

# Broderson family sells up

US-based pick & carry crane manufacturer Broderson has been acquired by the Lanco group. No financial details of the transaction have been disclosed. Based in Lenexa, Kansas, Broderson was founded by Dean Broderson in 1973 and has been led by his family since his untimely death in 1983. The company currently manufactures a range of industrial pick & carry and Rough Terrain cranes with capacities from 2.5 to 15 tons (2.27 to 13.6 tonnes).

Lanco owns companies in manufacturing, distribution, entertainment and transportation, including Mi-Jack which manufactures rubber tyred gantry cranes, Western Pacific Cranes & Equipment - the Manitowoc, Grove and National Crane distributor on the West coast USA, Western Canada and Hawaii - as well as Walter Payton Power Equipment - a Manitowoc distributor in the Midwest.



## Big Liebherrs for Port Services

Scottish heavy lift and offshore specialist Port Services is to take delivery of a 750 tonne truck mounted lattice boom Liebherr LG1750 and a 750 tonne LTM1750-9.1 All Terrain. The company says that the new LG1750 is intended to complement its existing Terex TC2800 lattice crane in order to help cope with a number of new contracts it has won in the oil and gas and wind energy sectors.



The new Liebherr LTM1750-9.1 comes out of the paint shop

## Hiab unveils four new loader cranes

Hiab has unveiled four new mid-sized loader crane models, the X-CLX 178, X-DUO 178, X-HIDUO 188 and X-HIPRO 192.

The new range replaces the existing XS166 which is widely used by builders' merchants and for other general purpose delivery type duties. The machines have load moments of up to 18.5 tonne/metres and can handle over 4.8 tonnes at a height of 19.5 metres and a radius of six metres.

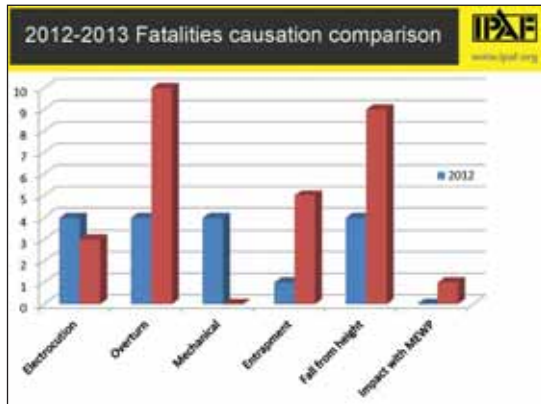


The new Hiab X-CLX 178 loader crane.

# IPAF issues half year accident report

IPAF has issued its first half 2013 accident database report which records 28 fatalities involving work platforms, 65 percent up on the same period last year - due more to the Federation capturing more data, than more incidents occurring.

The fatalities involved overturning (10), falls from platforms (9), entrapment (5), electrocution (3) and impact with aerial lift (1). 13 of the total involved self-propelled boom lifts, 10 scissor lifts and three vehicle mounted lifts. In two cases the machine type was unknown. Almost half of these fatalities occurred in the USA (13), with two occurring each in France, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. Armenia, Canada, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway, Spain and the UAE also each recorded a fatality.



## Genie Z135/70 incident - Update

More than three months after the fatal accident in London, there has still been no official information emanating from the Health and Safety Executive which has been investigating the case at the Kimberly Access depot near London's Heathrow airport. In the meantime both Kimberly and Genie have issued statements.

At the end of July Genie issued a Safety Notice regarding the secondary boom angle sensor affecting all Genie Z135/70 machines which says that it has found that some machines calibrated in the field may not have been calibrated according to the company's service manual and therefore recommending the secondary boom angle range is checked on all machines as a precaution. The company also states that this in no way indicates the cause of the incident with the Kimberly Access machine.

A week later Kimberly Access issued a public statement from its company lawyers which raised serious concerns over the integrity of the safety systems intended to prevent the lower boom/riser from extending when it is below the minimum permitted elevation angle. Its concerns arise from reports provided by two third party inspection companies it employed to inspect the Z135/70. It also points out that the machine involved in the incident was calibrated by Genie staff and not by Kimberly.

The statement said that the company is continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the accident and is assisting the Health & Safety Executive with its on-going investigation. It also expressed concern over the Genie statement regarding machine calibration. Kimberly said it wished to make it clear that at no time had it ever attempted to calibrate the secondary boom angle range on the 135/70 involved in the accident and Kimberly's service records show that this procedure was only ever carried out by Genie personnel."



