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The first glimpse at the Liebherr TL435-13 telehandler to be launched at Bauma 2007



First Liebherr Telehandlers shipped

Following an extended test and evaluation period, Liebherr has started producing and shipping its first telescopic handlers within what it considers to be its domestic market area of Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Up to 60 Liebherr TL4 series of telescopic handlers are currently at work. The TL4 is the first model range or family, in what has been a long expected entry

by Liebherr into this market. The series will have three regular models with two 10 metre models and a 13 metre with capacities of 3,500 and 4,200 kgs. A 10 metre, 4,500 kg industrial model, the TL4 45/10, will also be available.

The official international launch of the TL4 series is likely to be at Bauma, in Munich next spring.

Aichi aims for 500% growth in USA and Europe

In an interview with a Japanese industrial magazine, the president of Aichi discussed future plans to significantly expand its overseas market share. Include a five fold increase in European and North American sales, aiming to reach or exceed sales of 28.5 billion yen (\$250/€200/£135 million) by 2011. The company has also said that it will be looking to add production facilities in North America and Europe.

Outside its home market Aichi, concentrates its efforts on selling its ultra high quality track and wheel mounted self propelled straight boom



lifts. While the company commands a premium price for its boom lifts, it has quietly secured a surprisingly large share of the market, thanks to a standard five year warranty and low ownership costs.

Aichi's scissor lifts in Japan, have largely not suited the European market and have been more expensive than the market will bear. However the interview indicates that the company is preparing to launch a new range of products, including articulated booms and scissor lifts, targeted at the European and North American markets. It says that the units will be priced competitively with local products.

As part of its mid term plan which began this year, Aichi has opened a new sales office in the USA and it is relocating its European manger Yasua Saito from Japan to its European base, south of Breda in Holland. Aichi management declined to comment or add to the points raised in the interview.

Aichi intends to break out into the wider aerial lift market.

Quigley and Quigley

On May 12th Quigley United Kingdom Ltd, the highly leveraged UK crane hirer, finally appointed an administrator following weeks of rumours. Within what might have been a mere nanosecond; the business was purchased by Quigley UK Lifting Services, with exactlty the same owners and directors, Shaun and Gary Quigley.

The administrator, initially Mathew Colin Bowker and S Payne and then later Brendan Hogan all of Unity Business Services LLP of Bolton Lancashire, said in a letter to creditors "The purpose of the appointment is to achieve a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than if the company were wound up" How an obviously pre-agreed sale works in any creditor's favour has never been explained.

Most, if not all of Quigley's cranes were heavily financed and were quickly repossessed thanks to the buoyant market for used cranes. This has left the new company struggling but still pressing on. Questions have since been raised concerning a number of transactions between the old Quigley and the new. The Quigley's have a long boom and bust history in the crane business. Their father Jimmy Quigley ran Overmile Crane Hire, Jubilee Crane Hire, Dixons Crane Hire and then Dixons Universal Crane Hire which was acquired by Baldwins in the mid 90's. The two sons initially joined Baldwins but did not stay long. Instead they teamed up with Roger Taylor and David Symon, where they honed their skills.



The flagship of the Quigley fleet, the 700 tonne Terex Demag AC700SSL, dubbed the 850 tonne AC2100 by Quigley, is the last machine to be sold. As of the first week of July, Terex Demag was in discussions with a number of buyers.

Lavendon adds A.M.P

The Lavendon group, owner of Nationwide Access and Europe's largest powered access rental company, added a third regional rental company to its portfolio in June, snapping up Taunton based A.M.P. The company was owned by chairman Mike Boyle and his family, Paul Onslow and managing director Andy Pearson. As with Panther platform rentals and Kestral were acquired in February, the managers will remain in place and continue to operate under the A.M.P brand.

A.M.P has a fleet of 525 units, four locations, in Taunton, Liskeard, Gloucester and Poole - a location it acquired from Newlins - and 57 staff.

Revenues through 31 August 2005 were £4.8 million with a pre tax profit of £1 million. It has gross assets of £6.3 million and net assets of £2.6 million. Revenues for the past 12 months are up to £4.9 million with a pre tax profit of £600,000.

