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# A look back at 2013

2013 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 2013 than in 2012, 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.vertikal.net](http://www.vertikal.net) - simply use our search facility.

## January industry news

**Manitowoc** opens a new contact centre in Sydney.

**TNT Crane & Rigging** acquires **Southway Crane & Rigging** of Macon, Georgia.

A **helicopter** crashes into a luffing jib tower crane in Vauxhall, London.



Arkansas-based **Hugg & Hall** acquires Oklahoma-based **Westquip**.

**Acme Lift's** chief operating officer **Steve Nadelman** departs and later moves to **Sunstate**.

**Grove** launches the RT770E Rough Terrain and 60 tonne GMK3060 All Terrain crane.



**Terex** reshuffles its senior management team - **Tim Ford** moves to Cranes, **Matt Fearon** takes over at **Genie** and **Kevin Bradley** becomes chief financial officer.



**Manitowoc Cranes** and **Shantui Investment** announce a JV to build truck cranes in China - the deal falls apart in September.

**Terex** launches the Quadstar 1100, a 100 tonne Rough Terrain crane.



**Sky Aces** launches the Fanlift 855-2600 platform.

**Sumitomo** increases its stake in **Sunstate Equipment** to 80 percent.

**Mark Evans** takes over from **Andrew Brown** at **Kobelco Cranes UK**.

**Bravi** starts selling directly to users in the UK.



**Elliott Equipment** unveils the 40 tonne 45127R boom truck.

**Cargotec** appoints **Mika Vehviläinen** of Finnair as chief executive.

**Manitowoc** launches a 165 tonne MLC165 lattice-boom crawler crane.

**ATN** receives a €3 million capital injection from **Entrepreneur Venture**.

Canada-based **Entrec** acquires **Taylor Crane Service** of North Dakota.

**Palfinger** shows its largest knuckle boom crane to date, the PK 200002 LSH.



## World News..World News..



Russia grants citizenship to **Gérard Depardieu** who seeks to avoid new taxes in France.

The 2013 European **horse meat** contamination scandal kicks off in the UK.

Cyclist **Lance Armstrong** admits to doping and is stripped of his Olympic medal.



In **Egypt** massive protests kick off against president Mohamed Morsi.

**Boeing 787** aircraft are grounded worldwide over concerns about the safety of their lithium-ion batteries.

**Miloš Zeman** wins the Czech presidential election.

A militant group overruns a refinery in **Aménas, Algeria** and holds a large number of foreign hostages. The army goes in after four days, resulting in the death of 37 hostages and 32 terrorists.



In **Mali** French troops recapture **Timbuktu** without resistance from the Islamists militants.

Research In Motion officially unveils **BlackBerry** 10 phones.



**February** industry news



Dutch heavy lifting company **Schot** takes the first **Liebherr** LTM 1750-9.1 All Terrain crane.

**IPAF** issues its first full year accident report with 31 fatalities.



**Bluelift** unveils the SA18, a compact 18 metre spider lift.

**Custom Equipment** appoints **Hy-Brid Access** Platforms as its new dealer for the UK.

**GGR** is appointed **Cormidi** spider crane/lift distributor for the UK.

**Socage** unveils a lightweight version of its DA28 on a 3.5t chassis.

**Genie** introduces the Genie Lift Pro online operator training programme.

**Potain** unveils the 2.5 tonne MCi 48 C tower crane in Mumbai.

**Magni Telehandlers** delivers its first telehandlers to Dutch rental company **Collé**.



**AFI** acquires truck mounted platform rental specialist **Wilson Access Hire**.

**A.W. Leil Holdings** acquires Nova Scotia-based **Partners Cranes**.

**Terex** sells its Brazilian road building operations to the **Fayat group**.

**Genie** launches a new Heavy Duty telehandler - the GTH-1544 - its first high capacity model.



**Teupen** appoints **Michael Scheuss** as chief executive.



**Teupen** unveils the 21 metre Leo 21GT spider lift.

**JCB** signs engine supply deal with **Magni Telehandlers**.

**Genie** unveils an updated version of the Z135/70 - the ZX-135/70.

Aluminium crane manufacturer **Böcker** appoints **Kranlyft** as its UK distributor.

**Bobcat** launches the 3.8 tonne TR38160 telehandler, replacing its TR35160.

**Palfinger** acquires **Sky Aces** and forms **Palfinger Platforms Italy** Srl.

**Isoli** ships its first India mounted lift, a 23 metre PNT 230 on a locally-built Tata chassis.

**World News..World News.. World News**

The skeleton of **Richard III** of England is discovered under a car park in Leicester.



**United States embassy** in **Ankara**, Turkey, is bombed by the Revolutionary People's Liberation Front killing two.

Turkey's prime minister **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** accuses **Israel** of waging "state terrorism" against Syria.

