

# Over 110 die in Mecca crane overturn

A total of 111 people died and 331 were injured when a Liebherr LR 11350 overturned onto the Grand Mosque - the Masjid al-Haram - in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on September 11th, making it the worst crane incident in living memory.

While the crane was out of service at the time, it had been left with 114 metres of boom, topped by 84 metre luffing jib - 200 metres tip height - in the fully elevated position in spite of an impending sand and thunderstorm. It was caught head-on by winds of between 80 and 105 kph (50 and 65mph) which took the jib and boom over the back of the crane. The heavy jib masts pierced the mosque roof sending heavy debris crashing onto those praying

below, with the jib and its rigging coming down on others.

A report presented to the King by the Saudi Accident Investigation Committee indicated that the incident was caused by a combination of negligence and strong winds. It confirmed that the manufacturer's instructions for rigging and making the LR 11350 safe when out of use were not followed, and that the crane was left in a vulnerable position in the



The 1,350 tonne crane was blown over backwards onto the mosque

face of strong winds. The report suggested negligence on the part of construction company Saudi Binladin Group, but concluded that it found an absence of criminal suspicion.

A statement from Liebherr following an on-site inspection said the crane was 'technically faultless' and confirmed that it was improperly stowed for the expected weather conditions, confirming the initial Saudi report. The crane

was left with boom and jib both fully elevated when operating instructions clearly state that when such conditions are expected the jib, and ideally the boom should be lowered. The boom and jib were cut into sections and removed shortly after the investigation so that repairs could be made to the structure. A local official said that the crane will be scrapped and not go back into service.

## Ron DeFeo retires

Terex has appointed John L. Garrison Jr. as chief executive, replacing Ron DeFeo from the start of November. DeFeo will remain as executive chairman until the end of the year and then retire, but remains as a consultant for a further year.



Ron DeFeo

Garrison joins Terex from Textron where he has been chief executive of its Bell Helicopter operation since 2009. DeFeo said: "I am proud of the company Terex has become in my 23 years as leader. With my planned retirement, this day was inevitable and I am confident that John will be able to continue to create value for our shareholders and the shareholders of Konecranes Terex."



John L. Garrison Jr

## New Jekko mini crane

Jekko will launch an all-new six tonne SPK60 mini crawler crane with main boom and telescopic luffing jib - creating an articulated crane - at Bauma next year.

Weighing 12.5 tonnes with counterweight, the new Yanmar-powered SPK60 has a maximum capacity free on tracks of six tonnes, a 17.7 metre five section main boom, plus optional four section telescopic luffing jib giving a maximum tip height of 28 metres. Maximum radius with the jib is 19 metres. The machine is 2.3 metres wide with tracks retracted or 2.9 metres when extended. Overall chassis length is 3.49 metres - 5.7 metres over the boom - with an overall height of 2.7 metres. One of the first units has been ordered by Nordkran of Germany.



A computer generated view of the new Jekko SPK60.



The Jekko SPK60 with luffing telescopic jib fitted.

## Secondary guarding for scissors

UK-based Kimberly Rentals has launched a secondary guarding system for scissor lifts. Dubbed SkySecure it can be installed on all diesel and electric scissors and has been subjected to extensive live trials.

The system features a self-test on start up and a spring loaded wrist rest that will stop the machine,



When the wrist rest is depressed the machine will stop and emergency signals will activate

sound a siren and start an emergency beacon if depressed. If inadvertently activated, it can be reset from the platform.



If an operator is pushed down on the controller his forearm will activate the system

The machine's emergency controls can still be used to lower the platform. The company has also installed a proximity device that automatically cuts travel speed to slow when the controller is moved outside of the platform, for example when an operator is loading or driving through a doorway etc.



Spierings has unveiled its completely redesigned SK 597-AT4 with 48 metre jib. It will replace the SK 498-AT4

## New Spierings unveiled

Netherlands-based mobile self-erecting tower crane manufacturer Spierings has unveiled a totally redesigned four axle SK 597-AT4 complete with a new 48 metre jib compared to the 44 metre jib on the SK498-AT4 that it replaces.

Other improvements include disc brakes, a new DAF Euro 6 engine, two new luffing positions giving 15, 30 and 45 degrees and a new carrier cab and interior. The chassis was further developed to handle the increased capacity of the crane - 1,700kg at 48 metres - yet remaining within the current 12 tonne axle loads.