Lavendon paid £3 million in cash for the business with an extra £300,000 to £2.6 million in cash available dependent on A.M.P's performance over the next two years. In addition Lavendon assumed A.M.P's net debt of £2.8 million, making the deal worth £5.8 million up front and £7.4 million if the management team can achieve the pre agreed results over the next 24 months.

A.M.P, like Panther, was a very active member of the Access Link, the association of regional access hirers that work together to provide a national coverage of consistent quality.

Mike Boyle and Andy Pearson of AMP will manage the business under Lavendon ownership





Alan Peck and Terry Marnock of Kranlyft UK with John Stalker of Caledonian Cranes

Kranlyft enters the rental market

Kranlyft, the Maeda and Kato cranes distributor across Europe, has entered the UK mini crane rental market. The company is starting off with 10 or 11 new cranes and has appointed Alan Peck as general manager of its hire division. Peck was previously with Speedy Hire's, lifting division.

Peck told C&A that the company hoped to have between 15 and 20 units in the fleet by the end of the year. The move into rental will coincide with the company's move to a new purpose built, 1,350 square metre facility in Avonmouth.

Kranlyft has also appointed Caledonian Cranes of Glasgow and Aberdeen, as its distributor for Scotland. John Stalker of Caledonian said that it plans to follow Kranlyft's new strategy, both renting and selling mini cranes.

Full story see www.vertikal.net

Fork Rent enters access market

Fork Rent, the Ipswich based telehandler rental company, that ordered 1,000 new JCB telehandlers in April, has purchased 25 Manitou rough terrain boom lifts for its fleet, through Russon access, the ManiAccess dealer. Most units are the 521ft platform height 180ATJ, model fully equipped with articulating jib, four wheel drive and four wheel steer.

Guy Nicholls managing director of Fork Rent said that it had frequent requests from its customers for aerial lifts and had decided that now was a good time to enter the market. He said that most of the company's customers needed heavy duty rough terrain equipment. Chairman Trudi Nicholls told C&A that the company had found Russon Access to be an easy company to deal with a good attitude. She also said that the booms were going out on hire as fast as they were being delivered.

Alan Russon (R) with Guy Nicholls of Fork Rent, and one of its 180ATJ boom lifts



.....And the crane market.

In addition to the access market, Fork Rent is dipping its toe in the self erecting tower crane market with the purchase of a single FB Gru self erector from Hos plant. The unit was on display at the recent SED show.



John Deere is quitting the telehandler market.

John Deere pulls out of Telehandlers

John Deere is to withdraw from the telehandler market and has announced that its Zweibrücken factory in Germany will discontinue the manufacture of telescopic handlers, at the end of October 2006.

The company says that the Zweibrücken factory will continue its role as the company's European centre for the design, manufacture and support of harvesting equipment.

The company's decision, it says, follows a detailed assessment of worldwide market conditions and the business environment, as well as consideration of potential alternatives. It will not affect permanent employment at the Zweibrücken factory or at other

John Deere factories supplying telescopic handler components.

John Deere and its dealers will continue to provide customers with full parts and product support for current and previous telescopic handlers, including both 3000 and 4000 Series models. Further information on the decision has been limited, but it seems that the company has no plans to try and sell the product designs or to badge another manufacturer's products as its own. John Deere failed to capture any significant share of the telehandler market, and is understood to have been losing money on every one sold. Its greatest success was in the UK, but even here, market share percentages barely registered.

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James Ainscough (L) and Lorraine Lockie-Gorvins prepare to launch the balloon race for 'Go Yellow' day.

Ainscough goes Yellow

Ainscough Crane Hire's Manchester depot was contacted by St Ann's Hospice and Stockport based law firm Gorvins Solicitors to provide a crane for their yearly fund raising campaign 'Go Yellow'. Every June the hospice encourages local businesses to 'Go Yellow' for the day to raise money to help fund the Manchester Hospice. This year, St Ann's thought that a shiny yellow Ainscough Crane would be ideal for the launch of its balloon race.

Loxam takes on Spreeuwenberg

Loxam the French based rental group, one of the largest two equipment rental companies in Europe, has purchased Rotterdam based access company, van Spreeuwenberg Hoogwerk Systemen B.V. Loxam declined to disclose how much it paid for the company.

