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A look back at 2012

2012 was another mixed year and greatly depended on where you were based. The world economic situation remained fragile and was particularly desperate in Southern Europe. In spite of this most companies in our sector fared better in 2012 than in 2011, although there were signs of third quarter slowing in some markets with a flourish towards year end. In terms of news the year was certainly eventful - our annual review looks at the highlights from the industry and the world at large. If you are looking for more details on any story that we have included, they can all be found online at www.vertical.net - simply use our news search facility.

January Industry news

Chinese crane manufacturer **Sany** acquires German concrete pump manufacturer **Putzmeister**.

R&B spider cranes appoints **LTECH** as its dealer for Russia.

Trimble and **Manitowoc** announce collaboration agreement for the development of telematics solutions.

Manitowoc Cranes adds an international Contact Centre at its facility in Pune, India.



Boels acquires **Warmerdam** Hoogwerkers and **K-Rental** in the Netherlands and **Baurent** in Germany.

New Holland adds a six metre **Dieci**-built compact telehandler to its range.

Riwal appoints **Norty Turner** as chief executive - Dick Schalekamp moves to a strategic role.



Mecalac drops the **Ahlmann** brand name.

AltreX appoints **Pop-Up Products** as its exclusive distributor for the UK.



JLG announces that it will build its 450 and 510 AJ boom lifts in Romania.

UK based crane rental company **K-Lift** appoints a liquidator.

Linden Comansa appoints **Modern Emirates Heavy Equipment** as distributor for Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and Oman.

IPAF launches an accident statistics database for aerial lifts.



World news

The cruise ship **Costa Concordia** runs aground in the Mediterranean with 32 dead or missing and 64 injured.



The English language service of **Wikipedia** shuts down for 24 hours in protest against anti-piracy legislation proposed by the US Congress.

Kodak files for bankruptcy protection.



Croatia votes overwhelmingly in favour of joining the European Union.

Greece rejects proposals for direct EU control of the country's financial affairs.

Former Royal Bank of Scotland chief executive **Fred Goodwin** is stripped of his knighthood.



JMG launches the MC60 a new six tonne pick & carry crane.

Jean-Charles Delplace, previously MD of SMIE joins **Ascorel**.

Liebherr establishes a mobile crane division within Liebherr Argentina for the local market and Uruguay.

Manitou and **Toyota** announce the termination of their fork truck partnership in France.



Bravi launches the 4.2 metre Spin-Go push-around work platform.

Sterling Crane of Canada acquires **Freo Cranes** of Western Australia.

Man Lift Manufacturing appoints **Phil Sprio** as chief executive.

Hek & Partner establishes **Ventalus** to sell used powered access equipment in Russia.

Carl Icahn launches a 12 month attempt to gain control of the **Oshkosh** board.

Caterpillar launches the TL1255C a 12,000lb/55ft telehandler in North America.



February Industry news

Galizia introduces a six tonne crane based on its Multis 636 chassis.

Palfinger and **Sany** announce two Joint Ventures – one in Europe for mobile cranes and one in China for loader cranes.



US-based **Lift-A-Loft** is acquired by investor **Todd Hunt**.

Harsco chief executive **Salvatore Fazzolari** leaves the company.

Sany appoints **BIK Hydraulics** as its first Canadian crane dealer.

JLG unveils a new lower cost basic RS slab scissor range at ARA.



Hirepool acquires **New Zealand Access Hire**.

Easy-Lift appoints **Hek & Partner** as its Austrian dealer.

Willi and **Isolde Liebherr** assign some of their shares in the company to their children.

Dingli appoints **M. J. Hydraulik** as dealer for **Denmark**.

Brian Black joins **Skyjack** as vice president of sales.

Chinese manufacturer **JCHI** acquires Japanese aerial lift manufacturer **Nagano**.

Sany America appoints **DC Bates Equipment** as its New England dealer.



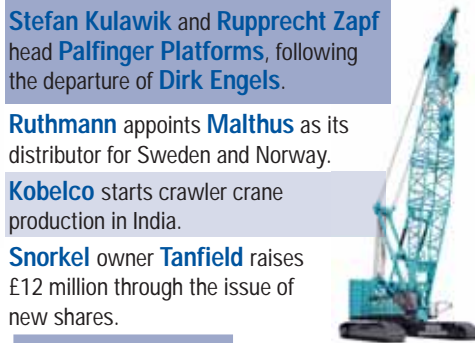
Stefan Kulawik and **Rupprecht Zapf** head **Palfinger Platforms**, following the departure of **Dirk Engels**.

Ruthmann appoints **Malthus** as its distributor for Sweden and Norway.

Kobelco starts crawler crane production in India.

Snorkel owner **Tanfield** raises £12 million through the issue of new shares.

Skyjack unveils new 63ft articulated boom the SJ63AJ at ARA.



