in our November issue.

First JCB 515-40's go to work

UK-based rental company Rocket Rentals of Dursley, Gloucestershire, has taken delivery of two of the first JCB 515-40 ultra compact telehandlers, the smallest model ever produced by the manufacturer. The two units, part of an order for six, were specified with air-conditioning, solid tyres and licensed for road use.

The first unit went straight out on a three month rental to Devizes-based contractor Gaiger Bros on a school renovation project in Warminster. The 515-40's 1.56 metre overall width allowed it to gain access through the very narrow site entrance.

Gaiger says that the alternative would have been to have used a high-masted forklift for handling the materials in its compound on a nearby sports field and a compact dumper to take them through the narrow entrance to the point of construction. As a result it is delighted to have saved on the rental of a second machine and also highlighted health and safety benefits of keeping the loads palletised and avoiding the manual handling of bricks that would have been necessary with the dumper option. The 515-40 has an overall height of 1.8 metres is just 2.97 metres long and weighs less than 3.5 tonnes.

The first JCB 515-40 telehandlers have been delivered.



Spierings back in production

Arend Hardeman (L) of Hardeman Isolatie takes delivery of two new Spierings cranes from Leo Spierings.

Spierings issued an update statement in early October following the bankruptcy in June of some of the companies within the Spierings Group. The main operational companies Spierings Kranen BV and Spierings Verkoop BV were not part of the bankruptcy process, allowing the service and parts departments to remain fully operational throughout. New crane production restarted in a small way in early July and is now gathering pace. The restructuring has shrunk the business to 40 employees, although it has the same plant, tools and equipment and is based at the same location.

In July, Marcel de Jong joined the management team as general manager of Spierings Cranes, while Leo Spierings retains ownership of the company.

Speaking of de Jong's appointment, Spierings said: "For many years, Marcel de Jong managed several production companies and will focus on improving efficiency inside Spierings and increase the return on investment of the company."

The company says that it has retained all orders that were on the books as of June 15th and in August delivered the first new Spierings SK498-AT4 to Hardeman Isolatie of Kootwijkerbroek, Holland along with three fully refurbished cranes, two SK488-AT4s and an SK365-AT3.

As to when production of the new City Boy crane, shown as a prototype at Bauma, will start, Spierings said: "It is not totally clear, but the planning is well organised for an open day and a demonstration of the radical new crane at the beginning of next year." In the meantime he is looking to expand the company's distribution coverage across the whole of Europe.

The Spierings City Boy at Bauma earlier this year.



Tutt Bryant delists

Tat Hong has completed its full takeover of the Tutt Bryant Group, acquiring all of the shares in the business that it did not already own. As a result Tutt Bryant was delisted from the Australian stock market on 14th October.

Tutt Bryant is one of Australia's largest crane rental companies and owns Muswellbrook Crane Services, Bradshaw Ultra Heavy Haulage and Tutt Bryant Crane Hire. It is also big in general rental including access equipment and crane sales and distribution through EQ Hire, BT Equipment, Kingston Industries and Paramount Hire Services.

Steel covers for JLG boom lifts



The new steel covers on a JLG 860SJ

JLG is switching from composite moulded covers on its diesel boom lifts sold in the Americas to steel. The move is driven by customer requests for covers that are more rugged and easier to repair, as well as being less costly. The first units to feature the new covers are the 600S, 800S and 800A models.

European units will continue to be supplied with the more rounded composite covers unless there is a clear demand to switch. Steel cover kits can be purchased for retrofitting, should an owner wish to convert an existing machine.

Pick-up scissor lift

US-based Lift-A-Loft has introduced a new pick-up mounted scissor lift that can be removed in around 10 minutes. The TL22 has been developed for shorter jobs where speed across site or to the job is of real benefit. The 6.65 metre platform height lift features a 1.34 metre wide platform with 227kg capacity and includes a standard 900mm deck extension which provides outreach to the rear. The TL22 can be mounted in any pickup truck that has 1,250kg of payload and a 2.4 metre bed. It features a self-contained power pack that automatically re-charges from the vehicle's electrical system. The unit meets the requirements of ANSI A92.2, does not require outriggers but is not yet CE approved.



The new Lift-A-Loft TL22

210 Skyjack scissors for Boels

Dutch-based international rental company Boels has ordered 210, 19ft Skyjack SJ111 3219 micro scissor lifts. The first 126 are in the process of being delivered with the remainder scheduled for next year. The new order follows an order for 50 units last year.