The accident scene shortly after it happened in early June

# New MD and UK distributor for Holland Lift

The new owner of Holland Lift - Pro-Delta - has appointed Eline Oudenbroek as managing director.



Eline Oudenbroek

The appointment follows a transition period after the departure of previous owner and managing director Menno Koel earlier this year. Interim managing director Thom Sijs departed at the start of September following a two month transition with Oudenbroek.

Oudenbroek joins after two and a half years with Elysee Dental Solutions, where she was managing director. Before that she spent more than five years with Gelderblom CNC machines where she was operations director.

## AJ Access for the UK

Holland Lift also appointed AJ Access Platforms as its distributor for the UK and Ireland almost nine months after taking the account back from Russon Access which folded at the end of last year. AJ says that it will focus primarily on Holland Lift's popular 15 to 34 metre scissor lifts as well as providing product support for the existing Holland Lift fleet in the UK and Ireland.

Holland Lift has been working hard this year to streamline production at its manufacturing base in Hoorn, the Netherlands, in order to increase production and therefore reduce its long lead times, which are now down to less than six months. It is also working on a number of new products which are in the pipeline for launch early next year.

AJ Access chief executive Tony Mort said: "This is a fantastic fit for us to be able to supply this high quality product into the UK and Ireland market. It also enables us to look after the pre-owned market for Holland Lift products and take in part exchanges, which of course is a natural part of our business."

## First Sany Palfingers delivered

Palfinger Sany Cranes has delivered its first products - two 25 tonne QY25C truck cranes - to Sany's drilling rig dealer in Russia, Rustechcenter, which has become a Sany Palfinger sub dealer.

The two cranes have been sold on to contractor and rental company Stank Company of Krasnodar. The formal handover in Krasnodar, south west Russia, was attended by representatives of Palfinger Sany Cranes, Rustechcenter and funding partners Siemens Finance and M-Leasing. A third QY25C has also been delivered to a central Russian contractor Balmat, based in Saratov.



(L-R) Nikolay Sukhanov & Dmitry Sanchenko - Palfinger Sany, Natalia Ten & Vladimir Melnichuk - Siemens Finance, Murad Khadzimurevov - Rustechcenter, Yury Gorpinich - Palfinger Sany, Valeriy Ermolaev, Ukrainets Viktor Mikhailovich & Roman KoKornev - Rustechcenter.



# Tadano launches 145 tonne RT

Tadano has launched a 145 tonne Rough Terrain crane, the GR-1600XL-2 on a three axle chassis. Its largest Rough Terrain to date features a 61 metre, six section main boom with a new rounded profile design and single telescope cylinder. A 10.2 to 17.9 metre bi-fold offsettable swingaway extension takes the maximum tip height to 78 metres and boasts a maximum radius of over 60 metres. The crane cab also tilts for improved visibility and operator comfort.

The new 6x4x6 chassis boasts four mode, all wheel steer for a turning radius of 9.9 metres. The crane can self-install and remove its counterweight and outriggers for easy transportation. Overall length is just over 16 metres, with a 10.2 metre long by 3.3 metre wide chassis and an overall height of 3.78 metres. The crane features

Tadano's asymmetrical, multi-position outrigger setup, with automatic monitoring and load chart selection as well as a 'soft stop' function that brings the motion of the crane to a slow stop automatically before it reaches the limits of allowed capacity.



The Tadano GR-1600XL-2 features a six section 61 metre boom.

## Rival acquires Sarens access

International access and telehandler rental group Rival has opened a new operation in Belgium with the acquisition of the aerial work platform business of Sarens Belgium. The two companies say they will also "strengthen their cooperation to deliver the best customer experience whenever both aerial work platforms and heavy lifting services are required on the same site".

Rival Belgium will be based in Genk in the province of Limburg, all Sarens employees dedicated to the aerial work platform business have been offered positions with Rival.

Rival's director for the region Pedro Torres said: "This acquisition will strengthen our position in the Belgian market as we will be operating closer to both our existing and new customers. We will serve the market both from our new depot, as well as from existing Rival depots in the South of the Netherlands (Dordrecht and Eindhoven). The acquisition also improves our European coverage which is a strong benefit for our international key accounts".