World news . World news . World news .

74 people are killed in clashes between fans of Egyptian football teams **Al-Masry** and **Al-Ahly** in the city of Port Said.



Romanian prime minister **Emil Boc** and his cabinet resign after two months of political unrest and protests.



Tens of thousands are stranded by floods in the Australian states of New South Wales and Queensland.

Fabio Capello resigns as the manager of England over clashes with the **Football Association**.



Extreme cold weather across Europe kills hundreds.

Google's acquisition of smartphone maker

Motorola is approved by USA and EU.

Rangers Football Club enters administration.

News Corporation launches **The Sun on Sunday** replacing the News of the World.



The prime minister of Australia **Julia Gillard** defeats former prime minister **Kevin Rudd** in a Labour Party leadership ballot.

The Artist wins five Oscars including Best Picture and becomes the first silent film to win since Wings in 1927.



March Industry news

Haulotte announces the all new 67ft telescopic boom, the **HT23RTJ**.



Charles Snyder resigns as chief executive of US-based Amquip crane rental.

Easy Lift launches 19 metre ETJ190 truck mounted lift.

ESTA hosts Wind Safety Summit in Hamburg.



Terex sells its stake in Sichuan Changjiang Engineering Crane Company to **Sinomach Heavy Industry**.

Socage announces a new 32 metre DAJ332 truck mounted lift.

Kai Schliephake leaves **JLG Deutschland** to move to **Partner Lift**.



Entrec Transportation acquires the Mains Crane group of Nisku, Alberta.

Danish trailer lift manufacturer **Denka** appoints a bankruptcy trustee.

Caterpillar launches four new six and seven metre C Series telehandlers.

Omme Lift launches a new 25 metre spider lift - the 2500 RXBDJ.





GSR launches the 20 metre E209PX truck mounted lift.

Haulotte announces closure of its Spanish production facility.



Platform Basket launches the 15.75 PRO and 18.90 PRO spider lifts.

Maeda appoints Falcon Equipment as its dealer for Western Canada.

World news. World news. World news.

Vladimir Putin wins Russian presidential elections in spite of on-going protests.

Encyclopaedia Britannica announces the end to printed versions while continuing online editions.



Saudi Arabia is reported to have sent weapons to Syrian rebels.

Joachim Gauck is elected president of Germany.

Fabrice Muamba collapses during the FA Cup quarter-final between Tottenham Hotspur and Bolton Wanderers.

A gunman kills seven and injures five in a shooting spree targeting French soldiers and Jewish civilians in Montauban and Toulouse, France and is then killed following a siege.



Pope Benedict XVI makes a three day visit to Cuba.

Jimmy Lomma is acquitted of manslaughter and other charges following the New York tower crane collapse in 2008.



UK rental company Lifterz acquires the access fleet of Diamond Construction.

Sany starts crawler crane production in Chakan, near Pune, India.

Hiab launches the new XS 544 HiPro loader crane.

Terex Cranes appoints Titan Construction Equipment as mobile crane distributor in New Zealand.



Liebherr introduces a new boom system for its 750 tonne LG 1750 lattice boom mobile crane.

LSG Industrials acquires Lifterz and announces Lifterz crane hire.

IPAF launches a tool to help operators calculate spreader plate sizes.

Holland Lift acquires the failed Belgian aerial lift manufacturer SkyHigh.

Terex announces plans to move self-erecting tower crane production from Italy to France.

Unic Cranes appoints Waterland Trading as distributor for the Benelux region.



CTE launches the redesigned Zed 21 JH.

JCB launches a 20 metre 540-200 fixed frame telehandler at Intermat.

Sany unveils its 220 tonne All Terrain crane aimed at the European market.

Unic Cranes appoints Knutsen Maskin for Norway and Arnab Kran & Lift in Sweden.

Dingli appoints Leach Lewis as its distributor for the UK.

JLG announces the SkyGuard anti-entrapment device for its boom lifts.

Link-Belt appoints Brasil Máquinas de Construção as distributor for Brazil.

Genie unveils new 14 and 17.6 metre fixed frame and 21 metre 360 degree model telehandlers.

Ramirent appoints Anna Hyvönen as managing director of Ramirent Finland.



Palfinger launches the PK 14502 SH and the PK 18502 SH loader cranes.

Ashtead acquires Topp Construction Services in the USA.

Jekko appoints Tower Rent as its distributor in Turkey.

Altrad acquires UK Scaffolder MTD Scaffolding.

Unic unveils the 10 tonne URW1006 spider crane.



World news. World news. World news.

The Bahrain Formula 1 Grand Prix goes ahead in spite of demonstrations.

An avalanche buries 130 Pakistani Army soldiers near the Siachen Glacier in the Himalayas.

Lucas Papademos resigns as the prime minister of Greece.