The **Royal Bank of Scotland** is fined more than \$612 million for manipulating the Libor rate.

**Pope Benedict XVI** becomes the first modern pope to resign.



**Warren Buffett** and **Jorge Paulo Lemann** buy **H. J. Heinz** for \$28 billion.

Olympic runner **Oscar Pistorius** is charged with shooting his girlfriend **Reeva Steenkamp**, at home in Pretoria.

The large **Hadron Collider** is switched off for two years for upgrading.

A massive meteor breaks up near the city of **Chelyabinsk**, Russia injuring more than 1,200 people.



**Moody's** downgrades the UK's bond credit rating from AAA to AA1.

The centre-left alliance **Italy Common Good** led by the Democratic Party wins the Italian general election.

**Park Geun-hye** becomes the first female president of South Korea.



**March** industry news



**Konecranes** launches a 45 tonne hybrid reach stacker.

**Manitou** CEO **Jean-Christophe Giroux** resigns and **Marcel-Claude Braud** re-joins the board.

**CTE** appoints **MOPSA** as its dealer for Spain.

**Iron Planet** acquires **Asset Appraisal Services**, an online auction company and appraiser.



UK-based **Kimberly group** orders 15, 135ft **Genie** boom lifts.

**JLG's** VP global marketing **Brad Nelson** is promoted to president of **Oshkosh Commercial**.

**AJ Access Platforms** acquires the fleet of **Carlisle Access**.

**France Elévateur** acquires controlling interest in **CTE France**, the CTE, Paus and Unic crane distributor.

**Terex Cranes** delivers the first Superlift 3800



crawler crane to **Ulferts & Wittrock**.

**PM group** merges its **PM** and **Oil & Steel** operations under chief executive **Luigi Fucili**.

**Harry McArdle** (R) of **Height for Hire/Easi Uplifts** receives IAPA lifetime achievement award.





UK-based **Port Services Group** invests £12 million in new cranes and transport.

**Barnhart** acquires **Steel City Crane** of Birmingham, Alabama.

**Liebherr** establishes a crane sales and service subsidiary in Mexico - Liebherr Mexico.

**H.A.B** appoints **Collé** as distributor for the Benelux region.

**Menno Koel** leaves **Holland Lift** as **ProDelta Investments** takes over.

**Tanfield** places 10.5 million new shares raising £2.1 million.

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**Hugo Chávez**, president of Venezuela, dies in office at the age of 58.



**North Korea** threatens its enemies with the possibility of a pre-emptive nuclear strike. **South Korea** closes the border and North Korea breaks the 1953 armistice, cuts telephone connections and then declares a state of war.

**Silvio Berlusconi** is convicted of arranging an illegal wiretap and sentenced to a year in jail.

**Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio** of Argentina is elected as the new pope, taking the name **Pope Francis**.



**Xi Jinping** is chosen as president of China and Li Keqiang as the new premier.

Scientists at the large **Hadron Collider** confirm the particle discovered in July 2012 is a **Higgs boson**.



President of Bangladesh **Zillur Rahman** dies in office at the age of 84.

**Justin Welby** is formally enthroned as the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

**Cyprus** agrees a bailout deal with the European Union after closing banks for two weeks.



**April industry news**



With 530,000 visitors from 200 countries, **Bauma 2013** breaks all records.

**JLG** launches Toucan 12E+.

**Sennebogen** unveils a 70 tonne heavy duty telescopic crawler crane.

**Platform Basket** launches a 33 metre spider lift.

**Bronto Skylift** launches the new XR truck mounted lifts.



**Maeda** launches the MK1033C spider crane with articulated boom/jib.



**Palazzani** launches a 52 metre XTJ52 spider lift on tracks or wheels.

**Genie** unveils the 180ft SX180 boom lift.

**TNT Crane** acquires **TSD Crane & Rigging** and **Greenery Construction & Maintenance**.



**CMC** unveils the 25 metre PLA 250 straight telescopic truck mounted lift.

**Rothlehner** acquires design rights and parts business for **Denka** trailer lifts.

**H.A.B** launches a 15.7 metre TR16JD crawler mounted boom lift and a 32.5 metre narrow aisle scissor lift.



**Snorkel** launches the 43ft S4390RT Rough Terrain scissor lift.

**Multitel Pagliero** unveils the 68.5 metre MJ685 truck mounted platform.



**ATN** launches the 46ft Zebra 16 articulated boom.

**Palfinger** launches a 90 metre truck mounted lift on a commercial chassis.

**Steve Couling** takes over as president of **IPAF**.

**Zoomlion** launches the 8-ZT180 topless tower crane.

**Ruthmann** launches the 30 metre T300.1 truck mounted lift.

**Unic** unveils the battery powered Eco-095 spider crane.



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**Effer** and **Atlas** extend their co-operation agreement to all Atlas dealers.