Sales manager Koos Spierings said: 'With the new SK597-AT4 we have a machine that perfectly serves both the crane rental company as well as the end-user. Its 48 metre radius combined with the compact 2.75 metre overall width offers great advantages. The lifting capacity of 1,700kg at 48 metres and a hook height of more than 59 metres while luffing at 45 degrees give this crane all manner of possibilities.'



The new cab interior

## Versalift launches big insulated lift

Time Manufacturing/Versalift has launched several new models including a 66 metre insulated truck mounted lift and upgraded its VST range. Unveiled at the ICUEE show in Louisville, Kentucky, the 66 metre Skybird 215I has been developed in partnership with Ruthmann and complies fully with ANSI A92.2 cat A. The 500kV-insulated lift features a five section main boom and a fully-insulated telescopic upper boom. It has an outreach of 32 metres and a maximum platform capacity of 600kg. Features include a 300kg material handler attachment, fibre optic controls and a clear text display for error diagnostics and sensor outputs.

The second new machine is the 12 metre VTP-40 cable placer. Designed solely for cable stringing, the VTP-40 offers an outreach of nine metres, a 158kg platform capacity and an auto-levelling platform. The VST series of insulated articulated telescopic aerial lifts have also been upgraded with the

Time's 66 metre working height Skybird 215I features an insulated telescopic upper boom

next generation models - the VST-6300, VST-6600 and VST-7100 - offering improved platform capacities and working heights of 19.2, 22.1 and 23.6 metres respectively.



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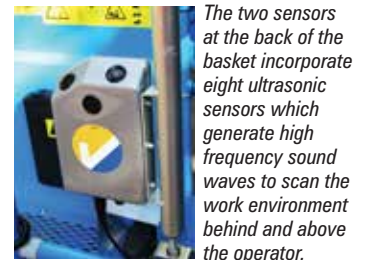
## 'Intelligent secondary guarding'

Nationwide Platforms in the UK has launched a new secondary guarding system - SkySiren PCS (Pre Crushing Sensor) - which it calls 'intelligent secondary guarding' as it offers additional protection against trapping and crushing incidents while operating a boom lift. Developed by Lavendon group company BlueSky it combines the SkySiren device with a new ultrasound sensing system to detect potential hazards.

Three sensor units, two at the back of the basket and one over the control panel, incorporate eight individual ultrasonic sensors which generate high frequency sound waves to scan the work environment behind and above the operator, warning of objects as they are approached. In the unlikely event of a trapping situation, the SkySiren system acts in the normal way,



The sensor box incorporating light over the control panel.



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raising the alarm with a strobe light and klaxon. The distance the sensors are set can be varied between 500 and 800mm which Nationwide says is the optimum for protection and preventing the alarm from going off during normal work activities. A limited number of units are available now, with full availability due by the end of the year.

## All new Skyjack telehandler

Cranes & Access and Vertikal.net have obtained a sneak video preview of an all-new mid-range Skyjack North American telehandler that is due to launch next month.

The new design began while Skyjack was working on the installation of new Tier IV Final engines for its VR telehandler range. However the amount of changes required prompted a complete redesign. The first result of this is the 8,000lb/43ft (3.6 tonne/13 metre) SJ843TH. Other models include the 6,000lb/43ft SJ643TH the 10,000lb/44ft SJ1044TH and the 10,000lb/56ft SJ1056TH. More details will be announced in the next week or two.

The Skyjack SJ843TH on test in Canada



## 12m mast boom from ATN

ATN will unveil a new 12 metre mast boom with telescopic jib - its largest machine to date - at Bauma next year. The new model, the Piaf 1200 R, has all-electric controls, unlike the more usual hydraulic pilot type systems used on its smaller models.

The first prototype has already been built and is currently on test at the company's plant in South West France. It has an overall width of 1.2 metres, is 1.98 metres high and 3.66 metres long. Outreach is a very respectable five metres and the machine has a 200kg platform capacity in its 800mm x 1.1 metre basket. Total weight is around 4,250kg.



The ATN Piaf 1200 R will be launched at bauma

## The time is right for Omega

Dutch boom and scissor lift manufacturer Omega has launched two track mounted telescopic boom lifts targeting steel erection and tree work applications.