North Korea launches a long range rocket that breaks up shortly after launch.

One World Trade Center becomes the tallest building in New York City.



May Industry news

Cela appoints **Cominvest-AKMT** as its dealer for Russia.



Ruthmann appoints **Time Ibérica** as its distributor for Spain and Portugal.

Romanian access rental company **T&T Solutions** is declared insolvent and a trustee appointed.

Isoli appoints **Automechanical Plant** as Russian distributor for its aerial lifts.

Manitowoc launches two new **Dongyue** Chinese truck crane models.



Load Systems International (LSI) opens a UK division in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Terex acquires 100 percent of Italian luffing jib tower crane manufacturer **Recom**.

The owners of **Valla** cranes and **JMG** settle their legal battle.

Canadian-based **Constellation Software** acquires **Wynne Systems**, owner of **RentalMan** software.

Niftylift unveils two new articulated self-propelled booms, the 86ft Hybrid 4x4 - its largest boom to date - and the low weight 45ft articulated HR15.



Alimak Hek appoints **Tormod Gunleiksrud** as chief executive.



Teupen appoints **Goscor Hi-Reach** as its dealer for Southern Africa.

Mammoet buys the first 3,000 tonne **Liebherr LR 13000** crawler crane.



Effer opens a UK subsidiary - Effer UK.

In the UK, **AFI** acquires the Exeter based powered access rental business **Light Hire**.

Norwegian fork truck company **Brubakken** acquires **Malthus Lift & Maskin**.

Cormidi launches a multi-purpose KB-X P spider lift/spider crane range.



World news . World news . World news . World news . World news .

Edvard Munch's **The Scream** sells for a record \$119.9 million in an auction in New York City. **Mitt Romney** becomes Republican presidential candidate.



François Hollande becomes the 24th President of France.



Swedish pop music singer **Loreen** wins the **Eurovision Song Contest 2012** with her song Euphoria.

Facebook holds an initial public offering and closes flat at \$38.23 a share before falling substantially.



Boris Johnson is re-elected as the Mayor of London for a second term.



Japan shuts down its last nuclear reactor, leaving the country without nuclear power for the first time since 1970.

June Industry news

Terex Cranes launches the CTL 650 F45 taking it into the heavy luffing jib tower crane market.

Sarens and Netherlands-based **Verbrugge Terminals** form a strategic offshore wind partnership.

IPAF introduces the PAL+ training course for operators working in higher risk or challenging environments.



Snorkel appoints **Movimenttar Equipamentos Industriais** as its dealer in Brazil.

Bronto launches a safety system for its truck mounted lifts - the B-SRS Safety Rail - at **Vertikal Days**.

Speedy International opens a regional hub in Mussafah, Abu Dhabi.

Avant Tecno/Leguan appoints **AXS Sales** as its dealer for England & Wales.



Andrew Winter is appointed general manager of **Ainscough Heavy Cranes**.

Bigge's 4,000 tonne AFRD 125D crane is erected for the first time in Georgia.

Riwal appoints **Søren Rosenkrands** as chief operations officer.

Tadano fires its vice president at Tadano America for embezzling more than \$9 million.

Liebherr unveils a 220 tonne LTR 1220 telescopic crawler crane and 750 tonne LTM 1750-9.1 All Terrain crane.



Dingli appoints **Makser Makina** as its distributor for Turkey.

Skyking launches the 12.5 metre 125RA hybrid van mounted lift and 14 metre lift mounted on a tracked vehicle at **Vertikal Days**.



Easi Uplifts launches a specialist division for large truck mounted and spider lifts.



Potain launches the MCT 385 its first topless tower crane built in Asia.

Isoli signs a distribution agreement with Turkish manufacturer **Yildizhan**.

Terex launches its Port Solutions division and brands harbour cranes as **Terex Gottwald**.

Bravi UK changes its name to **HLS - Height Lift & Shift**.



Ainscough Crane Hire acquires Plymouth-based **West Country Crane Hire**.

Socage adds three distributors in South America, through its Brazilian Joint Venture - **Guiton Socage**.

Frank Nerenhausen takes over as president of **JLG** following the promotion of **Wilson Jones**.



Manitowoc launches a dedicated testing facility for crane components.

Trojan Battery appoints **Accuverkoop Hefra** as a distributor in the Netherlands.

JLG appoints **Laurent Monteny** as Geschäftsführer of its German distribution business.

MEC appoints **Jack Harwood** as North American sales manager, while **Jim Tolle** moves to international sales.

Wolffkran unveils an all new flat top hydraulic luffing jib crane with the 166B.



World news . World news .

Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her diamond Jubilee.



Bankrupt car maker **Saab** is sold to a Chinese-Swedish

investment group, aiming at transforming the company into a maker of electric vehicles.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency charges seven-time **Tour de France** winner **Lance Armstrong**.

Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood is declared the winner of Egypt's presidential election run-off.



Daredevil **Nik Wallenda** becomes the first person to walk a tightrope above the brink of Niagara Falls.

Julian Assange of Wikileaks takes refuge in Ecuador's embassy in London to avoid extradition to Sweden.

Queen Elizabeth II becomes first British monarch to visit to Ireland since independence.



Harsco appoints **Patrick K. Decker** as chief executive.

Tat Hong acquires **Jiangsu Hengxingmao** Financial Leasing from **Yongmao**.



Sergey Chudin and **Dmitry Pankin** team up to form Russian sales company **Vertex**.

Raimondi launches 10 tonne MRT144 flat top tower crane and appoints **Van Campenhout** as distributor for Benelux.

Singapore rental company **Galmon** celebrates 30 years in business.

Hinowa celebrates its 25th anniversary and launches the 17 metre Lightlift 17.75 IHS spider lift.



Palfinger unveils the PK 36502 and PK 41002 EH loader cranes.



Ruthmann appoints **Al Wasl Trading** and **YBA Kanoo** as distributors in the Middle East.

Testcentrum De Lille appoints **ALS** and **Anderer Engineering** as Giraf Track dealers in Germany, along with **Leeb-Technik** in Austria and **Schuler & Schuler** in Switzerland.

Omme Lift launches a new 23 metre 2300 EX telescopic trailer lift.



Multitel Pagliero opens a new export subsidiary in Germany.

German truck mounted lift manufacturer **ESDA** enters administration.

Manitowoc appoints **RMB Service Group** as dealer for South Australia and the Northern Territories.

The owners of New Zealand rental company **HireQuip** appoint receivers.

Cargotec/Hiab agrees a loader crane joint venture with **China National Heavy Duty Truck Group**.

Cela appoints **Euraccess** as its distributor for southern England.



ALE announces a 5,000 tonne capacity AL.SK crane.

Vp acquires two equipment rental units from **Balfour Beatty** for £4 million in cash.

Texas-based **TNT Crane and Rigging** acquires the crane operations of Oklahoma-based **Turner Bros**.

UK-based **City Lifting** acquires **K-Lift's** Spierings fleet.

Kimberly group appoints **Jim Perry** as managing director of **1st Access Rentals**.

Spider crane manufacturer **R&B** appoints **Steven Spence** as its agent for the USA.

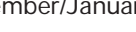
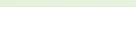
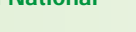
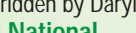
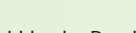
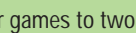
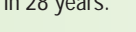
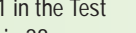
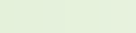
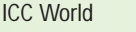
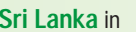
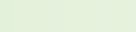
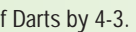
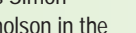
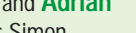
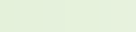
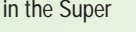
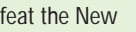
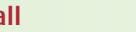
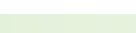
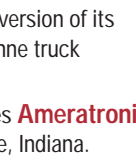


Liebherr Ehingen forms a subsidiary in Denmark -

Liebherr-Danmark ApS.

CTE launches a new version of its 20 metre Z20C 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift.

Konecranes acquires **Ameratronic Industries** of Portage, Indiana.



World news . World news



The **London Shard**, Europe's tallest building at 309.6 metres, is officially opened.



The **Rolling Stones** celebrate the 50th anniversary of their first performance at the **Marquee Club** in Oxford Street, London.

Pranab Mukherjee is elected as the new President of India.

2012 Summer Olympics open in London, UK.



Former Chinese political leader **Bo Xilai's** wife, **Gu Kailai**, and employee **Zhang Xiaojun** are charged with murder of British businessman **Neil Heywood**.

Enrique Peña Nieto wins the 2012 Mexican presidential election.



Sports results for 2012

Football

Euro 2012 - Spain defeats Italy 4-0 in the final.



UEFA Champions League - Chelsea wins on penalties against Bayern Munich following a full-time score of 1-1.

Atletico Madrid wins UEFA Europa League.

Chelsea defeats Liverpool 2-1 in the UK **FA Cup Final** -

Rugby Union

Wales wins the Six Nations Championship.

Leinster defeats Ulster 42-14 in the final of the Heineken Cup.

New Zealand All Blacks win the Rugby Championship (Tri Nations)

Tennis

Roger Federer wins Wimbledon men's singles.



Andy Murray wins the US open.

Novak Djokovic wins the Australian Open Men's Singles

Rafael Nadal wins the French open.

Czech Republic defeats Spain in the Davis Cup.

Formula One

Sebastian Vettel

of Germany wins the drivers championship title.