Spreeuwenberg, established in 1974 as a scaffold and ladder rental company know specialises in Alloy tower, ladder and aerial lift sales and rental.

The company has six locations, four of which are sales and rental outlets, in Amsterdam, Den Bosch, Rotterdam and Zwolle. Its fleet is estimated to be around 800 to 900 units.

Loxam now operates in eight countries, this will be its largest operation outside of France and replicates its UK/Irish business, where it is an access specialist rather than a general rental company.

Certex to distribute Demag

Certex UK has been appointed as a UK distributor for Demag Cranes and Components Ltd, (Overheads and hoists etc... not Terex-Demag mobiles) taking over the accounts of 300 smaller Demag customers. Certex will take over the supply of Demag products and spare parts to these customers.

Demag will continue to supply its cranes, hoists and spares to its key account customers in the UK.

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Tarik Alkhalil sales director of Demag UK.(L) with Charles Gillespie, sales and marketing director, Certex



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A Moffett rough terrain piggy-back fork lift

Moffett to introduce piggy-back telescopic handler

Hiab's Moffett Engineering has signed a license based cooperation agreement with Combilift Ltd, the fork lift company based in Clontibret, Ireland. The agreement covers 'know-how' and gives Moffett the right to manufacture and sell a new telescopic 'Telemount' truck-mounted forklift developed by Combilift. Dubbed the 'Moffett-Telemount' it will be manufactured at Moffett's Dundalk plant in Ireland and sold via

the Hiab-Moffett distribution network this autumn.

The companies have also agreed on future Research & Development co-operation within the truck mounted forklift market. Hiab says that the agreement will strengthen its offering and know-how in truck-mounted forklifts.

Moffett has also expanded production capacity with a new production facility at its Dundalk location.

JCB doubles profits

JCB has announced record sales and profits for its fiscal year 2005. The company produced 45,000 units, up 21 percent on 2004, while sales jumped by 23 percent to £1.42 billion. JCB says that during the year it moved up from fifth place, among the world's construction equipment manufacturers, to fourth as its market share increased by a full percentage point to 9.6 percent.

JCB is still a private company and as such does not release detailed financials, but it says that profits doubled, from £55 million in 2004 to £110 million in 2005.

Egi acquired

Egi the specialist truck mounted aerial lift supplier, based in Northern France has been acquired by fire fighting vehicle specialist Gimaex. Gimaex owns Echelles Riffaud, the long-established manufacturer of fire ladders, along with Gicar which produces fire tender vehicles, largely for airport operations and Bemaex, a specialist producer of emergency vehicles and equipment.

Demag IPO disappoints

Demag Cranes initial public offering raised €235 million, substantially less than the €500 million that was predicted the week before its flotation.

Just over half of the 16.9 million available shares were taken at €22 a share. It was thought they might reach €31. Demag's owners, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Siemens AG planned to sell 70 percent of their shares.

Ashtead achieves new records

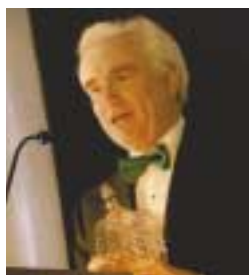
The Ashtead group, owner of Sunbelt Rentals and A-plant, and the world's fourth largest rental company, has reported a record year in 2005/06.

The company saw revenues rise by almost 22 percent, while pre-tax profits climbed by more than 250 percent to £81.7 million. The company says that if distortions and exceptionals are taken out of the equation 'underlying profits' more than tripled.

...And George Burnett announces his retirement

At the same time Ashtead CEO and joint founder of the Ashtead group, George Burnett (along with Peter Lewis) has announced that he will retire after his 60th birthday in September. His replacement has been named as Geoff Drabble, currently an executive director of The Laird Group. Burnett will work with Drabble until the end of the year.

George Burnett, CEO of Ashtead will retire later this year



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Platform Company spends £30 million on Genie

The Platform Company has placed a £30 million order with Genie for new self propelled lifts.

The order covers models from the GS1932, 19ft scissor lift up to the S125, 125ft straight boom. All diesel powered lifts will include on-board 240v generators, providing users with a self-contained power source for tools and equipment. Deliveries under this 'preferred supplier programme' have already started.



