



The chassis on Genie's SX-180

## Genie warns JLG

Genie/Terex AWP has written a letter to JLG expressing concern over the design of the chassis on its new 185ft boom lift, the 1850SJ, pointing out that it looks very similar in concept to the 'patented' chassis design on its Genie Z135/70, ZX135/70 and new SX-180.

JLG launched the 58.5m working height 1850SJ boom lift at Conexpo (see Conexpo review on page 35), topping the Genie SX-180, by almost two metres. The X-type axle configuration does look quite similar that used on the Genie SX-180 and ZX135/70 and the retracted and extended dimensions are almost identical - as they would be. We asked JLG about the similarity of its design and were told that it has applied for several patents for its new chassis design and does not believe that it infringes any Genie/Terex patents.

Genie unveiled the X-type chassis at the Rental Show in 2005, and updated it last year, switching from the original cast legs/arms to fabricated ones for the SX-180 and ZX135/70.



The new chassis on JLG's 1850SJ

## Counterfeit CraneSafe stickers spotted

The Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) found counterfeit CraneSafe Green stickers on three cranes in Australia over the past few weeks - all three were spotted in Western Australia and Queensland.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the cases are unrelated, it says it is looking to make the stickers more difficult to forge and easier to verify. So far the counterfeit Green Stickers have been easy to identify due to their quality. CICA has warned everyone to be extra diligent until new measures are in place. For more information on identifying and verifying Green Stickers see [www.vertikal.net/en/news/story/19641/](http://www.vertikal.net/en/news/story/19641/)



## Hertz to split off Equipment Rental

Hertz, the car and US equipment rental company, has approved plans to separate into two independent, publicly traded companies. The car group will be called Hertz, while the equipment rental operation will be Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation.

The separation will be in the form of a tax-free spin-off to existing Hertz shareholders by the first quarter 2015. The senior directors will remain with the car rental business, while the Equipment operation will need to find a new chief executive and form its own board of directors. The Equipment business saw revenues rise 11 percent in 2013 to \$1.54 billion, while pre-tax profits for the business improved 53.5 percent to \$233.3 million.

## Speedy concludes financial investigation

UK-based rental company Speedy has confirmed the results of the investigation into financial irregularities in its overseas division, which led to the resignation of chief executive Steve Corcoran.

The investigation by Addleshaw Goddard and Deloitte concluded that the irregularities were the result of deliberate actions by a small number of employees who have now left the business and that the financial impact will be £4.8 million plus fees - £2.7 million in the current fiscal year. The company has also strengthened internal cost controls and implemented a new reporting structure to provide greater transparency on activities within the International Division.

## HSE issues tower crane alert

The UK's Health & Safety Executive has issued a safety alert following the recent collapse of three Jost luffing jib tower cranes during high winds.

The alert is intended for tower crane operators and serves as a reminder that any luffing jib cranes left unattended in the out of service condition must be in free slew with the jib at a safe out-of-service radius. It also states that operators must ensure they have the most accurate, up to date information from the supplier or manufacturer, as some manufacturers have recently changed their guidance.

We also understand that Jost is now looking into structural modifications and may recommend the use of a sail device to help its cranes weathervane when the jib is left in its fully elevated out of service position.



One of the jib failures

## ATN to add spider lifts

French aerial lift manufacturer ATN plans to introduce two new products later this year, taking it into two new product sectors. The first is a new 23 metre compact spider lift with a telescopic riser, telescopic top boom and articulated jib.

As with all ATN product the new model will have a family name - Mygale which roughly translates as a tarantula spider - making the new product the Mygale 23. Details are very limited, but expect it to have good outreach.

The second new product the PVR79 Compact Pif uses the same forklift style vertical mast as its mast booms, but with a fixed platform. Although dimensionally similar to 12ft mast models, such as Snorkel's TM12, JLG's 1232ES and Skyjack SJ12/16 it has a 19ft platform height for 7.9 metre working height compared to 6.8 metres on Skyjack's SJ16 and 5.6 metres on the 12ft units.



ATN Mygale 23



PVR79 - Compact Pif



Wolffkran's new six tonne flat top Wolff 5014 City crane

## Wolffkran unveils City crane

German tower crane manufacturer Wolffkran unveiled its six tonne flat top Wolff 5014 City crane at the Baumaschinenmesse Bern in Switzerland.