The models include a 52ft TB160J and 46ft TB140. Weighing

approximately seven tonnes, the TB160J offers an outreach of 13.8 metres with 250kg unrestricted platform capacity. Powered by a four cylinder Kubota, features include 45 percent gradeability, 180 degrees of jib and platform rotation and 360 degrees continuous slew. The 14 metre working height TB140 features a similar specification, minus the two metre jib. It has an outreach of 11 metres and 350kg unrestricted platform capacity. Delivery of the first units is scheduled for the beginning of 2016.



The new 16 metre Omega TB1601 tracked boom lift

## New Manitou telehandler

Manitou launched its new MLT-X 732 agricultural market telehandler at the V8 Supercar Bathurst 1000 races at the Mount Panorama Circuit in Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia earlier this month.

The new 3,200kg/6.9 metre telehandler was used for the lifting and recovery of the cars during the 1,000km race. It can take 2,800kg to full height, or handle 1,100kg at 3.94 metres of forward reach. A Perkins diesel is matched to a four speed Powershuttle transmission giving a 32 kph travel speed.

The new Manitou MLT-X 732.



Steil Kranarbeiten has taken delivery of another 650 tonne Terex Superlift 3800 lattice boom crawler crane - its fifth in three years.



Steil's new Terex 3800 carrying out its first job directly after the handover

## Take five

German crane rental company Steil Kranarbeiten has taken delivery of another 650 tonne Terex Superlift 3800 lattice boom crawler crane - its fifth in three years. The new crane was handed over at the Terex facility in Zweibrücken, Germany before heading out on its first job, lifting a concrete bridge in the very same town.

Configured with 42 metres of main boom, 253 tonnes of counterweight and 50 tonnes of central ballast, the Superlift 3800 lifted a 78 tonne concrete bridge spanning the river Schwarzbach. A trial run was conducted the previous day to determine its weight which turned out to be four tonnes heavier than planned.

René Perlich, head of the Steil's large crane division, said: "We drilled core holes through the bridge and threaded the lifting ropes through them as we couldn't determine the bridge's exact weight in advance. The access road to the bridge was also particularly challenging - it was like threading the crane through the eye of a needle."

Based in Trier, Steil is also scheduled to take delivery of a sixth Superlift 3800 in the coming months.

## Paylor joins Ahern

Don Ahern, owner of Ahern Rentals, Snorkel and Xtreme Manufacturing has announced a new senior executive management team with ex JLG president Craig Paylor as chief operating officer.

Paylor joins the company this month, working from corporate headquarters in Las Vegas, but traveling throughout the USA, Asia and Europe. Paylor, 59, spent almost 30 years with JLG and was president from 2007 until 2010.

Ahern said: "The dynamic growth in our product development and our global distribution means that it is now imperative that I form a team of industry experts to oversee our rapidly growing business. The team I am appointing brings a wealth of industry knowledge and strong business strategy experience to the table, and will be instrumental in driving our future success."



Craig Paylor

## Russon joins PB

PB Liftechnik has appointed Alan Russon to represent the company in the UK and Ireland. Russon will personally sell the manufacturer's heavy duty scissor lifts and provide administrative coordination and after sales support through his business The Access Platform Company. Machines will be invoiced directly by the manufacturer under a new trading business PB UK.

*(L-R) Dieter Pawlowski of PB with Alan Russon and Arne Dirckinck-Holmfeld of PB.*



## New owner for Gatwick Plant

UK-based loader crane and specialist transport company Gatwick Plant has been acquired by R Swain & Sons. The deal, completed at the end of September, includes the assets and goodwill, with operations and sales staff remaining with the business. The company will continue to operate under the Gatwick Plant name and will function as a separate standalone company within the Swain group.

Gatwick Plant owner Bob Toon is planning to retire, but will remain with the business for the next six months to ensure a smooth hand over. Gatwick Plant runs a fleet of Hiab loader cranes and spider cranes and also offers a mobile crane hire and contract lifting service.

## New 30m Cela spider

Italian truck mount and spider lift manufacturer Cela has launched the 30 metre DT30 Spyder spider lift. The machine has an outreach of 15.5 metres with 120kg platform capacity and an up and over height of almost 16 metres. Outreach with the maximum 225kg platform capacity is almost 12 metres. The unit can also reach a full seven metres below ground level.