The Platform Company has ordered over a 1,000 new Genie aerial lifts

More big booms for Nationwide

Nationwide has spent £1.3 million on 17 more big Genie booms. The machines which have already been delivered include three 85ft straight boom S85s, 10 number 80ft articulated boom Z80/60s and four Z135s - Genie's largest self-propelled boom with a lift height of 135 feet.



A new Genie Z135/70 arrives at Nationwide

Light Hire joins Access Link

The Access Link, the UK association of independent powered access rental companies has agreed that AMP will leave the Link, now that it is part of the Lavendon group (see page 6). Light Hire

Ltd, the Exeter based access rental company will replace AMP in the South West region, while other applications are being considered to fill gaps left by Panther's departure in February.

Scaffold replaced with mast climbers

All of the façade scaffold has been removed from the site of the massive scaffold collapse in April. The incident at the Jurys Inn site, in central Milton Keynes, injured three, one of whom died later in hospital. With up to 200 men on the premises it could have been much much worse.

After months of disruption as the HSE conducted a detailed investigation and the debris was cleared, the contractor has removed all of the scaffold and was last week installing a series of mast climbing work platforms.

The contract was initially scheduled for completion by the end of June, but as our photos show, it is still well away from completion. The cause of the collapse has resulted in much finger pointing and muck raking, until the HSE report we will not know for sure what caused it.



Higher Platforms add Manitou mast booms



Higher Platforms has purchased seven, eight metre platform height Manitou 105VJR mast booms from Russon Access.

Lee Farmer, managing director said: "The new working at height regulations made a significant impact in 2005,

particularly with the lower work height platforms which are replacing aluminium towers and scaffolding resulting in greater end-user safety and cost savings".

The new lifts will be based at Higher Platforms' four depots located at Cannock, Wellingborough, Thirsk and Basildon.

*One of the 8m Manitou mast booms
inset: Lee Farmer of Higher Platforms*

UpRight Production to move to UK



The new 23,000sqm plant for UpRight and Aerial

The Tanfield Group, which completed its acquisition of the UpRight powered access business on June 12th, has secured a £1.95 million grant from regional development agency One North East, to help fund a new production plant in the north east. The company has signed a long-term lease on Vigo 250, the former LG Electronics plant in Washington, Tyne and Wear. The facility is expected to generate around 400 new jobs over the next three years. The facility is one of the largest in the region, with over 23,000 square metres (250,000 sq ft) under cover on a 15 acre (6 ha) site.

Darren Kell, business development director at Tanfield, told C&A that UpRight products would initially be dual sourced from the current plant in Ireland and the new facility in the UK. He also said that ideally demand would be such that both plants would run alongside each other and be kept fully employed. The new UK facility however has enough space, once it is fully functional, to keep pace with UpRight's likely capacity demands over the next few years.

Ron Stanley, chief executive and chairman of the Tanfield Group, said: "Our vision has always been to build a global manufacturing business with the North East as its heartland. We are living proof that manufacturing in this region is not dead and buried. Companies can still be profitable and competitive, provided they continue to add value. This move will see the flagship Vigo 250 facility, one of the largest manufacturing sites in the region, brought back into use, thanks to the assistance we received from One North East."

UK Training Programme Administrator £23k – £27k + benefits

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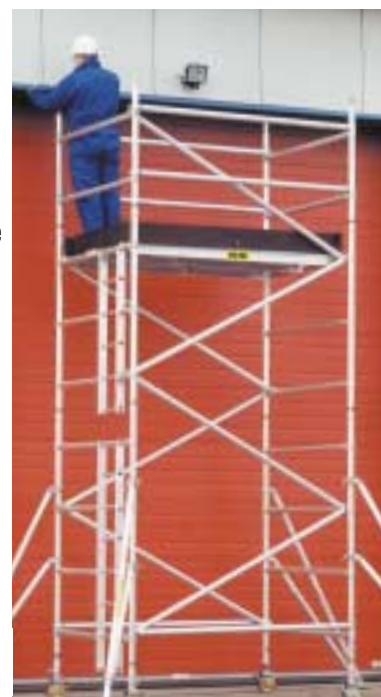
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Liebherr to launch new 130 tonner

Liebherr has announced that it is working on a new five axle 130 tonne All Terrain crane with a 60 metre main boom and 19m bi-fold swingaway extension. The LTM1300-5.1 will have a 12.26 metre long, 2.75 metre wide carrier and can travel with nine tonnes of counterweight within 12 tonne axle loadings.