Red Bull Racing wins the Constructors' Championship title.

Golf

Ryder Cup - Europe achieves one of the greatest comebacks to win 14½ to 13½ and retain the title.

The Masters - Bubba Watson

US Open - Webb Simpson

The Open - Ernie Els

PGA Championship - Rory McIlroy

No 1 Ranking

PGA Player of the Year - Rory McIlroy.



American Football

New York Giants defeat the New England Patriots 21-17 in the Super Bowl.

Darts

England's **Phil Taylor** and **Adrian Lewis** beat Australia's Simon Whitlock and Paul Nicholson in the 2012 PDC World Cup of Darts by 4-3.

Cricket

West Indies defeats **Sri Lanka** in the final to win its first ICC World Twenty20 title.

England beat India 2-1 in the Test series for the first time in 28 years.

Ice Hockey

Los Angeles Kings wins its first Stanley Cup after defeating the New Jersey Devils four games to two.



Cycling

Bradley Wiggins becomes the first Britain to win the **Tour de France**.



Horse Racing

Neptune Collonges ridden by Daryl Jacob wins the **Grand National**

Synchronised

ridden by Tony McCoy wins the **Cheltenham Gold Cup** - but then dies during the Grand National.



Camelot ridden by Joseph O'Brien wins the **Epsom Derby**.

I'll Have Another ridden by Mario Gutierrez wins the **Kentucky Derby**.

Baseball

San Francisco Giants beats Detroit Tigers 4-0 to win its second World Series in three years.

Basketball

Miami Heat

beats Oklahoma City Thunder for the **NBA** title.



Olympics

Games of the XXX Olympiad

The final medal ranking was:

1. USA
2. China
3. Great Britain

August Industry news

ALE forms Joint Venture with Australian-based heavy lift company **ECR**.

D&G Hoist & Crane of Australia liquidates after a rescue attempt fails.

Philippe Parmentier and **Hervé Missiaen** establish **HM&P International**.

IPAF appoints **Antonio Barbosa** as country manager for Brazil.

Skyjack appoints **Malcolm Early** as vice president of marketing.

Zoomlion forms Joint Venture with India's largest industrial crane manufacturer **ElectroMech**.

UK rental company

Access London 08 files for liquidation.

PTS - Plant Access and Tool Solutions - fails for the second time in four months.



Palfinger launches three new loader cranes with the PK 63002 EH, PK 76002 EH and PK 88002 EH High Performance.

AFI acquires **UTN training**.

C-Tech Industries appoints **ITLU** as its distributor for Sweden and Denmark and **Gantic** for Norway.

UK-based **PLC Sales** launches a new ECO multi-mat outrigger spreader plate system.



UK-based **Longton Crane Hire** appoints an administrator and is liquidated.

Manitowoc launches a Boom Raise system for longer booms on its model 16000 crawler cranes.

C-Tech Industries moves to new, larger premises.

UK distributor **Leach Lewis Plant** appoints an administrator and is liquidated.

Terex Utilities appoints **Don Anderson** as general manager.

Kier sells two parts of its equipment division to **A-Plant** and **Wernick Hire**.

Columbus McKinnon sells the **Gaffey** overhead crane business to **Ace Industries**.

World news . World news

NASA's Mars science laboratory **Curiosity Rover**

lands on the surface of Mars.

The 2012 **Summer Olympics** closing ceremony is held and the Olympic Flag handed to the mayor of Rio de Janeiro, for the 2016 Games.

South African police open fire on striking workers at a Lonmin mine, near Rustenburg, leaving at least 34 dead.

Russia becomes the 156th member of the **World Trade Organisation** with **Vanuatu** becoming the 157th member.

Norwegian **Anders Behring Breivik** is found to be sane and is sentenced to 21 years' imprisonment for killing 77 people.



Tadano Faun opens a 43,000 square metre test site in Pegnitz to the north of Lauf.

MEC opens a European distribution facility in De Lier, the Netherlands.

The **Crane Industry Council of Australia** (CICA) issues its first Gold Plate.

Ruthmann appoints **Powered Access Hungary** and **Acarlar Makine** of Turkey as distributors.

Palfinger acquires Brazilian component manufacturer **Tercek**, including its bus/disabled lift division **Libero**.

Haulotte appoints **Craig Bentley** as UK general manager.

Spierings celebrates 25 years with the launch of the City Boy.

Cela announces new 30 metre truck mount the DT30.

Heavy lift specialist **ALE** and Netherlands based **Roll-Lift** announce a Joint Venture.

Independent Parts and Service (IPS) and **Access Platform Sales** (APS) announce merger.



International parts supplier **IPS** launches van service in the Netherlands.

Cela appoints **Windex** as its Polish dealer.

The **Lighthouse Club** consolidates into a single charitable entity.