The crane can handle 1.4 tonnes at its 50 metre jib tip and when erected on Wolffkran's TFS 15 tower offers hook heights of up to 43.5 metres although this can be increased by using stronger tower elements and an adapter.

Depending on the requirements the 5014 can be operated from the ground or from the optional cab. The crane's radio remote controller features a full digital display that not only provides the load data of the crane but also shows wind speeds, hook height, rotation angle and error messages.

A redesigned hoist offers greater storage capacity, handling up to 190 metres of rope. The hoist/winch is mounted on the first jib section, allowing for the entire fully reeved jib to be easily and safely assembled on the ground. If space allows it can also be pre-assembled with the counter jib. In confined locations assembly can be in the air with the jib extended in 2.5 metre segments to between 25 and 50 metres.

## Buoyant Conexpo

This year's Conexpo show in Las Vegas attracted almost 130,000 visitors - the second highest attendance in its history.

The improving economy in North America resulted in an optimistic mood with many exhibitors having a very good show in terms of enquiries and orders. There were

several surprise launches including two Manitowoc crawler cranes with Variable Position Counterweights (VPC), a 185ft boom lift from JLG, two 160 tonne single engine All Terrains from Terex and Liebherr, a new luffing jib tower crane from Potain, two new telescopic crawler cranes - the 100 tonne Sany and 50 tonne Link-Belt - and Tadano's largest RT crane to date the new 145 tonne three axle GR 1600XL-2 RT. All these and more are covered in our extensive Conexpo review starting on page 35.



The 185ft JLG 1850SJ Ultra Boom



The new synthetic rope on the Manitowoc stand on a Grove RT770E Rough Terrain crane

## New synthetic crane rope

Manitowoc and Samson Rope launched a revolutionary synthetic crane hoist rope at Conexpo said to be a first for mobile cranes. The KZTM100 has a number of significant benefits including being 80 percent lighter than wire rope and boasts torque neutral construction that eliminates load spin and cabling.

The new rope is also very easy to handle for reeving and installation and is resistant to kinking, 'bird caging' and damage from other types of cable-spooling issues. The cost is said to be close to double that of an average wire rope, but could easily last twice as long. And when coupled with its other benefits and efficiencies will make it commercially viable for some applications. Manitowoc says that it has an 18 month exclusivity deal on the use and sale of the new rope.

## Dingli launches 10m mast boom

Chinese manufacturer Dingli is to expand its mast boom range with the addition of the 10 metre AMWP10-8100. The model is almost identical to its 11.2 metre AMWP11.5-8100 the first production units of which shipped in mid-March to the company's Turkish dealer Mak-Ser Makina.

The 10 metre working height model uses one less mast section than its larger brother, while all other physical dimensions and features are identical, apart from its weight which at 2,890kg is 60kg lighter. Up and over height is 6.69 metres.

Dingli expects to ship a further 35 AMWP11.5-8100s over the next 30 days to customers in Australia, Finland, France the UK, Netherlands, Russia and New Zealand.



The first production units of Dingli's 11.2 metre mast boom have started to ship

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## JLG launches true Hybrid boom

JLG has launched a 4x4 hybrid diesel/electric version of its 34ft 340AJ articulated boom lift - the H340AJ. The new lift offers improved fuel economy with lower emission and noise levels.

The boom uses four brushless AC electric drive wheel motors, powered by eight, six volt maintenance-free batteries alongside an 8.9hp Kubota Z482 engine - compared to the 24.8hp Kubota on the diesel boom. The engine drives a generator which can power the machine directly and/or be used to re-charge the batteries or the two power sources can combine for maximum power boost. The boom can be used as a pure electric machine for internal use or outside locations where low noise levels are required. It can also be set in hybrid mode for the engine to cut in automatically when battery charge falls below a pre-set level.



The JLG H340AJ uses four AC electric drive motors



The Hybrid is also available as a two-wheel drive unit and all other specifications are the same as the diesel powered unit, including its 12.3 metre working height, 6.1 metres outreach, overall dimensions, work speeds and steel covers.

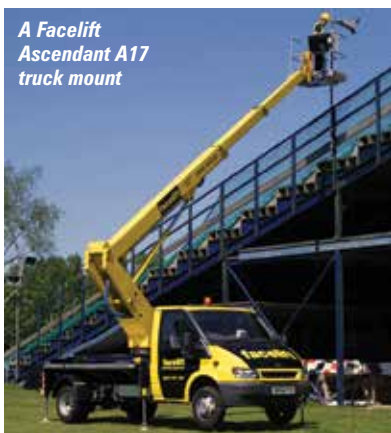


The new JLG H340AJ Hybrid boom lift.