Leigh Farmer returns

UK access entrepreneur Leigh Farmer is set to return to the access business with a new company, Premier Platforms Ltd, which is registered in Cannock in the Midlands. The new company will offer a range of services including new and used equipment sales, service and inspections, operator training and contract hire with possibly some short term rental. Farmer founded Higher Platforms in 1990 which was also located in Cannock, building the business into one of the Top 20 UK access rental companies with a fleet of 435 units. He sold it to Lavendon in August 2007 for £8.9 million.



Leigh Farmer

CTE introduces lithium spider

Italian truck and spider lift manufacturer CTE will show a lithium ion battery powered version of its 17 metre Traccess 170E spider lift at SAIE. The CTE T170E will offer around five hours of continuous operation and will require eight hours to completely recharge.

The bulk of the machine will be the same as the standard model, with a 17 metre working height, 7.5 metres outreach, 200kg platform capacity and overall width over the outriggers of 2.8 metres. See Why SAIE - a preview to the show on page 43 and 67.

The new CTE T170E has lithium battery power.



Olympic Park DPFs - final decision

The on-going saga over the retro-fitting of diesel particulate filters (DPFs) to cranes, telehandlers and platforms on London's Olympic Park site has finally reached a conclusion. The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) has taken the decision not to implement the requirement to retrofit DPFs to Non-Road Mobile Machinery. The decision follows a cost analysis study which concluded "that the costs and benefits of DPFs do not represent good value for money when compared with other measures".

See www.vertikal.net for more details of the study

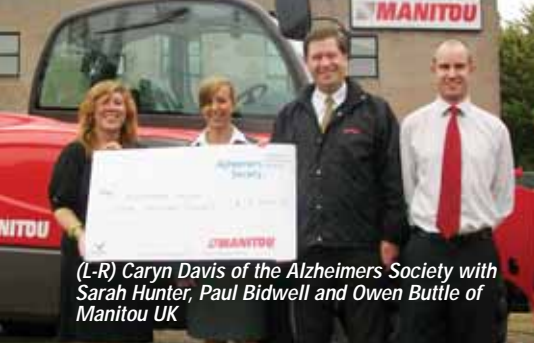
Select buys first Sennebogen

Select Plant Hire, part of the Laing O'Rourke group of companies and one of the UK's largest crane owners, has purchased a Sennebogen 683R HD telescopic crawler crane from distributor E H Hassell & Sons.

The 80 tonne Sennebogen 683R Heavy Duty has a five section 42 metre telescopic main boom plus 10 metre swingaway extension. Other features include hydraulically extendable undercarriage and second winch.

Select has purchased its first Sennebogen crane, a 683R Heavy Duty telescopic crawler.





(L-R) Caryn Davis of the Alzheimer's Society with Sarah Hunter, Paul Bidwell and Owen Buttle of Manitou UK

Manitou **c&a** news

raises funds for Alzheimer's

Manitou UK has raised £4,000 for the Alzheimer's society following a fund raising activity at a number of trade shows earlier this month. The initiative involved collecting donations in return for either a Manitou feed bucket or a 'Bag for Life' at the Royal Highland Show, Cereals and South West Grass event 2009.

Manitowoc restructures debt

Manitowoc has reached an agreement from its senior lenders for an amendment to its credit agreement that becomes effective with the pay down of term debt from the issuance of at least \$500 million of senior unsecured notes. The change will provide more flexibility and a longer maturity.

Terex seeks credit amendment

Terex is seeking an amendment to its bank credit facility to lift some of the more restrictive covenants and provide greater flexibility for the use of the proceeds from the sale of its mining business earlier this year.

New RTs from Grove

Manitowoc unveiled two new Grove Rough Terrain cranes at its Crane Expo 2010 event in Shady Grove Pennsylvania earlier this month, one of which – the 135 tonne RT9150 – we announced in our last issue. The second new model is the 59 tonne Grove RT765E-2, which will replace the highly popular RT760 of which more than 2,000 units have been sold since its launch in 2001. The RT765 maintains the overall dimensions of the RT760, including the 33.5 metre

main boom length and 62.8 metre maximum boom/extension combination, along with much of its componentry and controls. However it has a new, stronger base boom section, structural upgrades to the chassis and superstructure frame, a new telescopic cylinder, new lift cylinder, larger counterweight and most noticeable the company's brand new cab.