The news was released at a major series of open days held at its Ehingen plant to show off its big new crawler crane, the 1,350 tonne LR11350 with 228 metre maximum tip height and relatively easy transportation capability with no single part being heavier than 45 tonnes or wider than 3.5 metres.

Terex releases specs on AC100/4

At Intermat, both Terex-Demag and Grove announced four axle, 100 tonner All Terrain cranes, joining Liebherr's LTM1100-4.1. Terex has now announced the preliminary specifications for its new model which will begin shipping in 2007. The key attributes of the new crane are its narrow width of 2.55m and short overall length of 13.1m. Unlike the Liebherr and the new Grove, the Terex 50 metre main boom, while two metres short, will be a five section rather than six, making it faster to full height. Squeezing 50 metres into a 13.1m length is quite an achievement, obviously saving weight and cost. The AC100-4 offers excellent duties on its full 50 metre boom, of 12 tonnes at a 10 metres radius. Leaving plenty in hand for tower crane erection work. Where the AC100/4 is really likely to score is on taxi crane work, it can carry six tonnes of counterweight, its 19 metre boom extension, blocks and equipment within 12 tonne axle loads. Add this to the 2.55m overall width, tight superstructure tail swing and four position outrigger settings and it looks like a handy crane for smaller fleets.

"How does it stack up?"

Make	Model	Main Boom	Boom Ext	Cap. 100t@	Max @10m	Full Bm @10m	Length OAL	Length Carrier	OAL Width
Demag	AC100-4	50m	19m	3m	30.3t	12t	13.1m	10.4m	2.55m
Liebherr	LTM1100-4.1	52m	19m	2.5m	28.7t	10.7t	13.05m	10.5m	2.75m
Grove	GMK4100	52m	17m	3m	29t	9.3t	13.2m	10.6m	2.75m

A cad drawing of the new Demag AC100-4





Allan Access believe this is the first 20m boom on a Transit chassis

First 20m boom on a Transit?

Allan Access is set to deliver what it says is the first 20 metre platform to be mounted on a Ford Transit 350 chassis. The machine, fitted with a fully hydraulic Apache DA20 unit, has been sold to industrial maintenance company WB Services. It has an outreach of nine metres with 200kg in the basket. The outreach improves to 10 metres with 120kg in the platform.

"The customer has a fleet of Transits and asked if we could supply the platform on a Transit chassis," said managing director Phil Allan. "With help from the engineering department we have produced a vehicle that can also carry 250kg and still is under the unit's 3500kg gross vehicle weight. As far as I know, this is the first 20 metre platform on a Transit."

Leith docks fined £200k

The owner of Leith docks in Scotland, was fined £200,000 in June for breaching health and safety laws after a worker was hit by a crane. Robert Harrower, 56, was left with injuries to his left shoulder, arm and right thigh and was off work for a week after he was struck by the crane he was inspecting. Forth Ports plc pleaded guilty to a breach of the Health and Safety at Work Regulations after the accident on December 16, 2004.

The company admitted that it had failed to assess the risks to

employees involved in the recommissioning of crane number 42. Forth Ports had two previous convictions for breaches of the Health and Safety Act in the past four years, one of which was fatal. Harrower was hit by a bolt on the drive shaft, which was apparently not guarded. In handing down the £200,000 fine, judge Sherrif Poole said she had taken into account that the company had admitted its guilt, that the situation regarding the guard had been remedied and that Harrower had made a full recovery.

New mini cranes from IMAI

IMAI, the Italian producer of customised mini cranes, is launching what it is calling the Jekko range of mini cranes, with lift capacities ranging from 1.3 tonnes to 10.5 tonnes. The range will include five models. Further details will be available early next month. The mid-range models are likely to be based on the SPD260, but with improved lifting capacities.