## 74 new Ascendants for Facelift

UK rental company Facelift has invested £3.5 million in 74 new Ascendant truck mounted lifts.

The order includes 50 units of Ascendant's 12.5 metre van mounted platforms and 12 each of the 22 and 18 metre self-drive truck mounts. Managing director Gordon Leicester said: "We've have big plans for 2014 and at the heart of that is making sure we've the kit our customers want."



A Facelift Ascendant A17 truck mount

## Frost to chair CPA crane group

Bill Frost, managing director of UK-based crane rental company Bronzeshield has been elected chairman of the UK's CPA Crane Interest Group, following the departure of previous chairman Neil Partridge, who has retired. The first Open Meeting of the CPA mobile crane interest group he will chair is scheduled for Tuesday 16th September.



Bill Frost



The Skyreach drill attachment in action

## Boom lift rock drilling attachment

Australian rental company Skyreach has developed a new rock drilling attachment for use on its boom lifts. The company says the compact attachment has been "thoroughly developed and tested to overcome problems with side loads and excessive weight on the platform causing excessive damage".

The system uses a box truss frame which pivots through a zero to 45 degree arc to allow drillers to operate specifically on rock faces. A completely new platform was constructed to remain within the standard weight and size of the original. The major design challenge centred on the absorption of side loadings of the impact drill so they do not transfer back to the boom.

Mitch Ely of Skyreach said: "We decided to find a safer and more productive solution for drillers operating at height - rather than abseiling down a rock face - by building a platform with drill carrier which could be attached to our 86ft boom lifts. We are very pleased with the performance and are looking to apply this technology to a 135ft boom."

## Liebherr statement on Sao Paulo stadium collapse

Liebherr has issued a statement concerning the fatal crane incident in November at the Itaqueroo Stadium in São Paulo, Brazil, in which a 1,350 tonne capacity LR 11350 crawler crane collapsed killing two men.

The statement says that all investigations conducted to date by Liebherr - including those at the accident site - have shown that the LR 11350 crane was free of any technical defects. It concludes that the ground was unsuitable and unable to carry the combined weight of the crane and the suspended load. Because of this the crane's tracks sank and the excessive inclined angle caused a massive overloading to the crane causing its collapse. Liebherr says that an independent, internationally acknowledged crane expert has also reached the same conclusions.

The company says the cause of the accident can be confirmed by subsequent static-load calculations and assumes that all the accident reports currently being prepared will reach a similar conclusion. Analysis of the data logger by Liebherr has shown that it had not been recording data since November 2012, although it points out that the data logger cannot influence the crane functions.

In conclusion it says it is continuing to do everything in its power to help bring the accident investigation to a speedy and logical conclusion and will continue to cooperate closely with the Brazilian authorities.



An overview of the scene shortly after the incident occurred.



## Liquidator for Evans Platforms

Evans Platforms Ltd of Newhouse, Motherwell, Scotland has appointed WRI Associates of Glasgow as provisional liquidator. Meanwhile owner David Gwynne Evans has established a new company.

Evans also owns Evans Training and Evans Access Platforms, which has changed its name to 3443 Platforms. Evans Platforms rents out truck mounted lifts and was incorporated in March 2012, with the Training company established in May 2013.



An Evans truck mount

Evans Platforms is both an IPAF member and an approved IPAF training centre.

## JLG to drop Lull

JLG has announced that it will discontinue manufacturing its Lull telehandler product line from the start of 2015. The company will continue to provide product support for all Lull machines, including replacement parts and service, but will focus its engineering and development efforts on its Skytrak and JLG branded telehandlers.

Brian Boeckman global product director for telehandlers said: "The market for Lull telehandlers has been in decline for several years, which combined with increased costs of complying with new EPA engine standards, led us to the decision to discontinue the product line. Our telehandler portfolio remains solid however, and we believe that our other models will support the shift for our Lull customers beyond 2015."



A Lull 644E-42

## New Hybrid crane maker

Bailey Cranes, the company formed by Jeff Bailey - founder and previous owner of Man Lift Manufacturing - made its debut at the ARA Rental Show in Orlando, 12 months after it was established. The company's first products include an eight ton TC18 hybrid powered carry-deck crane, and the Brandon - a new glass handler/super-compact telehandler/mini crane which offers a seven metre tip height with main boom and over eight metres with short luffing jib. The company also showed a fully self-contained quick-fit pipe and box section manipulator.