**CTE** appoints **Hematec** as distributor for its B-Lift range of truck mounted lifts in Germany and Austria.

**Chungh Construction** of South Korea takes delivery of a 2,300t **Manitowoc** 31000 crawler crane.



**Bigge Crane** orders four 300 tonne Liebherr LR 1300 SX crawler cranes.

**Niftylift** wins two Queen's Awards.

**Niftylift** appoints **IPS** to provide parts and service throughout France.

**Terex Cranes** restructures on a regional basis.

**Simon Cracknell**, previously with **JLG** joins **Skyjack** as director of business development Asia.



**Atlas** and Finnish port loader company **Mantsinen** form a strategic partnership.

**CPA** promotes **Kevin Minton** to director.

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**Margaret Thatcher** dies age 87.



A camel given to **president Hollande** for liberating Mali is eaten by the family in Timbuktu taking care of it.

A bomb at the **Boston Marathon** kills three.



The British Horseracing Authority bans Godolphin Racing trainer **Mahmood Al Zarooni** for eight years after 11 of his horses test positive for steroids.

**Queen Beatrix** of the Netherlands abdicates in favour of her son the Prince of Orange, who becomes **King Willem-Alexander**.

**May** industry news



**Manitex** unveils its largest crane to date - the 70 tonne TC70.

US-based **Trico Lift** appoints **Chris Carmolingo** as chief executive.

**Wayne Lawson** joins **Riwal** as regional director north Europe.

**Ashtead** acquires **Accession Group/Eve Trakway**.

**Kevin O'Shea** moves to Canadian mastclimber manufacturer **Hydro Mobile**.

**Imran Khan**, the Pakistani cricketer/politician is injured after falling from a pallet on a forklift.

**Kalmar** acquires Spanish crane refurbishment/maintenance company **Mareiport**.

**OSHA** delays crane operator certification requirements in the USA until 2017.

**Michael Wotschke** - joint chief executive at **Teupen** - departs.

**John Ball**, MD of Ireland-based **Height For Hire/Easi Uplifts**



announces his departure.

**Haulotte** opens a sales and service subsidiary in Mumbai, India.

**Jeff Brundell** retires as a director of CICA after more than 25 years.



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Three women missing for 10 years are found in Cleveland, Ohio, a 52-year-old man, **Ariel Castro**, is arrested.

A high rise factory - the **Savar** building - collapses in **Bangladesh** killing 1,127 people.

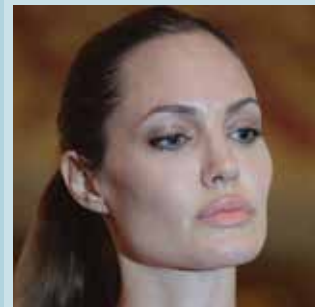


**Ireland** pardons thousands of soldiers who left the Irish Army to fight with the Allies during World War II.

Drummer **Lee Rigby** of the 2nd Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers is killed and butchered by two thugs in a London street.



**Angelina Jolie** has a double mastectomy due to her family history of breast cancer.



**Ireland** pardons thousands of soldiers who left the Irish Army to fight with the Allies during World War II.

**Ford** announces the closure of its **Australian** manufacturing operations, including its Broadmeadows car factory and engine plant in Geelong with a loss of 1,200 jobs.

Protestors are forcibly removed from Gezi Park in **Taksim Square**, Istanbul, Turkey.



**June** industry news



**Multitel** launches the 23.5 metre MX235 truck mount at **Vertikal Days**.

Alberta-based **Entrec** acquires **GT's Crane and Transportation Services**.

**Oil&Steel** appoints **Mantis Access** as UK/Ireland distributor.

**AFI** acquires **Hi-Reach** and **Access Rental Gulf** and completes £85 million refinancing.

**Tadano** starts production at its new facility in Thailand.

**Delta Rigging & Tools** acquires Louisiana-based **Morgan City Rentals**.

**JCB** announces **Graeme MacDonald** as successor to **Alan Blake** as chief executive.

A marshall at the **Canadian Grand Prix** dies when he is run over by a telehandler.

21 **Zoomlion** executives buy \$22 million company shares.

**Nationwide Platforms** orders 1,000 **Pecolift** work platforms.

**Haulotte** launches a new Entrapment Prevention System, **ACTIV' Shield Bar** at **Vertikal Days**.



A **Genie Z-135** boom lift overturns onto the M25 motorway in London, killing **Rick Jaeger-Fozard**.

**Isoli** appoints **APS** as its distributor for the UK.

The largest **Vertikal Days** so far...

Five children and eight adults were injured when a crane lifting them overturned in **Germany**.