Weighing just over five tonnes, it has multiple position auto-levelling stabilisers and an overall stowed width of 1.2 metres with the 1.8 metre wide basket removed. Overall length is 5.9 metres, and overall height just over two metres. The DT30 can also be used as a light duty crane with a capacity of 250kg making it ideal for roof trusses etc.



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# Italy alive and kicking

GIS - Giornate Italiane del Sollevamento - the Italian cranes and powered access show, showed strong signs that the Italian market is coming back to life, as more than 6,000 visitors attended the Expo Centre in Piacenza over the three days.

Exhibitor numbers more than doubled since the last event in 2013 to 130 and a number of them felt that GIS had replaced SAIE in Bologna as an exhibition for lifting equipment. The mood was very relaxed and positive with some new products on display. Italian crawler

and foundation crane manufacturer MAIT launched two new cranes - the 28 tonne T28 telescopic crawler crane, and the 90 tonne 90T heavy duty cycle crane.

Cela unveiled its new 30 metre DT30 Spyder which uses the boom geometry from its truck mounted



Simone Scalabrini, shareholder and export manager of Cela and Brennero Gru, a collaboration launched in September, with the new 30 metre Cela DT30 Spiderlift



Diego Peluso of Mait with the new T28 telescopic crawler

models, with a four section lower boom, three section top boom and an articulating jib. Cela also used the show to talk about its new co-operation with Brennero Gru which specialises in loader and special build spider cranes.

Teupen launched a new partnership with Oxley Piattaforme Aeree which will handle both new sales and product support for new and existing machines in

the country. Teupen also said that it has won the contract to supply around 70 spider lifts for the Haram Mecca project in Saudi Arabia.



Teupen's Tim Renk (L) with Aiman Ait from Oxley, the manufacturer's new partner for Italy

## 13 big truck mounts for BMS

Danish international rental company BMS has placed an order for 13 Palfinger truck mounted lifts ranging from 55 to 103 metres in a deal worth around €8 million.

Units will be delivered one a month over the next year and the machines will be based at BMS facilities in Germany, the UK, Norway and Sweden. When the order is complete BMS will have 38 large platforms. All units will be equipped with heated platform floors and control consoles allowing operators to continue working in low temperatures. The machines will also include satellite links allowing BMS to monitor each machine remotely - part of a new programme that aims to guarantee a 24 hour availability for any customer anywhere in Europe.



The first unit, a 55 metre Palfinger P-550

## Boom Booster for Superlift 3800

Following on from the launch of the Boom Booster kit on the CC 8800-1 crawler crane last year, Terex has developed a version for its 650 tonne Superlift 3800 crawler crane, claiming lifting capacities improvements of up to 30 percent. Available with all new crane orders or as a retrofit, the Boom Booster consists of seven, 12 metre long by 3.5 metre wide boom sections which offer boom lengths of between 24 and 84 metres. A Superlift 3800 equipped with the kit offers a maximum hook height of 174 metres at which it can lift loads of up to 80 tonnes, making it well suited for erecting large wind turbines. Walkways and fall protection systems are built into the boom sections as standard. (See heavy lift article from page 17)

## Europlatform nine - Copenhagen

This year's Europlatform conference, the ninth, was held earlier this month in Copenhagen. The conference attracted a surprising number of delegates with a diverse range of presentations delivered by speakers including Xavier du Boÿs of Kiloutou, Nick Selley of AFI, Petri Paavolainen of Dinolift, Dino Leistenschneider of Ramirent and Karel Huijser of JLG.



Petri Paavolainen of Dinolift

Topics included: Creating value from powered access rental, Customer service, Total cost of ownership and the benefits that competitors might gain by co-operating on new product developments. Rupert Douglas-Jones of IPAF highlighted the latest accident statistics which show that more than 35 percent of all incidents reported involve delivery drivers. A new draft IPAF document dealing with this subject will be published shortly for comment and input.

## Mammoet and Sankyu JV

Netherlands-based heavy lift specialist Mammoet is to form a joint venture in Singapore with the plant engineering division of Sankyu of Japan.

Named Sankyu Mammoet Pte it will specialise in heavy lifting, transport and engineering services and equipment for the East Asian region. Both companies have an equal stake in the venture.