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Gordon McGruer ordered the first four units of JLG's new 1850SJ 185ft boom lift at Conexpo

## Kardon takes first 1850SJs

Gordon McGruer of UK-based Kardon Contracts placed one of the first orders for the new 185ft JLG 1850SJ boom lift at Conexpo, ordering four units for his rental fleet. McGruer maintains that initially few rental companies will be willing to invest the substantial sum (around €300,000) required for a machine for which demand needs to be created, preferring to re-rent from Kardon. Delivery is expected later this year.

## GSR launches compact E140P

Italian truck mounted lift manufacturer GSR has launched its ultra-compact 13.6 metre truck mounted lift. First shown as a prototype last October, the E140P is mounted on a Piaggio chassis with a gross vehicle weight of just 2.2 tonnes.

Features include variable position outriggers, up to six metres of outreach and an unrestricted 250kg platform capacity. It is also available on pick-up chassis from manufacturers such as Land Rover, Toyota, Ford and Isuzu. The company said: "Following months of hard work, research, design and testing the new E140P is now ready. This new model is marked by its simplicity, ease of use and extreme compactness which is ideal for working in confined spaces, particularly in congested urban areas."



GSR's new E140P offers a working height of 13.2 metres and an outreach of six metres

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Alan Peck of Kranlyft UK (L) hands over the new crane to Trevor Jepson of City Lifting

## Böcker for City Lifting

UK-based crane rental company City Lifting has taken delivery of a three tonne capacity Böcker AK35-3000 aluminium boomed truck mounted crane. The crane has a maximum tip height of 36 metres, comprising a 25 metre main boom and two section telescopic luffing jib.

It can take 250kg out to a radius of over 26 metres and is mounted on a 7.5 tonne truck. City Lifting's managing director Trevor Jepson said: "We chose the Böcker product because of the flexibility, as it has multi-variable outrigger positions with very low ground pressure thanks to its 7.5 tonne carrier. The crane also meets Euro 5 emission standards making it ideal for lifting applications in London."

## Terranova Cranes to liquidate

UK-based Terranova Cranes Ltd appointed London-based liquidator Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery in mid-January.

The crane company is 100 percent owned by Jean Glover with two directors, Alexander Nicholas Glover and Alexander Richard Glover (snr). The original Terranova (Crane Hire) Ltd was formed in 1979 and failed in 1992. Another company, Terranova Lifting was set up and in 2010 that morphed into Terranova Cranes Ltd. Terranova is still trading under the new name of Terranova Crane Sales Ltd which was formed by both Glovers at the end of October last year, and once again Jean Glover is sole shareholder.

## Ruthmann adds 40m



Ruthmann's 40 metre T400 truck mounted lift

German truck mounted lift manufacturer Ruthmann has announced plans for a 40 metre truck mounted lift, the T400. The new unit will be unveiled this summer and fits between the company's 38 metre T380 and 46 metre T460. The lift will be mounted on a two axle chassis and offer an outreach of up to 31 metres. It will also include the same technical features as the other models in Ruthmann's height performance range.

## New business for John Ball

John Ball, previously managing director of Easi Uplifts/Height for Hire has established a new company Velocity Rental Solutions - to help and support rental companies, entrepreneurs and manufacturers interested in expanding or moving outside their area of expertise.



John Ball

He will also help with procurement, fleet management and rental fleet sales and marketing. Ball spent more than 20 years with the Irish-based international company and is a past president of IPAF.

## Link Belt ATs for Crane Service

Albuquerque, New Mexico-based Crane Service has taken delivery of one of Link-Belt's new ATC-3210 185 tonne All Terrain cranes as well as adding its fifth 249 tonne Link Belt ATC-3275 to its fleet. The official hand over occurred on the manufacturer's Conexpo stand.

The first Link Belt ATC-3210 arrives in Albuquerque



## Cat launches compact telehandler

Caterpillar has launched a new compact telehandler - the 2,500kg capacity TH255C with a maximum lift height of 5.6

metres. The new model is available as a Tier 4-Final/EU Stage IIIB or Tier 3/EU Stage IIIA version for less regulated regions. Overall width is 1.8 metres with an overall height of 1.9 metres. It weighs just under five tonnes.