**Sany America** launches the 77 tonne SRC885 Rough Terrain crane.

**Manitowoc** files a patent infringement complaint against Sany.

**Ainscough Crane Hire** appoints **Robin Richardson** as managing director following the retirement of **Neil Partridge**.



**Riwal** buys-out the minority shareholders in **Riwal Spain**.

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New research finds that **graphene** is the strongest material in the world even when joined.



The 60th anniversary of **Queen Elizabeth II's** coronation.

**Greece** shuts down public radio and television broadcaster **ERT**, calling it a "haven of waste".

Former CIA employee **Edward Snowden** admits leaking information on irregular **NSA** phone and email hacking, defects to Hong Kong and ends up in Russia.



**Kevin Rudd** wins an Australian Labour Party leadership challenge against incumbent **Julia Gillard** and takes over as prime minister.

Gunmen kill two polio vaccinators in northwest Pakistan.

Moderate **Hassan Rouhani** is elected as the president of **Iran**.



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**July** industry news



**Isoli** mounts truck mounted lifts in Czech Republic.

**IPAF** launches a Spanish version of its North American operator course.

**Ahern Rentals** emerges from Chapter 11 after an 18 month battle.

**Sany America** launches the 150 tonne SCC8150 crawler crane.



**Fork Rent** orders 900 JCB telehandlers worth more than £53 million.



**Bob Hund** is promoted to president of the Manitowoc Foodservice division.

First Russia-mounted **Oil&Steel** truck mounted lift shipped.

**David Haynes** MD of **Tutt Bryant** and **Tat-Hong**'s Australian operations retires.



**Bobcat** celebrates the 50th anniversary of its telehandler plant in Pontchateau, France.

**Haulotte** sells its UK rental business, **UK Platforms**, to general rental company **HSS**.



**Cargotec** acquires ship/offshore winch manufacturer Hatlapa Group.

**Manitowoc** signs a five year

agreement with camera system specialist **Orlaco**.

**Genie** issues a Safety Notice requiring all Genie Z135/70 booms to be inspected.

Australia's **Elevating Work Platform Association** publishes Cross Hire Agreement.

Dubai-based **Manlift** appoints **Tom Cunningham** as MD, following the retirement of **John Ashcroft**.

**Manitex** unveils the 19 ton 1970C boom truck mounted on a two axle 4x2 chassis.



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**Croatia** becomes 28th member of the EU.

The Egyptian army deposes **Mohamed Morsi** and other Muslim Brotherhood leaders, **Mohamed ElBaradei** is named prime minister.



**King Albert II** of Belgium abdicates for health reasons - son **Prince Philippe**, Duke of Brabant takes over.

**Andy Murray** becomes first British winner of Men's Singles at Wimbledon since 1936.



A boy - **George Alexander Louis** - is born to Kate and William, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, he is third in line to the British throne.

A high-speed train carrying 225 passengers derails near **Santiago de Compostela**, Spain, leaving 80 dead and over 140 injured.



**Bradley Manning** is acquitted of aiding the enemy for leaking classified US Army information to WikiLeaks, but found guilty of espionage and theft.

**August** industry news



**Tadano** launches a 145 tonne the GR-1600XL-2 Rough Terrain crane on a three axle chassis.

Australia's **Elevating Work Platform Association** launches its new UoC Operator Licence.

**Coates** acquires the general rental assets of **Force Rentals**.

**Ramirent** sells its Hungarian business to a private equity fund.

**IPS** appoints **KK Materiel** as its partner for Denmark.

**Ingo Schiller** takes over as head of **Manitowoc Crane Care**.



**Liebherr** begins construction of a new logistics centre in Germany.

**Rival** acquires the aerial work platform business of **Sarens Belgium**.

**Fassi** acquires French hook loader manufacturer **Marrel**.

**Wacker Neuson** appoints **Patrick Degen** as managing director of Wacker Neuson France.

**Holland Lift** appoints **AJ Access Platforms** as its distributor for the UK and Ireland.

Norway-based **Flexleie** buys 20, **MEC** Speed Level 2684RT-T for tunnel work.



£2,180 is raised for the widow of **Rick Jaeger-Fozard** who died when his boom lift overturned.

**United Rentals** acquires Canadian equipment rental company **Rent World**.

**PASMA** publishes its new safety standard PAS 250 for the design of low-level platforms.



**Modulift** launches its first modular CMOD spreader frame.

**Isoli** appoints **Instant Norge** as its aerial lift distributor for Norway and the Baltic Republics.

**Top Service** launches a **Credit Circle** for the UK crane, access and heavy equipment rental industry.

**Teresa Kee** of **NES Rentals** is elected as chairman of **IPAF's** North America Regional Council.

**Pro-Delta** appoints **Eline Oudenbroek** as managing director of **Holland Lift**.



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Amazon founder **Jeff Bezos** purchases **The Washington Post** for \$250 million.