Ebbe Christensen purchases US spider lift specialist **ReachMaster** from Skako.



Private equity firm **Carlyle** acquires a stake in **Grupo Orguel**, one of Brazil's largest rental companies.

Allegiance Crane & Equipment of Pompano Beach, Florida acquires **USA Mobile Crane** of Texas.

CTE announces the ZED23JH as its new 23 metre truck mounted lift.

Jan van Seumeren junior re-enters the heavy lift business with leasing and consultancy company **Re-Move**.



World news . World news

Paralympic games open in London.

Protestors in **Cairo**, claiming that an internet film 'Innocence of Muslims' humiliates the prophet. **Muhammad**, invade the US Embassy, while the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three others are killed in similar demonstrations in Benghazi, Libya.



British Aerospace (BAE) and **EADS** hold merger talks which later fail.



Senkaku Islands dispute causes serious political tension between China and Japan.

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October Industry news

Warren Access acquires the **Height for Hire** rental business and **APS** training.

MEC starts production of the 60ft Titan 60S.



Ramirent and **Cramo** agree a Joint Venture combining their businesses in Russia and Ukraine.

Instant UpRight opens a new aluminium tower manufacturing facility in China.



Terex combines its crane, aerial lift and port equipment support services into **Terex Services North America**.

Holland Lift ships the G-320EL28 4WDS/N, a 32 metre narrower electric scissor lift.



Palfinger acquires Norwegian marine and offshore crane manufacturer **Bergen Group Dreggen**.

HSS is acquired by **Exponent Private Equity**.



Kalmar RT ships first ever civilian Rough Terrain reach stackers and launches a telehandler.

NZ Crane Group closes its Wellington branch and sells some of the assets to **Titan Cranes**.

Andrea Certo, chief executive of **Oil&Steel**, resigns.



Terex unveils the 650 tonne Superlift 3800 crawler crane replacement for its CC2800.

Liebherr acquires German concrete pump manufacturer **Waitzinger**.

CMC appoints **Ranger Equipment** as its UK dealer

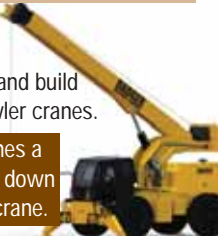
for spider lifts and **Euro Camion** as its truck mounted distributor for Poland.

The **United Kingdom Contractors Group** (UKCG) recognises **ALLMI** loader crane training.



Manitowoc launches a new custom design and build service for crawler cranes.

Badger launches a 13.6 tonne cab down Rough Terrain crane.



Spanish lift manufacturer **Movex** launches two new van mounted models for city centre applications.



Atlas Cranes takes over the distribution of **Effer** loader cranes in the UK.

Link Belt launches the 72.5 tonne RTC-8080 Series II, Rough Terrain crane as a replacement for its RTC-8075.



TVH takes over parts distribution for **Genie** in 14 Central European countries.

JCB announces a new £62 million production facility in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.



Frank Bardonaro leaves **Terex Cranes** and moves to **Maxim Crane** as president of sales and business development.

C&S Companies of New York sells its crane and rigging business to **Barnhart Crane & Rigging**.

Snorkel appoints **Diesel Hydraulique Services** as its distributor for France.



Multitel launches a new 21 metre telescopic truck mount with the MJ201.

World news.. World news..

Hugo Chávez wins a fourth term as president of Venezuela.

A crisis begins at the BBC over presenter and DJ **Jimmy Savile**, who faces hundreds of allegations of sexually assaulting teenage girls.

Felix Baumgartner breaks the unassisted speed record, diving out of the Red Bull Stratos balloon 31,300 metres above Roswell, New Mexico.



Pakistani teenager blogger **Malala Yousafzai** is shot in the head by the Taliban but survives and is sent to the UK for treatment.



The British computer hacker **Gary McKinnon** wins his ten-year legal battle to avoid extradition to the United States.

Hurricane Sandy causes over 60 fatalities in New York and north east USA.



November Industry news

TVH acquires German rental company **Mateco** creating the second largest access rental company fleet in Europe.

Dingli appoints **Oswald Record** as its new UK distributor.

Fraco agrees a strategic alliance with **Krister Kempainen** to build hoists in Canada.

Easy Lift appoints Canadian company **UP** as its spider lift distributor for North America.

IPAF hosts a special seminar in London to discuss anti-entrapment devices.

Riwal appoints **Pedro Torres** as director of its northern region.



Private equity firm **SeaFort Capital** acquires Nova Scotia crane rental company **A.W. Leil**.

Easi UpLifts' Slovak affiliate **SCS** rebrands as **Easi UpLifts (Europe)**.

Bauma China sees dozens of new crane and aerial lift launches by local producers.

UK-based **BJW Crane Hire** files for liquidation.