The new Cat TH255C telehandler

## 42m Omme hybrid spider

Danish spider and trailer lift manufacturer Omme Lift is to launch a new lightweight 42 metre working height, 15.2 metre outreach hybrid spider lift. The 4200 RBDJ will be the company's largest crawler mounted boom to date and uses a seven section boom and 130 degree articulating jib. Platform capacity is 200kg.

In transport mode the unit is 8.9 metres long (8.3m without basket), is less than two metres high and has a retracted width of 1.35 metres. The extended width is 1.75 metres for increased stability when required. The outrigger footprint is 5.33 metres at its widest.

Total weight is 6,800kg and the two speed tracked undercarriage can set up on inclines of up to 27 percent. Carsten Poulsen, area sales manager for Omme Lift, said: "This is a lightweight 42 metre boom, with a true battery-diesel hybrid drive train. The battery power provides self-drive and fast lift operation without the inconvenience of connecting to the mains. Moreover, power cuts or local voltage fluctuations do not have an influence on a battery lift performance." First shipments are expected in late summer.



The Omme Lift 4200 RBDJ has a 42 metre working height

## Tracked telehandler from Moorend



The Four-Track telehandler offers an approximate lift height of six metres

UK specialist tracked vehicle supplier Moorend has developed a 3.2 tonne tracked telehandler. The new Four-Track has a lift height of around six metres and features an articulated, pivot-steer system.

Overall weight is about 10 tonnes, with an overall length of 6.3 metres, an overall width of 2.1 metres and a height of three metres. The company says that it reduces surface damage as well as offering good traction especially when used with a bucket for loading duties. The company said it is also developing a Four-Track crawler carrier with a 10 tonne carrying capacity.



Bay Crane now has three 500 tonne Liebherr LTM1500-8.1

## Bay Crane expands

US crane rental company Bay Crane is adding 26 new All Terrain and Rough Terrain cranes and boosting its transport fleet to support its new branch in Carlstadt, New Jersey.

The order includes 12 ATs from Grove and Liebherr topped by the company's third 500 tonne Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1 and 14 new Tadano Rough Terrain cranes including the new 145 tonne three axle GR 1600XL. Half of the new

cranes have already been delivered with the rest expected to be by the end of the second quarter. The transport fleet has been increased with eight new Kenworth heavy duty tractors and 32 Goldhofer SPMT axle lines.



Kurko-Koponen operates a wide range of Merlo telehandlers

## Ramirent beefs up telehandler business

Finnish-based rental group Ramirent has acquired the telehandler business of Kurko-Koponen, the leading telehandler rental company in Finland.

The company also signed a co-operation agreement with Kurko-Koponen for the provision of operated telehandler services. According to Ramirent this makes it the largest telehandler provider on the Finnish market. Annual rental volume of the acquired business is around €6 million and

under the agreement seven telehandler dedicated employees will transfer to Ramirent. Kurko-Koponen has been providing telehandlers since 2010. Its current fleet includes Merlo fixed frame and Rotos models as well as Manitou.

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# Financials round-up

## Record year for Palfinger

Palfinger achieved record revenues of €980 million in 2013 up 4.9 percent, pre-tax profits improved 12 percent to €61.1 million, also a new record. Net debt remained at €217.9 million.



## ATN up 26%

French aerial lift manufacturer ATN increased revenues 26 percent in 2013 to €10.7 million, almost two and half times the €4.45 million achieved in 2011. Net profits increased almost 10 fold, from €34,000 in 2012 to €302,000, while the number of machines shipped increased by 45 percent. The company hopes to achieve €15 million of sales in 2014.

## Skyjack at \$500 million

The Industrial division of Linamar, of which Skyjack is the major constituent, reported a 16.5 percent rise in revenues for 2013 to \$561.5 million, while operating income more than doubled to \$52 million. Fourth quarter sales increased 28 percent with profits of \$5.2 million compared to \$300,000 in 2012.



## Strong growth continues at Ashtead

Revenues at Ashtead, owner of Sunbelt Rentals and A-Plant, increased 23 percent to £1.25 billion, while pre-tax profits jumped 73 percent to £285.7 million. US-based Sunbelt increased revenues 21 percent to \$1.66 billion, while A-Plant revenues increased 31 percent to £201 million and profit doubled to £21.4 million.