An rendering of the new vessel and 1,500 tonne crane

## Huisman to build 1,500 tonner

Huisman has won a contract to build a 1,500 tonne Leg Encircling crane for offshore wind turbine installation work. The crane mounted on Scylla - a new offshore wind installation vessel under construction for Seajacks - will lift its maximum capacity at a radius of 32 metres on a 110 metre long boom.

The order for the new crane and two smaller auxiliary cranes, was made by South Korean shipyard Samsung Heavy Industries, which is building the world's largest and most advanced offshore wind farm installation vessel for Seajacks. The cranes will be built at the Huisman facility in Xiamen, China and delivery is scheduled for the second quarter 2015.

Gerben Roks, Huisman's product and sales manager cranes said: "This is the third Huisman crane ordered by Seajacks for wind turbines. We appreciate the confidence in our products and will keep building on our knowledge and experience to further expand our crane range in this field".

## New chairman for IPAF North America

Teresa Kee, environmental, health and safety director at NES Rentals has been elected chairman of IPAF's North America Regional Council. Jim Dorris, vice president of health & safety, environment and sustainability at United Rentals has been elected vice chairman.



Teresa Kee

Kee takes over from outgoing chairman Kevin O'Shea who has completed his full term. The North American Regional Council was formed to provide USA and Canadian members a forum to address issues and topics that impact their regional market while giving them a voice internationally at the IPAF Council.

"IPAF is strengthening its value as a members' organisation," said Kee. "I look forward to working closely with the IPAF staff and the members of the North American Regional Council to provide our members and prospective members with sound reasons to join. We will build on the interest and enthusiasm generated at the IPAF Summit in Miami, as well as foster a broader rollout of the AWPT operator training programme eLearning module in English and Spanish."



Jim Dorris

## Stavdal AB acquires Rentex

Swedish rental company Stavdal AB has acquired fellow Swedish rental company Rentex which operates from three locations in Gothenburg and one in Malmö and has annual revenues of around SEK67 million (€7.7 million).

The acquisition considerably boosts Stavdal's position in the Swedish market and should take its annual revenues through the SEK 400 million (€46 million) level. The new locations will add to its

existing eight locations, including two in Gothenburg and Malmö. Rentex was founded in 2005 and has been managed by Ulf Krantz and Magnus Andersson. They will remain with the business joining the



## Waverly layoffs for Terex Cranes

Terex Cranes has cut production at its Waverly, Iowa plant to a single shift in order to match supply to softer demand, as a result it will lay off 54 people, on a temporary basis.

Terex vice president of investor relations, Tom Gelston said: "The cuts have been made in order to realign production with the softened demand environment we are experiencing today with our mobile crane products."

## AB2000 buys Ellon

UK crane and heavy equipment rental company AB2000 has acquired the full share capital of Ellon Plant Hire of Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

Arlene Harrison will remain with the business as plant manager, and Ellon Plant will continue to trade under its own name, although it will relocate to AB2000's newly opened location in Fountainbleau, Tipterty - 10 miles North of Aberdeen, close to the route of the new Aberdeen by-pass. AB2000 is owned by Adam Bruce, and moved into the crane market when it acquired the crane fleet of Motherwell Bridge in 2005.



## Loxam to consolidate in France

French international rental group Loxam has announced that it will consolidate all of its French general equipment businesses - Loxam, Laho Equipement, Loueurs de France BTP and Locarest into a single entity - Loxam Rental. The ultimate aim is to gain efficiencies from becoming a single network and a single brand. The privately held group had revenues of €828 million in 2012 and operates from 598 locations with more than 4,330 employees in 11 countries, making it Europe's largest rental business.



## Record telehandler deal for JCB

UK rental company Fork Rent has placed one of the largest single orders in JCB's history for 900 telehandlers worth more than £53 million for delivery this year.

Fork Rent also becomes the first major rental company to buy JCB's new 20 metre 540-200, Europe's highest-reach fixed frame telescopic handler. Most of the units will be fitted with JCB's new Ecomax Tier 4 Interim/Stage IIIB engines. Fork Rent purchased its first JCB in 1987 and has purchased more than 5,500 since then through dealer Watling JCB.

(L-R) Fork Rent's Guy Nicholls and Trudi Nicholls with Watling JCB managing director Richard Telfer.



## JLG makes changes in Europe

JLG has announced changes to its European Middle East and Africa region management team.