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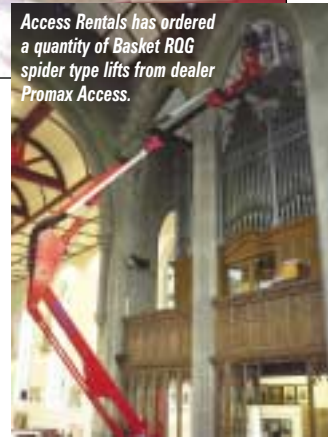


Access Rentals has ordered a quantity of Basket RQG spider type lifts from dealer Promax Access.

Holy orders

Access Rentals Ltd has taken delivery of the first batch of Basket RQG12 and 15, 12 and 15metre working height spider type tracked booms, supplied by Promax Access Ltd. One of the first jobs involved cleaning and maintenance work within a church, where the light weight, narrow dimensions and quiet fume free power, proved ideal.

The lifts feature bi-energy power units in order to cover both the construction industrial and specialist market sectors that require narrow lightweight boom lifts. The machines will be held at key regional locations to enable effective coverage of the Access Rentals depot network.



120 attend first German safety day

120 aerial lift users and professionals attended the first Tag der ArbeitsBühnenSicherheit, TABS for short, at the Frankfurt airport conference centre on June 13th. The day was organised by the Vertikal Press, publishers of Cranes & Access and IPAF. The wide variety of speakers ensured the event was a success to the point where it looks like becoming an annual event.



First mobile folding tower crane in Denmark

Spierings has delivered, what it claims is the first mobile folding tower crane in Denmark, and the first Spierings crane in Scandinavia, to Odense based BAS Kraner ApS. The model is an SK599-AT5 with 50 metre jib length and maximum hook height of 56.3 metres. BAS owner, Bo Anker Schou, says that the crane is ideal for the city of Odense, which has a good number of narrow city streets with medium rise buildings.

Trapezoidal top slewer from Vanson

Vanson Cranes has launched the Raimondi MRT243 topless tower crane which features a new trapezoidal profile jib and double jib joints for extra rigidity and reduced jib torsion due to reduced wind effect.

The crane has a maximum free standing mast height of 95 metres and offers a jib length of up to 80 metres. The erection procedure has been simplified, thanks to a modular concept that combines the back jib, slew ring, hoists, slew motors, electrics and operators cabin in one complete section. The jib can either be erected in one lift, or in individual sections when space is limited.



The new Vanson Topless MRT243 features a trapezoidal jib

- **HMF** has appointed **Richard Everist** (40) as managing director of its UK distribution subsidiary, HMF (UK), with the objective to aggressively expand the company's share of the British market.
- **Aichi** has opened a North American headquarters office in Glen Burnie, Maryland. **Alan Dotts** has been named as general manager of Aichi USA, with responsibility for sales and support throughout the United States and Canada.
- **Manlift** the Cork based access rental company owned by **Frank Delaney** has opened a new branch, its third, in Galway.
- **Cranes UK** the UK distributor for **Tadano Faun** is relocating to new premises on Wentworth Industrial Park in Tankersley, South Yorkshire.
- The **Manitowoc crane group** has appointed **John Lanning** as director of advanced engineering and products for the Americas region. He will report to John Wheeler executive vice president Americas.
- **Speedy Hire**, the UK tool and equipment rental company, has joined the Financial Times Stock Exchange top 250 shares index. The group's market capitalisation has now reached £400 million.
- **Manitowoc** has increased its second quarter and full year profits forecasts, upgrading its top end earnings expectations for the year from \$2.50 to \$2.60 a share. 16 percent up on its initial expectations.
- The rescue of **Effer Holding** by **CTE** and the company it established to take over the loader crane and platform business, SOL-Ge spa, completed the process with creditors on June 28th and will now move to the second phase of production rationalisation.
- A 50 year old lorry loader driver was killed on July 4th, when the boom of his crane struck an 11,000 volt power cable in north Essex, while unloading a flat pack shed.
- This years **Crane safety conference** in London attracted over 140 delegates, the best attendance in at least three years. Delegates attended from as far afield as New Zealand.
- South African Port Operations, the terminal operating division of South Africa's transportation conglomerate, Transnet, has ordered 12 all-electric E-One cranes from **Kalmar**.
- **Maxim Crane Works** has announced that it is exploring alternatives which include a possible merger or sale of the business, having successfully exited chapter 11 in 2004.