## Sluggish year for Terex Cranes

Terex has published a poor set of results for 2013, with revenues down three percent to \$1.93 billion while operating income slipped more than 35 percent to \$110.5 million.

## Speedy issues warning

UK-based rental company Speedy has warned that full year results are likely to fall short of expectations, contrary to a recent update.

## Poor fourth quarter for Essex

US-based Essex Crane Rental capped a poor set of numbers for 2013 with a dismal fourth quarter. Revenues for the 12 months dropped three percent to \$95.54 million, pre-tax losses were \$14.7 million. The only positive news was new equipment sales tripled to more than \$11 million.

## Dismal update from Tanfield

Now an investment company with a minority stake in two companies - Snorkel and Smiths Electric Vehicles - it looks less likely to extract any significant return from its holdings.

## 19% growth at Manitex

Manitex International, the owner of Badger, Little Giant, CVS Ferrari and Load King boosted revenues by more than 19 percent in 2013 to \$245 million, while pre-tax profits improved over 21 percent to \$14.45 million.

## Lavendon profit lift

Revenues at Lavendon improved one percent to £237.5 million. Pre-tax profits however grew by 12.5 percent to £23.4 million. Net debt remained close to last year's level of £97.7 million.



## Mills Rental up 41%

Brazilian-based access and telehandler rental specialist Mills Rental posted another year of strong growth. Revenues for the rental division increased 41 percent to R357.3 million (\$151 million). Pre-tax profits improved 40 percent to R121.4 million (\$51.3 million).

## Haulotte returns to profit

Haulotte has turned a loss of €6.7 million in 2012 into a net profit of €1.1 million for 2013 - excluding the €8 million gain on the sale of UK Platforms. The company also cut net debt from €102.2 million at the end of 2012 to €41.6 million.



## Bronto edges up

Bronto, the Finnish-based truck mounted lift producer has posted revenues for 2013 of \$138.4 million, 2.5 percent up on 2012. Operating income was two percent higher at \$9 million.



## H&E up 17.5%

US-based distribution and rental company H&E saw revenues grow 17.5 percent to \$987.8 million, while pre-tax profits jumped 47 percent to \$65.1 million.

## Export led recovery at Tadano

Nine month revenues at Tadano increased 33 percent to ¥125 billion (\$1.23 billion). Pre-tax profits for the same period almost doubled to ¥15.3 billion (\$150.2 million). Exports were up 43.5 percent and now represent more than 55 percent of sales.



## Profit slump at Manitou

Manitou has confirmed 2013 revenues for 2013 of €1.176 billion, down seven percent, while pre-tax profits dropped to €8.2 million from €36.9 million in 2012. Net debt was cut by 18 percent to €84.5 million.



## Record year for Ruthmann

German truck mounted lift manufacturer Ruthmann has reported sales of €104 million for 2013, an increase of 9.4 percent and the first time the company has achieved sales of more than €100 million.

## Solid year for Genie

Terex AWP/Genie reported a 22 percent hike in revenues to \$2.13 billion, while operating profits jumped more than 54 percent to \$325.8 million.

## Profit rise at Cramo

Cramo has reported a four percent drop in revenues to €657.3 million for 2013, while pre-tax profits climbed 17.4 percent to €51.9 million.

## Ramirent profit crash

2013 revenues at Ramirent slipped nine percent to €647.3 million, while pre-tax profits crashed 23 percent to €63.9 million.



## Tat Hong slowdown continues

Singapore-based crane group Tat-Hong has reported nine month revenues 17 percent lower at S\$528.2 million, while pre-tax profits dipped 46 percent to \$40.7 million.





(L-R) Dieci owner *Ciro Correggi* with *Milos Lesina* owner of *Manatech CZ* and the telehandler that will attempt the new record

## Dieci goes the distance

Italian telehandler manufacturer **Dieci** and its Czech distributor **Manatech CZ** launched a combined attempt to set a new world record for the unassisted distance travelled by a telehandler.

The chosen machine, a Dieci Agric Plus 40.7 EVO2 left the Dieci plant in Montecchio, Italy on March 17th. To set a new record it must travel more than 840km in six days to the Techagro exhibition in Brno, Czech Republic, crossing Northern Italy, Austria and Germany. It will be monitored by official judges from the Guinness Book of World Records.

## Ainscough goes for Brakesafe

UK-based **Ainscough Crane Hire** has purchased **Turnkey's Brakesafe** portable brake testing equipment to use with its fleet.