A fire badly damages **Nairobi's** Jomo Kenyatta Airport.



**North and South Korea** resume talks on reopening the Kaesong industrial zone

The UK threatens Spain with legal action over additional border checks in **Gibraltar**.

Researchers at the **University of Milan** unveil a device that measures brain function and consciousness in brain-damaged individuals.

The **USA** and **UK** threaten military strikes against **Syria** over chemical weapon attacks on its citizens that reportedly killed 1,429 people.



## Football

**Wigan Athletic** defeat Manchester City 1-0 in the UK's **FA Cup**.

**Bayern Munich** beat Borussia Dortmund 2-1 in the **UEFA European Cup**.

## Rugby Union



**Wales** wins **Six Nations** tournament for second year in a row.

**Toulon** defeats Clermont Auvergne 16 – 15 in the final of the **Heineken Cup**.

**New Zealand** wins the **Tri-Nations cup** for the second year running.

## Tennis

**U.S. Open: Rafael Nadal** beats Novak Djokovic.

**Wimbledon: Andy Murray** beats Novak Djokovic.



**French Open: Rafael Nadal** wins against David Ferrer.

**Australian Open: Novak Djokovic** wins against Andy Murray.

**Czech Republic** defeats **Serbia** to win the Davis Cup.

## Formula One



**Sebastian Vettel** retains Driver's championship.

**Red Bull** retains the Constructor's championship.

## Golf

**The Masters** - Adam Scott

**U.S. Open** - Justin Rose

**The Open** - Phil Mickelson

**PGA Championship** - Jason Dufner



**No 1 Ranking at end of 2013** - Tiger Woods



## American Football



**Baltimore Ravens** beat the San Francisco 49ers 34 -31 in the Superbowl.

## Cricket

**England** wins the **2013 Ashes Series** against Australia in the UK.



Australia win the **2013/2014 Ashes** in Australia.

**India** beats England to win the **2013 ICC Champions Trophy**.

## Cycling



**Chris Froome** of the UK and Team Sky wins the 100th **Tour de France**.

## Ice Hockey

**Chicago Blackhawks** beat the Boston Bruins four games to two.

## Baseball

**Boston Red Sox** beat St Louis Cardinals 4-2.

## Basketball

**Miami Heat** beat the San Antonio Spurs 4-3.

## Horse Racing

**Auroras Encore**, ridden by Ryan Mania wins **Grand National**.

## Bobs Worth

ridden by Barry Geraghty wins **Cheltenham Gold Cup**.



**Ruler of the World**, ridden by Ryan Moore wins **Epsom Derby**.

**Orb**, ridden by Joel Rosario wins **Kentucky Derby**.

**Oxbow**, ridden by Gary Stevens wins the **Preakness Stakes**.



**Palace Malice**, ridden by Mike E. Smith wins **Belmont Stakes**.

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**September** industry news



**IPAF** holds its first UK banger racing even.

**Stavdal** acquires fellow Swedish access rental company **Rentex**.

**Shantui** pulls out of its planned truck crane JV with **Manitowoc** in China.

**Harsco** 'sells' **Harsco Infrastructure** to a new venture **Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services**.

**Skyjack** opens sales/service facilities in Sweden and Germany.

**Hiab** unveils four new loader crane models.



**Andy Wright** head of **Lavendon** Middle East moves to **Speedy** Middle East.

**AB2000** acquires **Ellon Plant Hire**.

**Northern Crane** re-brands as **NCSG** and acquires **Scorpion Industries**.

**Loxam** announces consolidation of its French businesses into a single entity.



Crane manufacturer **Broderson** is acquired by the **Lanco group**.

**Hematec** acquires parts and service assets of failed aerial lift manufacturer **ESDA**.

**France-Elevateur** launches a new 17 metre insulated platform.



**Sunbelt Rentals** acquires Contractors' **Equipment Company**.

**Altec** launches its largest truck crane to date the 45 ton AC45-127S.



**Tadano** investigates the acquisition of its distributor **Cranes UK**.

**Socage** develops a 13.5 metre pick-up mounted aerial lift for desert applications.

**CAT** updates its 14 and 17 metre telehandlers.



The **BBC** airs the Crane Gang documentary.

**Time Versalift** establishes a new operation **Time Nederland**.

Tanfield 'places' **Snorkel** into a new company controlled by **Don Ahern** of **Ahern Rentals**.



**Link-Belt** updates its 70 tonne TCC-750 telescopic crawler crane.

**HSS Hire** acquires the Irish division of **Mobile Traffic Solutions**.

**Palfinger** and **Sany** acquire a 10 percent stake in each other.

**CTE** improves the working envelope of its ZED 20.2 HV.



**World News..World News..**



Vodafone sells its stake in **Verizon** for \$130 billion.