Mammoet CEO Jan Kleijn (L) and Kimihiro Nakamura, senior executive director Sankyu sign the agreement



# 112 Skyjack RT scissors for A-Plant

A-Plant, the UK division of the Ashtead Group, has taken delivery of 112 new Skyjack Rough Terrain scissor lifts in a deal worth almost £3 million. The new order includes 26ft SJ6826RT and 32ft SJ6832RT compact Rough Terrains, 31ft SJ8831RT and 41ft SJ8841RT mid-range models and several 50ft SJ9250 RT big deck scissor lifts. The deal follows a recent order for 200 Genie slab scissor lifts and brings the company's spend on aerial lifts to around £14 million this year.

*A-Plant has taken all models from the Skyjack Rough Terrain scissor range including SJ6832 RT compact models.*



## Dinolift confirms UK dealer

Finnish aerial lift manufacturer Dinolift has appointed service partner Central Platform Services (CPS) as distributor for the UK. CPS Lift became a service partner at this year's Vertikal Days and has now sold its first machine, an XTC220-II spider lift to Platforms Cymru, a tree and property maintenance contractor from West Wales. Sales director Nick Childs said: "We are now well positioned to support product sales and have invested heavily in engineers, training and our repair facility."

## Major investment for City Lift

Danish access rental company City Lift has taken delivery of six Palfinger truck mounted lifts and placed a large order for Niftylift booms and Imer scissor lifts.

The Palfinger order includes four 25.6 metre P260Bs and two 21.9 metre P220Bs all mounted on 3.5 tonne Nissan Cabstar chassis. The Niftylift order includes 33ft HR12NDEs and 50ft HR17NDE bi-energy booms along with 62ft HR21 and 86ft HR28 Hybrid boom lifts. The

scissors include Iteco Easy Up 5 push around, IT80, IT90 and IT122 electric scissors and IT180 diesel-electric scissor lifts. It also ordered a 12 metre IMR12 and a 19 metre IMR19 Imer spider lifts.



*City Lift's new Palfinger truck mounted lifts*



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## Q3 dip for Haulotte

Haulotte reported an eight percent drop in third quarter revenues to €104 million. Year to date revenues are €10.8 million, three percent below last year although if the beneficial effects of exchange rates are taken out of the equation the fall is closer to 10 percent.

Sales of new equipment fell five percent to €258 million, while rentals improved nine percent to €18.9 million and parts and service jumped 13 percent to €33.4 million. Haulotte North America posted its best quarter ever and is up 24 percent to date, while Asia Pacific is 13 percent higher. In Europe sales plummeted 21 percent, while in South America was predictably the worst with a drop of 29 percent. However the company said that order intake and activity over the summer should keep it on plan to complete the full year around five percent up on 2014.



## Lavendon ups capex to £85 million

International rental group Lavendon has increased this year's capital investment in its rental fleet to £85 million including £20 million pulled forward from next year's budget.

The new investment is part of a major fleet extension and renewal programme. This includes 1,500 boom lifts, 1,450 scissor lifts and 200 truck and van mounted lifts - all of which have now entered its rental fleets in the UK, Germany, France, Belgium and the Middle East. Nationwide Platforms in the UK received £39 million, while £20 million went to the Middle East operation Rapid. In central Europe, the group's French operation Lavendon had £12 million, Gardemann in Germany spent £11 million and DK Rental in Belgium had £3 million. 60 percent of the investment was spent on booms and scissor lifts from Genie and Skyjack. Other suppliers included Haulotte, Ruthmann, Palfinger, GSR, CTE, MEC and Power Towers.



## Essex cuts back

Essex Rental is laying off around eight percent of its workforce as part of a cost reduction plan which is expected to result in economies of more than \$1.7 million, which when added to the previously announced corporate governance changes, will result in total annual savings of \$2.2 million.

The company says that the reductions are likely to incur restructuring costs of around \$100,000 during the third quarter, primarily due to termination benefits, including severance which is expected to be settled in cash.



## Kobe cuts forecasts

Kobe Steel - owner of Kobelco Cranes - has cut its recent earnings forecasts by 58 percent due to lower sales of excavators in China during its second quarter.