The RT9150 - the largest two axle Grove ever - combines the chassis of the 130 ton RT9130E with the basic superstructure of the Grove GMK5130-2 All-Terrain crane. It is said to offer substantial lift capacity improvements over the 9130, while the 60 metre Twin Lock pinned boom (a Grove RT first) is almost 12 metres longer. Maximum tip height is more than 95 metres when fitted with inserts and the hydraulically luffed bi-fold swingaway extension. The new model will come into



The RT9150 is the largest Grove two axle crane ever built



Grove RT9150 extensions

its own on large sites or plants where high reach is required and a long and complex AT chassis a disadvantage.

The cranes outriggers and counterweight can both be self-removed/ installed for transport. Both cranes are also equipped with new, quieter, cleaner Tier 4 engines for North America and Europe. Tier 3 power units are available for markets where low sulphur diesel is not yet available.



The new Grove cab



The new Grove RT765 is said to have a load chart at least five percent better than anything else in the class

Tanfield completes rights issue

Tanfield, owner of Snorkel has completed a rights issue, selling 20 million new shares to raise £1.8 million net of costs. Shareholders took up 50.4 percent of the offering, leaving the underwriters – three of the company's directors – to pick up the balance. The directors - Roy Stanley, Darren Kell and Jon Pither - have also agreed to provide a standby loan of up to £750,000 in order to cover any short term cash shortfalls.

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Spanish Days

Spain was the centre of attention for the powered access industry last month with both the Elevarte and Europlatform events held in Madrid.

Europlatform attracted more than 100 delegates to hear a wide range of speakers including ex-JLG president Craig Paylor, Carlos Fernandez Araoz of Spanish rental company Gam and Malcolm Bowers of Lifterz and the Access Link. Craig Paylor of JLG issued a number of warnings including a prediction of steep price increases for new lifts as the recession eases, the threat of Asian manufacturers buying up large access rental companies and the rising over-specification of aerial lifts. He recommended that rental companies age their equipment rather than replace it.

Elevarte

Friday 17th September saw the first Elevarte crane and access exhibition open its doors at a site on the outskirts of Madrid. The event was supported by 31 exhibitors - with all of major manufacturers represented - and follows the informal formula of Platformers Days in Germany, Vertikal Days in the UK and Verticaaldagen in Holland. more photographs from Elevarte can be found on www.vertikal.net



Exclusively Teupen

UK-based Aerial Platforms has agreed an exclusive supply deal with Teupen distributor Ranger for the purchase of Teupen spider lifts. The first three units - a Leo 15GT, a Leo 18GT and a Leo 23 GT - have already been delivered. Jason Seddon of Aerial Platforms said: "We will offer the lifts on a national basis and see major growth in this sector over the next five to 10 years." Seddon also says a Leo 30T and 40GTX have been ordered for delivery in April 2011.



Jason Seddon (R) takes delivery of a new Teupen Leo 23GT from Andy Firth of Ranger

\$40 million US Marine deal



The JLG MMV telehandler

JLG has won a \$40 million contract to supply 280 telehandlers to the US Marines. The units will be built at the company's McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania facility over the next two years.

The telehandlers - known as EBFL (extendable boom forklifts) by the marines and MMVs (Millennia Military Vehicles) in military circles - have a maximum capacity of 11,000 pounds, (5,000kg) and a lift height of 42ft/12.9 metres.



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Demountable truck mount

Italian-based aerial lift manufacturer Isoli, has recently designed and built a demountable truck mounted version of its 21 metre PNT 210J aerial lift for a customer needing the versatility of both an access platform and a flat-bed truck, complete with loader crane.

The solution uses the popular 3.5 tonne Nissan 35.11 and interchangeable platform/flat bed system allowing the customer to choose between the 21 metre working height, 10 metre outreach articulated boom lift with in-line stabilisers or the flatbed truck and loader crane.

The Italian customer says that this system has the advantage of reduced insurance and tax by using a single chassis for two purposes.



The platform de-mounts when not in use



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Richard Allsop and Georgina Lane with the Tadano

A lift to the church?