Unlike traditional rolling road testing the portable device is placed in the passenger footwell of a vehicle and can measure the braking efficiency and left/right pull without having to connect to further devices.

The tester simply drives the vehicle at a constant speed and then applies the brakes in an emergency stop procedure. The device senses then indicates a pass/fail as well as storing the data



The *Brakesafe* portable tester



The blade can be raised to 70 degrees

## 62m rotor blade record

German crane rental company **Wiesbauer** has been testing its second generation **Scheuerle Inter Combi 126SP** transporter and rotor blade adaptor with a record 62 metre long, 13.4 tonne blade at the **Vestas** wind turbine plant in Denmark.

The transporter can raise the blade to an angle of up to 70 degrees to negotiate tight bends in wooded areas and rotate it to the position with the least wind resistance. The blade is bolted to a quick release plate that can be used on regular trailers as well as the 126SP, allowing a normal truck and trailer to move the blade over greater distances, while making it easy to shift over to the Inter Combi SP for challenging bends, usually limited to the last few miles of the journey



The rotor blade adaptor can be fitted to trailers as well as the SP

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• Terex Cranes has appointed Steve Headden as vice president of sales for North America.



**Steve Headden**

• Australian-based Lincon Hire has purchased a Barin AB 10.5 Combi road/rail under bridge platform.

• US-based rental company Crane Service has ordered a 400 tonne six axle Grove GMK6400.

• UK-based M&M Mobile Crane Hire has taken delivery of a new 130 tonne Tadano ATF 130G-5.

• The long-running pay dispute at the Liebherr Container cranes plant in Ireland has been resolved.

• Manitowoc has appointed Irlequip as its Crane Care dealer for Grove cranes in all of Ireland.

• Mark Woody of Palfinger has been appointed president of the National Truck Equipment Association.



**Mark Woody**

• H&E Equipment Services has appointed Rob Hepler as senior vice president rental sales.

• The Norwegian personal lifting association (PLF) held its annual meeting at Time in Denmark.

• Manitowoc has announced further sales, marketing and product management appointments as it restructures its organisation.

• Rental software specialist MCS is opening a Benelux sales office in Zwolle, the Netherlands.

• UK rental company Tracked Access Hire has ordered three new CTE truck mounted lifts.

• UK-based crane company AB2000 has taken delivery of its first new Liebherr cranes.

• Galizia has delivered a GF28 electric pick&carry crane to Trellerborg Sealing Solutions.

• UK-based Liftout has purchased a new Valla 25ELDC pick&carry crane.

• UK-based rental company Lifterz opened its third location in Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

• JLG has appointed Jean-François Sourdoire as after-market director and Richard Puglia as marketing director.



**Richard Puglia**



**Jean-François Sourdoire**

• Two tower cranes collided over Canary Wharf, London, seriously injuring a 35 year old man.

• UK-based Briggs Equipment has purchased two CTE truck mounted lifts for N.Ireland.

• Italian crane and lift manufacturer Manotti delivered 19 truck mounted lifts to Centlec in South Africa.

• JLG is expanding its McConnellsburg training centre with a \$2.5 million, 1,400 square metre investment.

• German aerial lift manufacturer Teupen has appointed Riwal as its exclusive distributor in Brazil.

• IPAF's operator eLearning online training module is now available across the USA in both English and Spanish.

• Trojan Battery has appointed Alexander Hofmeyer to manage its sales to Africa.



**Alex Hofmeyer**

• UK-based Platform Sales & Hire has expanded its Midlands access centre with Skyjack scissors and Easy spider lifts.

• Mammoet has opened a new company and location in Cairo, Egypt.

• UK-based rental company Midland Truck Mounts has purchased its first spider lift, a Multitel SMX225.

• UK-based York Crane Hire has taken delivery of its third 40 tonne Tadano ATF 40G-2.

• Manitowoc has appointed Therese Houlahan as treasurer replacing Dean Nolden who moves to Manitowoc Cranes.



**Therese Houlahan**

• UK stone wholesaler Gerald Cullifords has purchased a new 40 tonne Grove RT540E-2 Rough Terrain crane.

• JLG has launched European Rental Spec telehandlers and upgraded Skytrak models.

• UK-based Emerson Crane Hire has opened a new west London depot in Iver, Buckinghamshire.