The company also blames the fall on higher costs due to a major power outage at its Kakogawa steelworks. The steel maker now forecasts net income of 25 billion yen (\$209 million) for the full year to March 2016, more than 58 percent down on last year. It claims that excavator consumption in China has fallen 40 percent.

The profit warning makes no mention of any changes involving its crane division. The company had already made minor adjustments to its half and full year forecasts when it reported its first quarter results.



## SEV looks shaky

Smith Electric Vehicles - the other investment in Tanfield along with Snorkel - almost closed its doors in September as it ran out of money.

To stave off bankruptcy it launched a new \$10 million rights issue. Tanfield will not take up its option under the offering, which means that its holding will be further diluted.



## Hartela to transfer equipment to Ramirent

The Hartela construction group is to transfer its equipment operations to Ramirent along with the equipment and all related staff of Hartela, Rakennusosakeyhtiö Hartela and Hartela-Forum on a rental/lease basis.

The deal also includes a long term rental supply agreement. The deal is similar to the transfer of the Hartela tower crane fleet and operations to Ramirent last year.



## Speedy cuts expectations

UK rental company Speedy has issued a trading update warning that revenues will be down 10 percent this year and profitability will be "materially below current market expectations".

As a result it has taken a number of actions including a programme to increase engineering resources, redistribute assets throughout the depot network to improve asset availability, and optimise stock levels; a realignment of the sales function to better address the needs of the market; a more effective operational structure and overhead base which more closely aligns costs with revenues and improvements to the IT system to enhance management information and the customer experience.

The savings are expected to be around £13 million, with £10 million in the UK and Ireland business, of which around £6 million relates to people costs.



## Tadano to build new crane plant

Tadano has applied for planning permission to build new production facility in Japan close to its head office facility in Takamatsu.

Tadano has requested that a plot of 13.8 hectares (34 acres) on reclaimed land in Takamatsu port that is currently being offered for tender be increased to 20 hectares (49 acres), and that the company may be permitted to tender for the larger site. It has also asked that ground works be accelerated in order to allow construction to begin this time next year.

Its first phase plans include a 30,000 square metre building to manufacture mobile cranes in order to take the pressure off of its Shido plant which is currently close to capacity. Shido was built in 1980 and is located on a similar size plot, but currently has more than 93,000 square metres under cover. The company's other two plants in the region are considerably smaller. The initial investment will be ¥10 billion (\$8.3 million) and during this first phase the plant it is expected to employ between 200 and 300 people. Production is due begin in late 2018.



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# Articulated Maeda for City Lifting

UK-based crane rental company City Lifting has taken delivery of the first articulated MK1033CWE-1 spider crane in the UK.

The bi-energy 995kg capacity crane features a three section main boom and three section telescopic jib giving an up and over height of 7.5 metres. Maximum lift height is 11.3 metres with features including a detachable electric pack and an auxiliary winch. The company also took delivery of two diesel/electric MC 405 CRMEs bringing its Maeda spider crane fleet to 10.



City Lifting has taken delivery of the first Maeda MK1033CWE-1 spider crane in the UK

# 750 tonne Liebherr for Whyte

Scottish crane rental company Whyte Crane Hire has taken delivery of a 750 tonne Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1 All Terrain crane.



The nine axle LTM 1750 features a 52 metre main boom and up to 91 metres of lattice jib. The crane went straight to work on its first job erecting 23 wind turbines for Enercon on a wind farm in Corriegarth, Scotland.

Whyte's new LTM 1750-9.1 on route to its first job at the Corriegarth wind farm, close to Loch Ness.

# Health checks for crane operators

Singapore is to require health checks for all crane operators over 50 years old from April next year, together with tougher checks for older operators. The announcement was one of three initiatives unveiled at the annual Workplace Safety and Health crane safety symposium earlier this month.

Operators over 50 will be checked every two years to identify, treat and manage any conditions. The Ministry of Manpower claims 42 percent of the 6,400 operators in the state are already over 50. Those aged 65 to 70 will be checked annually, while those in their 70s will require be a more intensive medical on an annual basis.

Plans were also announced to simplify the requirements for new operators of mini cranes less than five tonnes. From January 2016 they will only have to attend an approved specialist training course rather than obtain a full crawler crane licence.

Finally the crane operator database - which will list all licensed crane operators - will be completed and available from the first half of next year, allowing contractors or crane rental companies to check the history of any operator.