When Richard Allsop of UK-based Chris Allsop Crane Hire of Colwick, Nottingham, married Georgina Lane recently, his wedding car was far from the usual limousine. Instead he used an 80 tonne Tadano Faun ATF80-4 All Terrain crane to travel to the church although the couple used a more traditional horse and carriage once married.



A Custers span tower

Custers appoints Hy-Lift

Dutch-based access equipment manufacturer Custers Hydraulica of Venray, has appointed Mansfield, Nottinghamshire-based Hi-Lift Access as its UK dealer.

Hi-Lift - which currently offers a full range of access services including new and used equipment sales and rental focusing on Teupen spider lifts and Ruthmann truck

mounts - will start with Custers non-powered products, including folding scaffold bases, painters scaffolds up to 31 metres in length, platforms and footbridges, roof/window scaffold, roof edge protection systems, alloy span scaffold towers up to 12 metres and stairway towers.

The company also has plans to offer

Custers powered access range, including trailer and truck mounted lifts and its tracked boom for forestry work. Custers also recently announced an all electric truck/van mounted lift, the Taurus 265-12.5E.

Founded in 1901, Custers was part of SGB between 1977 and an MBO in 1995. It built its first truck mounted lift in 1962 adding scaffold products in the early 1980's.

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Positive news from Verticaaldagen

The second Verticaaldagen access, crane and telehandler event near Tilburg, Holland, attracted almost 40 exhibitors and almost 800 visitors from the Dutch crane and access rental industry, with several companies chalking up some unexpected orders for new equipment.

New products included MEC's 40ft/12.2 metre Titan 40S in Rival colours fresh from Elevarte in Spain; scissor and vertical mast lifts from Chinese manufacturer Dingli; the Guerenuk 500 glass manipulator telehandler attachment and two platforms specifically designed for tree work - a 26 metre truck mounted platform built by Custers for the City of Maastricht and the new 16 metre Mecaplus ME16SL self-propelled boom.



The impressive new 16 metre Mecaplus ME16SL demonstrated its capabilities.

Electric RT scissor lifts were also something of a theme, with the world's largest battery electric powered lift - the 34 metre Holland Lift leading the pack along with the Iteco 12180DE.

An unusual exhibit was a 1,590kg Komatsu LC08M-1 mini crane. While no longer in production the 800kg crane sported a range of impressive features for its size, including a 5.1 metre all hydraulic boom and hoist with 43 metres of cable storage.



The Komatsu LC08M-1 mini crane's tracks extend from 850 to 1,580mm while the counterweight extends hydraulically.

Chinese manufacturer Dingli had several aluminium self-propelled machines at the show on different stands and in different liveries.



A 14 metre Dingli dual mast self propelled vertical lift on the Faraone Netherlands stand.

Alp Lift which imports Airo scissors and booms has taken on the Dingli scissor lift distribution for Holland and Belgium. The two units on show - a classic 20ft narrow and 26ft/46inch model - looked impressive in terms of quality and finish and as good as any Chinese-built scissor lift we have seen to date.



The 20ft Dingli JCPT0808 and JCPT1012 narrow scissor lifts on the Alp Lift stand.

Heli demonstrated the Guerenuk 500 telehandler mounted glass manipulator. The battery powered unit is operated by remote control and features a short side shift mounted telescopic boom that luffs through almost 180 degrees, a short articulated linkage and further

control, while two rotators add a wrist action to the vacuum frame.



The Guerenuk 500 telehandler mounted glass handler on the Heli stand.

Kraan en Truck Service showed one of 18 CMC new truck mounts that it has sold to rental company Boels. The order, which follows six units that it acquired last year, includes four TB200 articulated booms, 10 PL 210/212 straight telescopics and four PL190 straight booms.



A 20 metre CMC TB200, one of 18 new truck mounts ordered by Boels

Other companies reporting sales included Aillift Michielsen which took an unexpected order for three GSR truck mounts and Eurosupply.



Ruthmann took the opportunity to launch its new TB270 and TBR200 models in Holland.



The new MEC 40S Titan Boom



Patrick Biasin, previously general manager of ATN, the French mast boom manufacturer, recently joined was Skyjack. Biasin covers the whole of France as district manager from his home base in Tonneins.



Collé had an impressive stand that included several Palfinger platforms including this P260 on a 3.5 tonne chassis.



There were several tracked mini cranes including this 17.4 metre reach, 4 tonne maximum Hoeflon C610.