• Janne Niska, founder/owner of Finnish rental company Janneniska has died age 38.



**Jaane Niska**

• The Kimberly group has consolidated 1st Access Rentals, High Level Platforms and Kimberly Access.

• UK rental company Geoff Huntley Plant has taken delivery of eight heavy duty and 360 degree Manitou telehandlers.

• Dingli has shipped the first production unit of its 11.2 metre mast-boom to Turkey.

• Lavendon has appointed non-executive directors John Coghlan and John Wyatt, while Jan Åstrand has resigned.

• Manitowoc Crane Care has certified Paterson Simons as an EnCORE rebuild partner for West Africa.

• Lavendon has appointed Paul Rankin as managing director of its Middle East business, Rapid Access.



**Paul Rankin**

• UK rental company RKP Access Platforms has added a 22 metre GSR E228TJ truck mounted lift to its fleet.

• ECT Delta Terminal has taken delivery of seven Liebherr straddle carriers for its deep-water terminal in Rotterdam.

• Italian spider manufacturer Bluelift launched the hybrid C22/11 and appointed a new dealer in Russia.

• South Korean shipyard Hyundai Heavy Industries has ordered two MacGregor AHC subsea cranes.

• Cargotec has appointed Mikael Laine as senior vice president of strategy.



**Mikael Laine**

• The Swiss Army has taken delivery of four Liebherr LTM 1055-3.2 cranes with special attachments.

• UK Tool Hire has ordered a significant number of Ram Gemini 20:35PTJ truck mounted lifts.

• German rental company Gerken has placed an order for 17 Teupen Leo spider lifts.

• AEM and AEMP have announced a new standard for remote data collection/trouble shooting.

• UK-based Boss Training has expanded with a number of new appointments.



**Roger Cross**

• Tadano Oceania has appointed Roger Cross as sales manager for Western and South Australia.

• Graham Maddocks, a well-known scaffold and mobile tower engineer, has died.



**Graham Maddocks**

• DP World has ordered new generation Kalmar reachstackers for the new Jebel Ali container terminal.

• Italian rental company Boiano Service has taken delivery of three new Platform Basket spider lifts.

• Iraq's Ministry of Water Resources has taken seven 55 tonne Tadano GT-550E-2 truck cranes.

• Swedish rental company Stavdal has purchased a large number of Bravi Leonardo HD lifts.

• One of the first 180ft Genie SX180 boom lifts deliveries went to US-based Acme Lift.

• South African gold miner AGA has purchased seven bespoke Manitou MHT-X 860L telehandlers.

• Ramirent's senior vice president, Poland - Tomasz Walawender - has left the business after 13 years.



**Tomasz Walawender**

• UK-based Kingfisher Access has promoted Samm Reid to director taking over from Mandy Reid.

• Transnet Port Terminals purchased four Liebherr ship to shore cranes and 18 rubber tyred gantry cranes.

• German lifting company Klema has added five Grove All Terrain cranes to its fleet.

• Dutch rental company HWS has purchased a 26ft electric MEC 2684ES Speed Level.

• Skyjack veteran Dave Stewart has joined JLG as VP strategic accounts.



**Dave Stewart**

• Mumbai international airport has acquired three Palazzani TSJ25/C and two 27 metre TSJ27/C spider lifts.

• Tigieffe/Airo has moved into the UK with the joint venture Airo UK.

• Swedish-based rental company Rallco has purchased a 22.5 metre Isoli PT225 truck mounted lift.

• The first 36 metre Isoli PTJJ36.29 truck mounted lift has shipped to the UK.

• IPAF has confirmed that 500,000 valid PAL Cards are in use worldwide.

• USA-based distributor ReachMaster is to distribute Galizia pick&carry cranes.

• All Erection & Crane Rental has ordered 30 new Link-Belt cranes.

• PASMA launched an advanced tower training course.

• UK-based rental company Warren Access has won Safecontractor accreditation.

• Hiab has announced plans to restructure its operations in Hudiksvall, Sweden.

• Custom Equipment introduced three new push-around scissor lifts.

• Genie has added marketing to Brad Allen's role as VP product management and engineering.

• Swedish container terminal Stockholms Hamnar has ordered four Kalmar reachstackers.

• Volvo Rents has changed its name to BlueLine Rental, following its acquisition by Platinum Equity.



**Andries Slootmans**

• Andries Slootmans who helped put Tadano on the European map has died.

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