Jonathan Dawson - senior director sales and customer support - is now senior director of sales, while Etienne Bourcier becomes director of telehandlers and will also lead the strategic alliance for telehandler sales under the Same Deutz-Fahr brand - both will report to regional general manager Karel Huijser. At the same time Laurent Guillaux currently senior director sales & customer support Southern Europe moves to Oshkosh Fire and Emergency as senior director of international sales. Roberto Marangoni, general manager JLG Italia, will add Guillaux's current role as head of the French and Spanish sales and service teams to his own, on an interim basis.



Laurent Guillaux

## Fassi acquires Marrel

Italian loader crane manufacturer Fassi has acquired French hook and skip loader manufacturer Marrel from the Caravelle financial group in

partnership with its French distributor Miltra. Details of the equity split between Miltra and Fassi have not been revealed.

Marrel - based in Andrézieux-Bouthéon, near Lyon - was founded in 1919 and builds hook lifts, skip loaders and hydraulic cylinders. It exports 55 percent of its production and has revenues of €32 million and 120 employees. Fassi says that it intends to offer Marrel products alongside its articulated cranes.



A Marrel hook loader

## All change at Northern Crane

Canadian crane rental company Northern Crane has changed its name to NC Services Group or NCSG and is to acquire S.S. Pevach Ventures of Bonnyville, Alberta which trades as Scorpion Industries. Scorpion rents out boom trucks with operators up to 45 tons, and oilfield services in the shale oil regions of Alberta.



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## World's largest crane training simulator

The world's largest crane training simulator is now fully operational. Installed by Kongsberg GlobalSim for the National Ports Agency (ANP) of Morocco in Casablanca, the project took several years to complete.

The simulator uses a 10 metre dome and 12 projectors to create an immersive virtual training environment. ANP expects to dramatically reduce both the training time required to produce competent operators and the number of accidents caused by poor handling of heavy port equipment.

## Snorkel closer to sale?

Tanfield - the owner of Snorkel - has given a potential buyer a short period of exclusivity in order to complete its due diligence. No details have been given, other than the following statement:

"The board is pleased to report that sufficient progress has been made on the structure and broad terms of an acceptable proposal for the sale of its powered access division, to grant the preferred potential purchaser a short period of exclusivity in which to complete its due diligence with a view to mutually forming a contract that will be executable subject only to shareholder approval."



Wing Wah takes delivery of Kalmar's 1,000th reachstacker manufactured at its Shanghai factory

## Wing Wah takes 1,000th Kalmar

Kalmar has delivered the 1,000th reachstacker manufactured at its Shanghai factory to Hong Kong-based container handling and haulage company Wing Wah Container.

The new reachstacker joins a fleet of Kalmar machines operated by Wing Wah at its Tsing Yi depot in Hong Kong. Clement Ng, Kalmar's vice president, Greater China, said, "We have developed a strategy to build models with higher local content, giving better flexibility and service to our customers. Our Shanghai factory has become a leader for reachstackers in the Asia-Pacific region and we are now focusing on deliveries to Europe, the Middle East and Africa."

## World's highest crawler?

Liebherr claims to have assembled the world's tallest crawler crane at its manufacturing plant in Ehingen, Germany. Using a 3,000 tonne LR 13000 crawler crane with 120 metres of main boom and 126 metres of luffing jib - the crane achieved a total height of 248 metres.

Fitted with 400 tonnes of superstructure ballast and 1,500 tonnes of derrick ballast on a special foundation, the LR 13000 lifted a twin axle LTM 1030-2.1 All Terrain crane weighing 24 tonnes. The company claims with its maximum boom fully raised its capacity is 68 tonnes, the boom system was successfully tested with an overload lift of 103 tonnes. When fitted with its PowerBoom system, the achievable lengths are reduced as a result of the higher boom weight, but the capacities are considerably higher.

The LR 13000 standing 248 metres tall lifting a twin axle LTM 1030-2.1 All Terrain crane



## Credit circle for cranes and access

Top Service is launching a Credit Circle for the crane and access rental industry in the UK. The move follows a successful initial meeting of interested parties at Vertikal Days earlier this year, co-hosted with the P&A Partnership.

The concept is already working successfully in other market sectors, and allows rental companies to confidentially exchange information on delinquent customers and rogue traders and thus helps prevent the exploitation of multiple suppliers by non-payers.