100 tonne Grove for Walker

Tuxford, Nottinghamshire-based transport company Walker & Son has taken delivery of a new 100 tonne Grove GMK4100L. Founded in 1954, the company is best known for its distinctive red and cream trucks, however it also has a fleet of eight mobile cranes ranging from a 12 tonne Iron Fairy to its new 100 tonne 'flagship'.

The GMK4100L's 60 metre main boom tops the company's previous largest - Liebherr LTM1080/1 - by a full 12 metres while offering some significant increases in capacity.

"Our new crane will enable us to carry out heavier lifts and longer reaches, for work such as in power stations, collieries and petrochemical sites that we would have previously had to cross-hire," said Walker's crane hire manager, Bob Wilson.



Walkers new flagship, the Grove GMK4100L

All tired out

Canadian-based rubber track manufacturer Camoplast has acquired Luxembourg-based material handling tyre, wheel and rubber track producer Solideal. The deal should be finalised later this month.

The merged company, Camoplast Solideal Inc, will become one of the world's leading producers of industrial tyres, rubber tracks and undercarriages with a particularly strong presence in solid wheels and tyres for material handling equipment.

Solideal and Camoplast brands will continue to be managed independently. Camoplast Solideal will operate R&D and manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia, with a workforce of about 7,400 employees.

Terex wins US Marine telehandler deal

Terex has won an \$18.9 million contract to build 200 Terex TX51-19MD, 5,000 lb capacity, Light Rough Terrain Forklifts (LRTF) telehandlers for the United States Marine Corps.

The initial delivery of more than 100 units is valued at around \$9 million. The Marines first acquired the TX51-19MD LRTF, a militarised version of a commercial model in 2001 following extensive trials. The unit is designed to meet the rigorous demands of the USMC which includes fording, beach operations and helicopter transportation.

Thomas Manley, vice president, Terex government programs said: "We have been fulfilling military contracts for nearly a decade and the Corps has been one of our most loyal customers. They are demanding because of their mission and they deserve the best we can provide."



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- **Abdullah Ali Kanoo**, 83, chief executive of the Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group passed away on October 10th.



Abdullah Kanoo

- German-based **Power-Lift** is offering to make PDF files available for all old **UpRight** and **Snorkel** lifts back to 1970.
- The US crane operator certification business **NCCCO** has won its litigation against the **California Crane School**.

- French-based lifting and transport company **Dufour** has purchased a new **Kobelco CKE2500-2** crawler crane.

- Tower crane electronics company **SMIE** has confirmed **Jean-Charles Delplace** as its new managing director.



Jean-Charles Delplace

- **Caterpillar** has informed its dealers that it plans to implement a two percent price increase in January as business improves.

- **WesternOne** of Canada, is rebranding its **Volvo Rents/Deerfoot Rents** and **On Site Equipment** acquisitions and dropping the **Volvo Rents** franchise.

- **Bigge Crane and Rigging** is relocating its east coast Head Quarters to a larger facility in Richmond, Virginia.

- **Cargotec** has won two contracts to refurbish and upgrade ship-to-shore cranes at Port Klang.

- The UK's **Access Link** held its autumn meeting at the **Terex/Genie** assembly plant in Coventry in September.



The Access Link

- **GGR** held an open day at its Blantyre depot in Scotland in late September to introduce its latest lifting equipment.

- This year's **IPAF Professional Development Seminars** in the UK attracted a record number of delegates.

- **Manitowoc** has appointed **UN Maskinservice** as the dealer for **Grove** mobile cranes in Denmark.

- **Demag/Gottwald** and **REFU Elektronik** have received German government funding to explore more efficient drivetrains.

- **Dovebid** is selling 64 **Fraco** and **Scanclimber** mast climbing work platforms by auction, with final bids due by November 30th.

- **Manitowoc** has appointed **Dave Hull** as senior vice president of sales and marketing in North America.



David Hull

- **Oil States Industries** has agreed a JV with **G&T Oilfield and Offshore** to manufacture **Nautilus** cranes in India.

- West Coast USA-based **Coast Crane Company** - the crane and access sales and rental company - has filed for Chapter 11 and is looking to restructure under a new owner **Clearlake Capital Group**.

- **Mark Yarnold**, UK key account manager for **Snorkel**, completed a 2,000 mile road trip in a fully loaded articulated truck in late September.