JLG merges its European, Africa and Middle East businesses into a single entity under a new general manager, **Karel Huijser**. **Wayne Lawson** announces his retirement.



Aerial lift producer **ATN** moves into a new 10,000 square metre production facility.

The owners of Australian rental company **Coates Hire** put the business up for sale.

FEM releases its guide "Safety Issues in Wind Turbine Installation and Transportation".

Tower crane specialist **MTI-LUX** appoints **John Coppin** as sales consultant in the UK.

Paul Richards of **Hi-Reach**

launches a new 360 degree anti-entrapment warning device under the name **SkyAlert**.



UK-based **Compact Lifting Equipment** appoints an administrator for its rental business.

Zoomlion appoints **Global Crane Sales** as crane distributor for South and Central America.



Jekko spider crane company appoints **Alatas** as its distributor for the Middle East.

Vesa Koivula of **Cramo** rings the closing bell at the NASDAQ Stock Market.

Riccardo Magni announces the formation of Magni Telehandlers and a new boom lift for picking dates - the Ricki Lift 18.



Riwal appoints **Wojciech Lisicki** as country manager Poland.

GB Tower Solutions appoints an administrator.

Kiloutou acquires **Starlift's** locations and fleet in Eastern France and Luxembourg.

Willenbrock Fördertechnik acquires crane, aerial lift and telehandler rental company **Herwarth Slupinski**.

H.A.B appoints **Gantic** as its distributor for Norway.

Chuck Hutchinson of **BiJax/Haulotte** retires, **Brian Burket** takes over as VP scaffold sales.



Ruthmann launches its 54 metre T540 truck mounted lift.

Maber appoints **Vertex** as its exclusive distributor in Russia.

World news.. World news..

New York Marathon is cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy.

Barack Obama wins a second term as president defeating his Republican opponent Mitt Romney.



The bishop of Durham **Justin Welby** is named as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, the leader of the Anglican Church.

Violence breaks out between Israel and the **Gaza Strip** Palestinians as they bombard each other killing and injuring hundreds of civilians.

The EU recognises the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces as a legitimate representative of the Syrian people.

Xi Jinping is appointed as the next leader of the People's Republic of China.



CTE incorporates **Sequani Meccanica** into CTE SpA.

Geda opens a new state of the art production building for its hoists.

TVH appoints **Andries Schouten** as MD of **Gunco BV**.

Haulotte appoints **Thomas Stock** as general manager of **Haulotte Germany** following the departure of **Patrick Degen**.

Ainscough crane hire is acquired by **Goldman Sachs** and **TPG**.

Kimberly Access introduces an electronic anti-entrapment device.

Taylor Crane & Rigging acquires **Reliance Crane & Rigging** of Phoenix, Arizona.

Uwe Wenzel general manager of **Mammoet Germany** announces his departure.



Huisman China installs a 2,400 tonne quayside crane at its fabrication yard in Zhangzhou.

The UK's **Access Link** says it is joining up with Germany's **Partnerlift**.

Ashtead acquires Texas-based **JMR Industries**.

Dick Schalekamp, shareholder and director of **Riwal** sells his shares and departs.

Odewald & Compagnie buys into crane and rigging company **Scholpp**.

Sennebogen launches the 655 HD duty cycle crawler crane.

Cramo acquires two Norwegian rental operations **Lambertsson** and **Kranpunkten**.



Hiab launches the XS 544, a 51 tonne/metre loader crane.

Carl Icahn fails in his takeover bid for **Oshkosh**.

Sky Aces announces the Fanlift 855-2600 truck mounted scissor.

Genie upgrades its Z-45/25 rough terrain articulated boom lift.

World news... World news... World news... World news... World news...

Typhoon Bopha hits the Philippines killing at least 1,000.



Protests erupt in Egypt against the president **Morsi's** proposed constitutional changes.

Gérard Depardieu decides to give up his French citizenship and moves to Belgium to avoid France's new taxes.



Japan elects **Shinzō Abe** of the LDP as its new prime minister.

A shooting at **Sandy Hook Elementary School** in Newtown, Connecticut, leaves 28 people dead, including 20 children.



Those that departed in 2012

From the industry

Ted Williams, 64, of Alan Drew and Sky King.



John Kennedy, 69, owner of STI in New Jersey.

Dan Jones, Genie regional sales manager for Indiana, Michigan, Illinois Missouri and Kansas, aged 55.



Eric Abbey, 85, long time secretary of PASMA and a director of Aliscaff.



Cyril Claridge, 88, former administration manager for Grove UK.

Sir Matthew Goodwin, 83, founder of UK rental company Hewden.



Nazzareno Zandonà, 48, technical manager at CTE.

Paul Shockey, 89, JLG co-founder and Grove veteran.



Major Peter Ball, 84, of Acrow and Coles Cranes associate in the 1970s.