Diane Dean, customer development manager at Top Service said: "The credit circles we are involved in for other industries are an excellent source of information. We welcome anyone to the first meeting on the 19th September and I am more than happy to talk to any interested parties who may require further information."

## Not what it seems

Skyjack is continuing with its 'Quest2013' to find the oldest working Skyjack scissor lift, in doing so it has found a machine that looks confusing.

The company is offering a prize for the first 100 people to spot anything out of the ordinary and name its year of manufacture. In order to participate send an email to: [skyjack@vertikal.net](mailto:skyjack@vertikal.net)

and list any points you think are not quite right and the year of manufacture. The first 100 correct answers will receive a Skyjack cap, while those with the most complete answers will win a more significant prize. If you have an older Skyjack scissor lift you can also join the quest to find the oldest working model and win a new scissor lift by logging on to [www.skyjackquest2013.com](http://www.skyjackquest2013.com)



Another new Skyjack? All is not what it seems spot the discrepancies and win a prize

# EWPA launches new operator licence

Australia's Elevating Work Platform Association has launched its new Elevating Work Platform Operator Licence as a nationally recognised Unit of Competence (UoC).

The new licence updates the EWPA Yellow Card and aligns itself with the Resources and Infrastructure training package UoC titled: RIIHAN301B-Operate Elevating Work Platforms. The new card features a photograph of the operator, similar to that found on a drivers' licence.

The EWPA said that it has been aware for some time some that industry sectors such as mining and resources had not recognised its Yellow Card, as the training programme behind it could not be linked to nationally recognised training. It therefore developed the new training programme and is initiating a retraining programme to bring all former Yellow Card trainers up to date with the new UoC.



The new card.



The current EWPA Yellow Card.



(L-R) Twan Pelders and Jan van Beek from Orlaco with Bob Hund from Manitowoc Crane Care

## Manitowoc and Orlaco agree partnership

Manitowoc has signed a five year strategic agreement with Netherlands-based camera system specialist Orlaco to provide and develop after-market camera and in cab monitoring systems for its Potain, Grove, National Crane and Manitowoc cranes.

## 20 MEC for Flexleie

Norwegian rental company Flexleie has taken delivery of 20 MEC Speed Level 2684RT-T. The Bergen-based company has ordered the 26ft units specifically modified for tunnel applications.

Flexleie's rental manager, Ole Heie said: "This unique machine allows the customer to continue working without lowering the machine every time they need to move. For tunnel jobs the operator needs to stay in the air and continue working, this machine will increase productivity tremendously for our customers and we plan on adding more of them to our rental fleet soon."



Ole Heie of Flexleie (L) receives the new T model MEC Speed Levels from Jim Tolle of MEC



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## Profit boost at Lavendon

Lavendon has published first half results with revenues down one percent to £113.6 million with gains in France and the Middle East offset by falls in the UK, Germany and Belgium. Pre-tax profits jumped 72 percent to £8.6 million.



## JLG profits jump 76%

JLG has reported its nine month results with revenues up 12.5 percent to \$2.34 billion, while operating income leapt 76 percent to \$298.4 million.



## Ashtead breaks records

Ashtead - owner of A-Plant in the UK and Sunbelt in the USA - achieved record first quarter results with revenues up 24 percent to £410 million, while pre-tax profits jumped 59 percent to a record £99.5 million.

## Haulotte swings back into profit

Haulotte moved back into profit during the first half, with revenues marginally up at €187.2 million. Net profit for the period was €11.9 million, compared to a loss last year of €3.7 million, however all but €1.3 million came for a €10.6 million gain on the sale of UK platforms to HSS in late June.



## Manitowoc Crane boosts profits

Manitowoc Crane has reported first half revenues of \$1.2 billion - 7.5 percent up on last year, while operating income jumped 31 percent to \$96.3 million. The backlog was slightly down on last year at \$726 million, six percent up on the quarter.

## Strong first half at Bronto

Bronto Skylift improved first half revenues by three percent to \$67.1 million while its operating income jumped 64 percent to \$4.1 million.

## Genie jumps 20%

Terex AWP/Genie has reported first half sales up 20 percent to \$1.12 billion, while operating income for the period leapt 48 percent to \$173.6 million.



## Profits slump at Manitou

Manitou has confirmed first half revenues fell 12 percent, while last year's net earnings of €21 million were cut to just €1.1 million this year. However trading picked up in the second quarter and remains strong.