- **Terex Cranes** has appointed **Frank Bardonaro** as managing director of **Terex Cranes** in the Americas.



Frank Bardonaro

- **Harsco** has appointed **David C. Everitt** of **Deere** and **James M. Loree** of **Stanley Black & Decker** as non-executive directors.

- **Socage** will launch a new 28 metre truck mounted lift, the **DA328** at **SAIE** in Bologna this October.

- **Asthead's** US rental operation **Sunbelt Rentals**, has opened its first branch in Oklahoma, Yukon on the outskirts of Oklahoma City.

- **Lavendon UK** is requiring all managers to take an Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (**IOSH**) course.

- **Torgny Eriksson**, a non-executive director at Finnish rental company **Ramirent**, has died aged 63.



Lavendon IOSH

- **Vp**, owner of **UK Forks** has announced the departure in November of group financial director **Mike Holt**.

- **Harsco**, the owner of **SGB, Hünnebeck** and **Patent Scaffold** - now **Harsco Infrastructure** - has completed its bond offering.

- UK-based **Generation Training Services** has added a mobile training unit to its range of access related training services.

- Rental and asset management company **Result Group** has appointed **Steve Eldred** as its new European projects director.

- **Robert G. Bohn**, chairman and chief executive of **Oshkosh**, owner of **JLG**, will retire at the end of the year. President **Charlie Szews** will take over his role.



Robert Bohn

- The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (**NCCCO**) has launched its **Rigger Level II** certification.

- UK-based **One Stop Hire** has opened a new location in Widnes, Cheshire, its largest location to date.

- Suspended platform specialist **Spider**, has appointed **Frank Roberts** as district sales representative in St Louis.

- **Scott Powerline Equipment** of Monroe, Louisiana has delivered an **Elliott 30105R** boom truck with work platform, crane and rock drill to the **American Salt Mine Company** 470 metres underground.

- **E.S. Access Platforms** has been placed in administration and it is likely that its assets will be sold off.

- **JCB** has agreed a financial settlement from one of the 'Asian' companies that it accused of copying its products at **Bauma** in April.

- **Skyjack** has sold off the spare parts rights for its straight mast RT fork truck line - previously built by **Ingersoll Rand**.

- Dutch rental company **Riwal** had its premises searched by police following a war crimes accusation.

- **Lavendon** chairman **David Hollywood**, has resigned and is succeeded by **John Standen**, the company's senior non-executive director.

- **Snorkel Deutschland** the new master distributor for Germany has sold its first units - two articulated **A46 JRT** boom lifts - to **Roggermaier Arbeitsbühnen**.

- Heavy lifting and transport company **ALE** has formed a new marine engineering and operational services division **ALE Marine Engineering**.

- UK crane specialist **Ainscough** has appointed **Julian Dyer** as heavy crane sales manager for the UK South region while **John Lewis** previously of **Venture Lifting** joins its Bristol depot.



Julian Dyer

- **Aerial Platforms** has recently moved from the **Access Link** to the **Access Alliance**.

- **Konecranes** was strongly rebuffed by **Demag Cranes** in September after making a takeover/merger approach.

- The **Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA)** has appointed three new directors to its board - **Cheryl Woodhart** of **RMB Engineering**, **Dean Short** of **Freo Group** and **Ray Brenton** of **Thiess**.

- **Kranlyft** has appointed **MiniCrane Co**, a new company within the **Sevzapkanat Group** as the new **Maeda** distributor for Russia.

- Australian-based **Stephensons Cranes** has been fined **A\$65,000** and ordered to publicise the facts of the case following a lifting accident.

- **Tat Hong** has completed its full acquisition of **Tutt Bryant** the Australian crane rental and sales company and delisted it from the **ASX**.

- UK crane hire company **Ainscough** has appointed a new marketing manager, **Victoria Tonge**, responsible for advertising, internal communications and PR.



Victoria Tonge

- A new crane operator training company **IS Training** has been established in the UK this summer, based in Preston.

- **Gerhard Flesch** of German access specialist **Flesch Arbeitsbühnen** celebrated his 70th birthday with customers and friends earlier this month.

- **JLG** has decided to pull out of **ARA/Rental show 2011** in Las Vegas citing its proximity to **Conexpo** as the reason.

- **Harsco Infrastructure**, (**SGB, Hünnebeck** and **Patent**) has opened a prototype 'super centre' location in Las Vegas.

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