Microsoft purchases **Nokia's** mobile phone division for \$7.2 billion.

Australians elect **Tony Abbott** as prime minister.



Egypt bans **Muslim Brotherhood**.

**Syria** agrees to hand over all of its chemical weapons.

NASA's **Voyager 1** space probe leaves the solar system.



61 civilians and six soldiers are killed in the **Westgate mall** siege in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Barack Obama** and Iranian president **Hassan Rouhani** hold talks.

The **Costa Concordia** is pulled upright.



**October** industry news

**Mammoet** unveils a 600 tonne MTC15 terminal crane.



**Ruthmann** appoints Time Manufacturing as distributor for North America.

**Sunbelt Rentals** acquires **MAC Leasing**.

**Palfinger Platforms** launches the P140T truck mounted platform.

**Ruthmann** unveils the 22 metre TBR220 truck mounted lift.

**Tim Frank** resigns as CEO of **Sany America**.

**Dingli** launches its first mast boom.



**Ruthmann** unveils the 38 metre T380 truck mounted lift.

**NES Rentals** acquires **West Georgia Aerial Lift**.

**Niftylift** delivers the first 86ft HR28 boom lift to Cramer Arbeitsbühnen.



**Yanmar** acquires a 6.26 percent stake in **Manitou**.

First Reserve private equity acquires **TNT Crane & Rigging**.

**Grúas Aguilar** takes the first 750 tonne Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1 in Spain.

**Higher Concept** appoints Syrxin Hire Software as reseller for Australia and New Zealand.



**Hewden** orders 450 CAT telehandlers as part of a £61 million renewal programme.

**Liebherr** announces separation of its tower crane and concrete divisions.

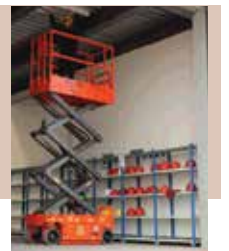
Nationwide Platforms' MD **Mike Potts** resigns.

Hurricane force winds take down two tower cranes in London.

**MEC** unveils its Aircraft Ground Support Equipment scissor lift range.

**Hiab** president Axel Leijonhufvud resigns.

**Sinoboom** launches a 15ft GTJZ04 compact electric slab scissor lift.



**World News..World News..**



**Twitter** files IPO valuing the company at \$14.2 billion.

**Ireland** rejects government proposals to abolish the upper house **Seanad Éireann**, but supports plans to create a Court of Appeal.

A boat carrying African migrants catches fire off the coast of **Lampedusa, Italy**, killing more than 360.



**Libyan** prime minister **Ali Zeidan** is kidnapped but later released.

European Union leaders protest to the **USA** over claims that it spied on Germany's **Angela Merkel** and others.

Turkey opens a sea tunnel under the Bosphorus in **Istanbul** connecting Europe and Asia.

**Ron Schad** chief executive of **Essex Crane** resigns.

**Speedy** agrees a joint venture with J&J Denholm in Kazakhstan.

Canadian **G. Cooper Equipment Rentals** acquires **City Rentals**.



**Manitex** acquires pick&carry crane maker **Valla**.



**Ascendant Access** of the UK enters administration.

**IPS** acquires outrigger mat supplier **PLC Sales**.

**NCSG** acquires **Doug's Crane** of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

**Bobcat** launches the upgraded T40140 and T40180 telehandlers.



**Ruthmann** unveils its T630 truck mounted lift.

**Taiyuan Heavy Industry (TYHI)** unveils a 500 tonne All Terrain crane.

**Zoomlion** completes a 7,500 tonne/metre overload test with its 2,000 tonne QAY2000 All Terrain crane.

**Time Benelux** opens a new facility in Tienen, Belgium.

**Palfinger Platforms** unveils its new 24 metre P240A truck mounted lift.



**IPAF** complains to the UK government about the time taken to report on the fatal boom incident.

**MEC** launches a new 60ft Rough Terrain scissor lift.

**Steve Corcoran** resigns as CEO of Speedy following financial irregularities in its International business.



**Palfinger** acquires two specialist access companies, one in Austria and one in the Middle East.

**HSS Hire** acquires machine cleaning specialist **Premiere FCM**.

Two people die when a crawler crane collapses at Sao Paulo's Arena **Corinthians stadium**.



## World News..World News.



**UNESCO** suspends the voting rights of USA and Israel after they refuse to pay their dues as a protest to the admission of Palestine.

**Francis Bacon's** painting Three Studies of Lucian Freud (1969) is sold for a record \$142.4 million.



The 50th anniversary of the assassination of **John F. Kennedy**.