## Hiab picks up

Hiab reported flat half year revenues at €413 million and a fall in operating income from €12.8 to €7.9 million, however the second quarter saw revenues rise five percent to €221 million, helping lift operating income 11 percent.



## Ramirent slows

Revenues at Ramirent came in six percent lower at €313.6 million, largely due to the move of its Russian business into the Fortrent JV. Pre-tax profits were flat at €30.4 million.



## Slow start for Tat Hong

Singapore-based crane group Tat Hong has reported first quarter results with revenues down 18 percent to \$175.5 million, while pre-tax profits more than halved to \$12.4 million.



## Growth continues at Skyjack

Linamar's Industrial division/Skyjack reported half year revenues of \$320.3 million, 10.5 percent up on last year, while operating income jumped 82.8 percent to \$39.3 million due to higher access sales, offset by lower sales of other products in the division.

## Mixed half at Wacker Neuson

Telehandler and equipment manufacturer Wacker Neuson saw first half revenues climb five percent to €586.1 million but pre-tax profits fell 19.3 percent to €36.8 million

## Cramo on the turn

First half revenues at Cramo slipped four percent to €308.6 million, due to the sale of its Finnish cabin business and the transfer of its Russian operation to Fortrent. Pre-tax profits for the period dropped eight percent to €7.8 million.



## Manitex adds tankers and rises 27%

Manitex has acquired Sabre, a manufacturer of specialised trailer tanks for \$14 million including \$13 million in cash and \$1 million in stock. Revenues meanwhile were up 27 percent to \$122.1 million, while pre-tax profits improved 20 percent to \$6.5 million.

## Profit dips at Terex Cranes

Terex Cranes has reported a three percent rise in first half revenues at \$992.1 million, but operating income slipped almost 11 percent to \$55.9 million.



## Essex Crane cuts losses

Revenues at Essex Crane Rental were flat during the first half at \$50.3 million, although crane rental revenues rose 11 percent to \$23.6 million. Pre-tax losses for the period were cut from \$11.3 million last year to \$6.67 million this year.

## United Rentals on the up

United Rentals has posted its first half results with revenues of \$2.3 billion and pre-tax profits of \$161 million.

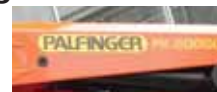
## Harsco Infrastructure starts to turn

First half revenues at Harsco Infrastructure were flat at \$467.2 million, while its operating loss was reduced from \$77.9 million last year to \$14.2 million this year.



## Record revenues for Palfinger

Palfinger has reported record first half revenues at €475.1 million up two percent, while pre-tax profits nudged up one percent to €32.2 million.



## Mills Rental up another 48%

The aerial lift and telehandler 'Rental' division of Brazilian-based Mills achieved a 48 percent hike in first half revenues to R166.3 million (\$50 million). EBITDA for the division was R92.9 million (\$40 million) and capital expenditure \$62 million.



# Modulift introduces spreader frame



Modulift's new CMOD corner units

Modular spreader beam manufacturer Modulift has developed its first modular CMOD spreader frame with lifting capacities from six to 70 tonnes.

The CMOD corner units - which can be easily fitted to its current range of spreader beams - make up a frame which can span from 500mm to 12 metres. Modulift is currently developing a CMOD spreader frame with a capacity of 110 tonnes. The system has been designed to EN13155 standards and conforms to GL Noble Denton guidelines concerning shackles.



## 20 Isoli for Algeria



A 35 metre PTJ 3522 SL for Russia mounted on a Kamaz truck

Italian truck mounted lift manufacturer Isoli has sold 20 units of its 20 metre PNT 205 platforms to a contractor working for Algeria's state power company.

The units will be mounted on 3.5 tonne Peugeot Boxer chassis. Isoli has also sold a 35 metre PTJ 3522SL to Russia which will have a simpler electronic system and the have the ability to operate in temperatures as low as minus 40 degrees.

## Socage to launch JJ230 at ICUEE

Socage's American distributor, Truck Utilities will show a North American version of its 68.5 metre JJ70/JJ230 Forste truck mounted lift at the ICUEE show in Louisville, Kentucky, next month.



The American mounted unit will have seven axles

Mounted on a locally-made 32 tonne truck and equipped with seven axles, the finished platform will have a maximum outreach of 36.5 metres and platform capacity of 600kg. Features include an LCD display on the platform controls, 360 degree continuous slew and 180 degrees platform rotation. The double jib configuration also provides the machine with some decent under-bridge capability.