Tom Scott, 67, one of the Scott brothers that created crane and access company Scott Greenham.

Bert Richardson, 89, former chief engineer of Priestman.



Paul Robeys, 63, founder of Robeys-Huet and Instant Belgium/Vectur.

Steven "Chappie" Chapman, 55, service manager at Custom Equipment.



Neville Kennard, 74, founder of Kennards Hire in Australia.

Jim Banner – popular UK crane operator.

Bernard James, 78, former HSE senior engineering inspector.



Mike Studd, 61, former MD of Select Tower cranes and MPS.



Alf Sparrow, 90, founder of Sparrows crane hire group.

Terry Philpot, one of the founding team members at Cranes UK.



Ken Richardson, 80, founder of Aliscaff and scaffold tower champion.

Nigel Carter, 57, of Avant Tecno and Executive Hire Show.



Jim McGregor, 72, mast climbing work platform expert.

From the wider world

Gerry Anderson, 83, producer, writer and director of Thunderbirds.

Jack Klugman, 90, American actor Quincy/The Odd Couple.



Sir Lawrie Barratt, 85, British builder.

Kenneth Kendall, 88, British news reader.



Ravi Shankar, 92, Indian musician.

Alex Moulton, 92, British engineer and inventor.

Hal Schaefer, 87, American jazz musician and vocal coach.

Saul Steinberg, 73, businessman and corporate raider.

Sir Patrick Moore, 89, British astronomer and broadcaster.



Dave Brubeck, 91, jazz pianist and composer.

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, 103, philanthropist mother of Rupert Murdoch.

Clive Dunn, 92, British actor - Dad's Army.



Sir Rex Hunt, 86, ex-governor of the Falkland Islands.

Helen Gurley Brown, 90, author and editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine.

Scott McKenzie, 73, singer - San Francisco Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair.

Phyllis Diller, 95, comedienne.



Dom Mintoff, 96, Maltese politician and ex-prime minister.

Neil Armstrong, 82, first person to walk on the Moon.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, 87, British politician, MP for Brent North.



Max Bygraves, 89, British singer and TV game show host.

Sun Myung Moon, 92, founder of the Unification Church – the 'Moonies'.

Derek Jameson, 82, British journalist and broadcaster.



Sergio Pininfarina, 85, Italian senator and automotive designer.

Eva Rausing, 48, American philanthropist.

Jim Stynes, 45, Gaelic football and Aussie rules icon.



Eric Sykes, 89, British comedy writer and actor.

George McGovern, 90, presidential candidate

Muhammed bin Saud Al Saud, 78, Saudi royal and politician.

Richard D. Zanuck, 77, American film producer.

Sir Alastair Burnet, 84, British newscaster.



John Atta Mills, 68, president of Ghana.

Maeve Binchy, 72, Irish novelist.

Gore Vidal, 86, playwright, actor and novelist.

Angharad Rees, 68, actress.



Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, 78, Saudi crown prince and minister of interior.

Giuseppe Bertolucci, 65, Italian film director.

Andy Williams, 84, singer.



Rodney King, 47, victim of videotaped police beating/Los Angeles 1992 riots.

LeRoy Neiman, 91, American artist.

Richard Adler, 90, producer and composer.

Andy Griffith, 86, American actor - Andy Griffith Show/Matlock.



Shōgyō Ōba, 96, Japanese lacquer artist (Maki-e).

Larry Hagman, 81, star of TV programme Dallas



Yitzhak Shamir, 96, ex-prime minister of Israel.



Vidal Sassoon, 84, hairstylist.

Carroll Shelby, 89, racing driver and designer.

Donna Summer, 63, singer.

Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, 60, Libyan convicted of bombing Pan Am Flight 103.



Simon Ward, 70, actor.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, 76, designer.

Jack Tramiel, 83, founder of Commodore and chief executive of Atari.

Angelo Dundee, 90, boxing trainer - Muhammad Ali.



Mike Wallace, 93, American broadcaster – 60 minutes

Dick Clark, 82, American television host and producer.

Jack Ashley, 89, British politician and MP for Stoke-on-Trent South.

Davy Jones, 66, of The Monkees.



Joe Paterno, 85, disgraced Penn State football coach

Norman St John-Stevas, 82, British politician and author.

Robin Gibb, 62, Bee Gees singer.



Whitney Houston, 48, singer.

Giampiero Moretti, 71, Italian racing driver and founder of Momo.

Sylvia Kristel, 60, star of original Emmanuelle films.



Oscar Niemeyer, 104, Brazilian architect of Brasilia

George Randolph Hearst Junior, 84, publisher.

Ernest Borgnine, 95, winner of an Oscar for the film Marty.

Marvin Hamlisch, 68, composer/conductor.



Norman Schwarzkopf, 78, 'Stormin' Norman' US general