**Typhoon Haiyan** hits South East Asia, particularly the Philippines killing at least 6,100 people. It is the strongest storm ever to hit land in terms of wind speed.



**Iran** signs an interim agreement limiting its nuclear programme in exchange for reduced sanctions.

More than 100,000 people protest in **Kiev, Ukraine**, against the government's decision to suspend the signing of an association agreement with the European Union.

A helicopter crashes onto a pub in **Glasgow** killing eight people.



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December industry news

Ainscough loses commercial director **Gareth Jones**.

**Palfinger** acquires Russian forestry and recycling loader crane company **Lifting Machine**.

**Bronto** says it plans to introduce a 47 metre platform mounted a two axle chassis in 2014.

Canadian crane group **NCSG** acquires **Mullen Rigging** and **Industrial Services**.

**Ahern Rentals** acquires **Alliance Rental** of Georgia with owners **Rusty Kaylor** and **Russ Stear**

**Skyjack** announces two secondary guarding/crush-protection options for its range of boom lifts.

country manager Germany and opens a depot in Brazil.

A slow market in India will hit 2013 profits at **JCB**.

**Nationwide Platforms** appoints **Jeremy Fish** as managing director.

Two five axle cranes overturn during a tandem lift in **Caracas**, Venezuela.

**Michelin** launches the new X-Crane + All Terrain tyre.

**Fassi** acquires a controlling interest in Swedish timber crane manufacturer **Cranab**.

A loader crane boom and its load comes down on two vehicles in the centre of **Bergen**, Norway.

**Terex** releases details of the 'Boom Booster' upgrade kit for its CC 8800 crawler crane.

**Sany America** appoints **Mike Rhoda** as chief executive.

**Hubert Palfinger** takes over as chairman of Palfinger's supervisory board.

UK crawler crane veteran **Rod Abbott** retires from **NRC** after 52 years.

**Ray Ledger** retires as chairman of Kimberly Group.

**IPAF** introduces its machine-readable **Smart PAL** card.

A judge rules that the collection of domestic phone records by the **National Security Agency** is unconstitutional.

**Michelle Bachelet** is elected as president of Chile for the second time.

Russia pardons **Mikhail Khodorkovsky** after more than 10 years in prison, **Pussy Riot** and **Greenpeace** activists are also freed.

**Michael Schumacher** is left fighting for his life after a skiing accident.

World News..World News..

Riots break out in **Singapore** after a fatal accident in Little India.

Death and state funeral of **Nelson Mandela** in South Africa.

**General Motors** announces closure of its Australian Holden manufacturing subsidiary in 2017.

**Uruguay** becomes the first country to legalise marijuana/cannabis.

**China** makes the first 'soft' landing on the Moon since 1976.

Those who are no longer with us

From the Industry

- Kevin Bellis**, 62, owner of UK based Atrium Access
- Andrew Brown**, 69, UK sales manager at Kobelco Cranes
- John Lane**, 57, a manufacturer's rep with MJ Miller combined companies
- Maurice Bernard**, 43, co-founder of Xtra Materieel, Rotterdam
- Chris Leadbeater**, 57, following a short battle with cancer
- Paul G. Harms**, 82, founder of German electronics manufacturer Moba
- Jan Sarens**, 59, shot dead in a car park in Mexico
- Dave Holland**, 60, UK access technician
- Robin Williamson**, 53, UK crane technician
- Christian-Jacques Vernazza**, 65, owner of Mediaco and president of ESTA
- Ian Grooby**, 57, CEO of the Crane Association of New Zealand.
- Roy Lynn Airington**, 53, owner of California High Reach after a short illness.
- Rab Paterson**, 81, UK access industry veteran - (SGB, BET, Facelift)
- Rick Jaeger-Fozard**, 29, accident when a lift overturned in the UK
- Dick Kitson**, 65, of Hirschmann Automation (PAT) following a short battle with cancer
- Kenjiro (Ken) Nezuka**, long time senior executive with Aichi after a short illness.
- George Sparrow**, 88, co-founder of Sparrows crane hire of Bath, UK
- Sergei Balanovsky**, 37, crane operator, following an accident in Haifa
- Dan Jones**, 55, Genie mid-west regional sales manager
- Herwarth Slupinski**, 64, German crane and access entrepreneur
- John Penny**, 54, MD of loader crane manufacturer Penny Hydraulics