## PASMA low level standard

The UK-based Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association (PASMA) has published its new safety standard PAS 250 for the design of low-level platforms such as podiums or pulpits. It sets out the minimum safety and performance requirements for all platforms under 2.5 metres intended for a single person use with one working platform and side protection.

The standard introduces a specific requirement for stability and resistance to overturning as well as specifications for materials, the design of the guardrails and access and the ability to fit toe-boards.



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- British Airways has ordered 35 Genie aerial lifts from Working At Height.
- Belgian Duma Rent has purchased four new Isoli PNT205N articulated truck mounted lifts.
- Hiab has appointed Clas Thott as vice president, global marketing.
- Manitowoc has modified a Grove All Terrain crane for a local fire department in Kassel, Germany.
- UK-based J. Hewitt Crane Hire has taken delivery of a new Tadano Faun ATF 90G-4.
- The UK division of Webasto has appointed Jason Tyres as its marketing manager.
- Liebherr-Components Biberach has started building an additional plant in Southern Germany.
- Isoli has appointed Instant Norge as its aerial lift distributor for Norway and the Baltic Republics.
- Link Belt cranes has appointed Rickey Bailey as major accounts manager North America.
- TTS Offshore Handling Equipment of Norway has won a NK120 million deal for four offshore cranes.
- The Mexican Army has taken delivery of a 36 tonne National Crane NBT40 boom truck.
- DP World has placed an order for a Liebherr ship to shore container crane and two rubber tyre gantry cranes.
- Spider suspended platforms has appointed Bronson Faher as district sales rep in Las Vegas.
- Socage has delivered its fourth 54m Forste TJJ54 to Zuccato Autogru.
- Dutch rental company Siesling has taken delivery of a 54 metre Ruthmann T540 truck mounted lift.
- German contractor HuP has purchased a Sennebogen 673 R-HD telescopic crawler crane.
- £2,180 has been raised for the widow of Rick Jaeger-Fozard.
- Gary 'Grumpy' Avery a well-known CraneSafe assessor, based in Victoria, Australia has died.
- US-based virtual rental company Big Rentz has hired Rohan Mishal as operations manager.
- Straightpoint has appointed Al-Najm Al-Thaqib in Saudi Arabia.
- Tim Novoselski, former editor/owner of RER magazine, has died aged 62.
- UK-based parts and after-sales service supplier IPS is to open a facility in Ireland.
- Zarges has launched a new PASMA and ladder training centre in the UK.
- Sims Crane & Equipment has appointed Mark Hollister as vice president of business development.
- An all-girls team from UK crane hirer AB2000 has taken part in the Race For Life in Edinburgh.
- UK-based Safe Access Solutions has opened its second office within Pinewood Studios.
- United Rentals has acquired Canadian construction equipment rental company Rent World.
- Dutch heavy lift specialist Huisman has opened a new office in Bergen, Norway.
- Mumbai-based developer India Bulls has ordered a further 20 Liebherr EC-B 85 tower cranes.
- Singapore based Tat Hong has appointed Wong Meng Choong as group chief operating officer Asia.
- UK-based Clements Plant has added more Niftylift booms to its rental fleet.
- UK-contractor Burras has taken delivery of a 55 tonne Hitachi-Sumitomo SCX550 crawler crane.