Richard Everist

- **Thomas Equipment** has terminated its president and chief executive officer, **Clifford Rhee** "for cause". The board of directors also approved "a broad-based restructuring to evaluate all corporate business activities, identify any operating and management deficiencies and immediately begin addressing all issues".
- **Gladedale Capital** has purchased the first 50 metre **Teupen Leo 50GT** in the UK from **Ranger Equipment** its UK/Ireland distributor. The lift will be used on a large, new office, retail and residential development, delivery is scheduled for next February.
- **Holland-Lift** expects to open its new 2,500 square metre, sub assembly facility in Hoorn later this month. The company is planning to double its current capacity.
- **Palazzani** has formally appointed its long term UK sales partner, **PASS** as its dealer for the UK and Ireland for its Ragno/Mantis line of crawler mounted spider lifts and more recent mini crane line. cementing a relationship with **PASS** principal, **Phil Lomax** that dates back to the early 90's.
- **Insul 8** a leading player in harbour crane electrification and data transfer systems has changed its name to **Conductix**.
- A 30 ton **Grove RT530** Rough Terrain crane tipped over onto its side blocking Interstate 25 near Colorado Springs in early June. A similar incident with the same crane occurred eight weeks earlier on April 25th, when operator **Humberto Rodriguez**, 30 was killed.
- **MEC Europe** has appointed **H.A.B. Service Centre GmbH** as a dealer in Germany.
- **Lloyds British Testing**, the lifting equipment specialist is acquiring the goodwill and assets of **Rota Handling** of Dudley, from managing director **Ian Payne**, for an undisclosed sum.
- Bavarian based tower crane manufacturer, **Jost Cranes GmbH**, has agreed a deal with Dutch sales and rental company **Kranenbouw** to produce the Jost series JT 112.8 tower crane under an OEM licence.
- **PAT** has restructured its load moment indicator retrofit business. In future this business will be carried out by its international dealer network.
- **JLG** has promoted **Israel Celli** from vice president to senior vice president, international market development and sales, effective June first
- Three men died in early June at a **Volkswagen** plant in Uitenhage, South Africa. When a tower crane collapsed while being dismantled by Crane Plant Services.
- **Vertikal.net** passed the 40,000 visitors a month level in May, with over 1.1 million hits.
- **Scott McCall**, previously the marketing manager at Nationwide Access has moved to the manufacturing sector, joining Van mounted aerial lift producer **Gardner Denver**.
- **Neff Corp** the Miami-based rental company the ninth largest in the USA, has filed plans to go public again, almost a year after it was acquired by **Odyssey Investment Partners LLC**, a New York based private equity firm.
- **CRMS** the Newton Abbot based distributor, which claims to be the largest **Case** dealer in Europe, appointed an administrator on June 1. The company has over 100 employees operating from six depots.
- **AJ Access Platforms** has appointed **Neil Wilkinson** and **Mike Palmer** to help step up the company's new and used sales efforts in the UK.
- **Favelle Favco Bhd**, the crane maker that also owns **Kroll tower cranes**, currently a wholly owned subsidiary of **Muhibbah Engineering (M) Bhd**, is set to be listed on Bursa Malaysia's 'second board' in August.
- The Irish Health and Safety Authority is investigating the death of a 55-year-old photographer employed by **Roadbridge**. He was using a Telescopic handler fitted with a five metre long home made basket to photograph construction on the new Mitchelstown relief road, when it overturned.
- 23 employees died in the Irish construction industry in 2005, up from 15 in 2004 and 20 in 2003. However the number of non fatal accidents dropped by over four percent in the same period.
- **NES Rentals Holdings, Inc.** (National Equipment Service) of the USA, one of the worlds largest aerial and general equipment rental companies has announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to be acquired by **Diamond Castle Holdings, LLC**, a New York-based private equity firm.



Neil Wilkinson (L) and Mike Palmer



Israel Celli

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