- Eric Millard**, 87, ex-European engineering director for Grove Cranes
- Jimmy Cook**, 93, UK's Lighthouse Club's oldest and most loyal supporter
- Rickie Lee Grimsley**, 59, Manitowoc cranes employee after an accident
- David Jackson**, 65, VP engineering at Tulsa Winch
- Ernst Kumposcht**, 78, co-founder of Maltech Austria
- Tim Novoselski**, 62, former owner of RER magazine
- Gary 'Grumpy' Avery** a CraneSafe assessor, based in Victoria, Australia
- John J. 'Jack' Shaughnessy**, 86 ex-president of Shaughnessy & Ahern and Shaughnessy Crane Service
- John Richards**, 51, tower crane operator died in his cab from a heart attack
- Todd Hildebrand**, 46, co-owner of Alexander Equipment Rental
- Erwin De Ketele**, Belgian delivery driver, in an accident age 35

Wider world

- Gerard Helders**, 107, ex Dutch minister and oldest former politician in the world
- Ed Koch**, 88, former Mayor of New York City
- Bruce Reynolds**, 81, mastermind of the Great Train Robbery
- Hugo Chávez**, 58, president of Venezuela
- George Lowe**, 89, last surviving member of the 1953 Everest Expedition
- Giulio Andreotti**, 94, seven-time prime minister of Italy
- James Gandolfini**, 51, Tony Soprano in The Sopranos, after a heart attack
- Prince Friso** of Orange-Nassau, 44, of the Netherlands, after a 2012 skiing accident
- Seamus Heaney**, 74, poet and recipient of 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature

- Sir David Frost**, 74, of a heart attack on board the Queen Elizabeth
- Tom Clancy**, 66, best-selling novelist
- Lou Reed**, 71, lead singer of The Velvet Underground
- Mikhail Kalashnikov**, 94, designer of the AK-47 rifle
- David Coleman**, 87, British television sports commentator
- Ronnie Biggs**, 84, Infamous Great Train Robber
- Joan Fontaine**, 96, Oscar-winning actress
- Peter O'Toole**, 81, actor (Lawrence of Arabia)
- Nelson Mandela**, age 95, Joe Palumbo, 84, American football player
- John Cole**, 85, broadcaster and BBC political editor
- Manfred Rommel**, 84, ex-mayor of Stuttgart and son of Erwin Rommel
- Sir John Tavener**, 69, composer, from Marfan syndrome
- Doris Lessing**, 94, novelist, poet, winner of Nobel Prize in Literature - 2007
- Robin Leigh-Pemberton**, 86, ex-governor of the Bank of England
- Jovanka Broz**, 88, widow of Yugoslavia's Tito (Josip Broz)
- Eiji Toyoda**, 100, built Toyota into a global car manufacturer
- Elisabeth Maxwell**, 92, widow of Robert Maxwell
- Mike Winters**, 82, British comedian
- Bernie Nolan**, 52, Irish singer (The Nolans) and actress from breast cancer
- Alan Whicker**, 87, British broadcaster (Whicker's World)
- Mel Smith**, 60, comedian and actor heart attack
- Tom Sharpe**, 85, author (Porterhouse Blue, Wilt)
- Gene Mako**, 97, tennis player Wimbledon mens doubles winner 1937/1938
- Eydie Gormé**, 84, award winning singer
- Ken Norton**, 70, Heavyweight boxer
- Slim Whitman**, 90, country singer-songwriter
- Marc Rich**, 78, commodities trader and US tax evader
- Mick McManus**, 93, professional wrestler
- Richard Thorp**, 81, UK actor
- Hazel Hawke**, 83, wife of ex-Australian PM Bob Hawke
- Bill Pertwee**, 86, British actor (Dad's Army)
- Jean Stapleton**, 90, American actress (All in the Family)
- Milo O'Shea**, 86, Irish actor
- Annette Funicello**, 70, first host of Mickey Mouse Club and singer
- Margaret Thatcher** - age 87,
- Jocasta Innes**, 78, writer and businesswoman
- Kenny Ball**, 82, jazz trumpeter
- Norman Collier**, 87, British comedian and actor
- Frank Thornton**, 92, actor (Are You Being Served, Last of the Summer Wine, Gosford Park)
- Boris Berezovsky**, 67, Russian oligarch - suspected suicide
- Giancarlo Martini**, 65, Italian Formula One driver, co-founder of Team Minardi
- Julie Harris**, 87, actor - Knotts Landing
- Richard Briers**, 79, of emphysema
- Cory Monteith**, 31, actor - Glee
- Dale Robertson**, 89, American actor
- Jonathan Winters**, 87, actor and comedian
- Robert Kee**, 93, British journalist and broadcaster
- Mariangela Melato**, 71, Italian actress pancreatic cancer
- Michael Winner**, 77, film director and food critic
- Paul Walker**, 40, actor - Fast & Furious series - car crash
- Esther Williams**, 91, actress
- Ed Lauter** 74, actor cancer
- Noel Harrison**, 79, singer - Windmills of you mind son of Rex, heart attack
- Margaret Pellegrini**, 89, actress - a Munchkin in the 1939 Wizard of Oz film

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