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Rickey Bailey



Bronson Faher



Mark Hollister



Wong Meng Choong

- The historic Titan crane on Sydney's Garden Island is to be demolished.
- Australian rental company Coates has acquired the general rental assets of Force Rentals.
- Australian crane distributor Pace Cranes has promoted Greg Muller to service manager.
- UK-based County Lifting has taken delivery of its first Palfinger loader crane.
- A-Plant Acrow has appointed Trevor Larkin to the new post of technical director.
- TP&L has taken delivery of the first Liebherr LTR 1220 telescopic crawler crane in the USA.
- IPAF has announced the impending retirement of Gerhard Hillebrand.
- Germany's Zeppelin Rental has taken delivery of 15 Böcker trailer mounted material lifts.
- ALL Erection has appointed Brenton MacDonald as safety supervisor for its Central Rent-A-Crane division.
- German crane and access entrepreneur Herwarth Slupinski has died unexpectedly aged 64.
- UK-based Clements Plant & Tool has taken delivery of a Multitel MJ 201 truck mounted lift.
- A coroner's jury in Canada has recommended tougher standards for aerial work platform operator training.
- UK-based parts and service supplier IPS has appointed KK Materiel as its partner for Denmark.
- Louisiana-based H&E Equipment posted a strong increase in first half revenues, profits remained flat.
- Aboriginal-owned Koodaideri Contracting Services has purchased a Terex Mac 25 pick & carry crane.
- Manitowoc Cranes has appointed Ingo Schillerr as executive vice president of Manitowoc Crane Care.
- Liebherr is building a new logistics centre near Kirchdorf an der Iller, Germany.
- UK rental group Vp has acquired pile cropping specialist Mr Cropper.
- Konecranes has opened a training centre at its UK base.
- UK rental company AFI has opened an IPAF and PASMA training centre in West Bromwich.
- The UK's Plantworx is changing location for its second show in 2015.
- Odyssey Investment Partners is looking into opportunities to sell TNT Crane & Rigging.
- UK rental group Vp has issued a positive interim statement.
- UK crane rental specialist Bronzeshield has taken three new Terex AT Cranes.
- Wacker Neuson has appointed Patrick Degen as managing director of Wacker Neuson SAS.
- PASMA has appointed Chris Blanter, managing director of Hi-Point Access, as chairman.
- UK timber merchant E H Smith has ordered four Hiab XS loader cranes on DAF trucks.
- Mick Ledden, previously with Lavendon, has established a new business – Pomarii Consulting.
- South Korean crane rental company Daehan Heavy Equipment has purchased its first Grove crane.



Greg Muller



Trevor Larkin



Ingo Schillerr



Patrick Degen

- Hungarian rental company Zalavari Gepszer has purchased its third Unic spider crane.
- German rental company BKL Baukras Logistik has added its first Grove crane to its fleet.
- UK-based Smiths Equipment purchased 14 Skyjack scissor lifts as part of a £250,000 investment.
- Swiss rental company WS-Skyworker has taken delivery of three Ruthmann truck mounted lifts.
- Malaysian fabricator TH Heavy Engineering has taken delivery of two Manitowoc 16000 crawler cranes.
- German-based Mateco, now part of TVH, has taken delivery of its first Omme lift.
- UK-based Specialist Crane has purchased a new Grove GMK 4100L.
- South Australia's RMB Service Group has appointed Stephen Fry as general manager.
- UK-based Safe Access Solutions (SAS) has recently taken delivery of 10 Skyjack scissor lifts.
- JLG has appointed Glynn Stanton as telehandler sales and distribution manager for the UK and Ireland.
- IPAF will hold its US Convention in Chicago on October 21st and 22nd.
- French rental company Kiloutou, has acquired the equipment rental division of Trefoulet.
- Australia's EWPA has published its Cross Hire Agreement.
- Moba has restructured its UK management team as its MD Alistair Brown departs.
- Bobcat has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its telehandler plant in Pontchateau, France.
- Two Liebherr LPS 600 port cranes have been delivered to the port of Gdansk, Poland.
- C-Tech Industries has appointed International Del Comercio Nadine as its distributor for Spain.
- Ramirent is selling its Hungarian business to a private equity fund.
- Merlo UK has appointed Ken Hamilton as country manager and Simon Howell for construction products.
- US-based ReachMaster has appointed Tom McKendree and Stephanie Gunther as sales managers.
- The owners of New Zealand's NZ Crane Group have decided to offer the business for sale.
- Easy Reach Scotland based in Fife has purchased a new 22 metre Platform Basket Spider 22.10.
- France Elévateur Deutschland has mounted a Topy 11.2i platform on a Fumo Multicar chassis.
- GT Access and Hire! Freeman have taken the first Hinowa 20.10 Performance IIS spider lift.
- The MacGregor division of Cargotec has acquired offshore winch manufacturer Hatlapa Group.
- Kanson Crane & Heavy Transport has taken delivery of the first Grove GMK6100L in Hong Kong.
- UK spider lift rental specialist, MBS Access, has added a new 15 metre CMC S15 spider lift to its fleet.
- Montreal-based Grues n'Rick/Mega Lift has taken delivery of a 20 tonne Galizia GF20 pick & carry crane.
- Merlo UK has appointed three new dealers in Northern Ireland.



Steve Fry



Tom McKendree



Steph Gunther

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