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reachingout.

- **JLG** parent **Oshkosh** has appointed **Keith Allman** - CEO of Masco building products - as a non-executive director.



**Keith Allman**

- Danish rental company **Slagelse Liftudlejning** has taken delivery of a **Ruthmann T540** truck mounted lift.
- **Isoli** has appointed **Alturo** as its distributor for Norway.
- German rental company **Butsch & Meier** has entered the spider crane market.
- UK access rental company **Star Platforms** has opened a new depot in Coalville, Leicestershire.
- The first **Genie SX-150** boom lift in Germany has been delivered to **Ulferts** of Moormerland.
- **West Georgia Technical College** and **CIS** have formed a partnership to provide crane training courses.
- UK crane and access company **Hird** has purchased a 100 tonne **Grove GMK4100L All Terrain** crane.



**Chuck Miller**

- **Hertz Equipment Rentals** has appointed **Charles (Chuck) Miller** as vice president operations.
- Colombian terminal operator **Port of Cartagena** has ordered 23 **Kalmar RTGs** and 79 terminal tractors.
- **Isoli** has delivered five new **PT90** pick-up mounted platforms to the town of **Port Sudan**.
- UK rental company **Hewden** has raised more than £20,000 for charity at its annual supplier golf-day.
- **Jurong Shipyard/Sembcorp Marine** has ordered two **Liebherr** offshore cranes.
- Sales and rental company **Gizo** has been appointed as **Manitou** platform dealer for Poland.
- Parts, distribution and service group **IAPS** has promoted **Lucy Bebbington** to the position of marketing director.



**Lucy Bebbington**

- **Tadano** is to build a new production facility near its headquarters in Takamatsu Japan.
- **Babcock Plant Services** has taken delivery of a new 400t **Tadano ATF400-6 All Terrain** crane.
- UK-based **Traction Plant & Tool Hire** has purchased a range of **Haulotte** slab electric scissor lifts.
- Italian rental company **Venpa** has taken delivery of six 20m **CTE ZED 20.2 H** truck mounted lifts.
- **CTE** has sold its first **Traccess 135** spider lift in Norway, to its new distributor **Instant Norge**.
- **Manitou** has added **Gehl** dealer **Star Equipment** to its telehandler sales network for Iowa.
- The **Port of Bronka** has taken delivery of the first heavy-lifting **Liebherr LHM 800** harbour crane.
- **Haulotte** has opened its new 7,700 square metre North America distribution facility in Virginia Beach.

- Members of **IPAF's Brazilian council** have agreed to report all known fatal and non-fatal accidents.

- **Genie** vice president of sales Europe **Phil Graysmark** has left the company,
- **Jacco de Kluijver** will carry out his duties until a replacement is found.



**Phil Graysmark**

- UK steel erector **J&D Pierce Contracts** has purchased 10 **Genie** boom lifts from **APS**.



**Jacco de Kluijver**

- The UK will begin the prosecution of **Baldwins Crane Hire** for corporate manslaughter in October.
- Turkish rental specialists **Acarlar Makina** and **Ayhanlar** have each purchased 65ft **Holland Lift** scissor lifts.
- UK rental company **AB2000** has relocated its Inverness depot to larger premises in nearby Nairn, Scotland.
- **Samson** has confirmed that its KZ-100 synthetic rope is now available from certain Samson distributors.
- **Alimak Hek** launched a new hoist and mastclimber at a customer/dealer day in France.

- The **British Antarctic Survey** has ordered two 40 tonne **Sennebogen 643** telescopic crawler cranes.

- **Sennebogen** has announced further investments in its production facility in Straubing, Germany.

- **Chris Davies** CEO of UK-based **HSS** has stepped down and been replaced by COO **John Gill**.



**Chris Davies**

- UK cabin rental company **Mobile Mini** has ordered 15 new **Scania** trucks with **Fassi** loader cranes.

- **Atlas Maschinen** has appointed **Kivisampo** as its excavator distributor for Finland.



**John Gill**

- German access rental company **Gagarin** has taken delivery of eight **JLG** aerial work platforms.

- UK rental company **Quick Reach** has taken delivery of more **MEC** scissor lifts and **Genie** boom and mast lifts.

- **Craig Paylor** has joined the **Ahern Group** - owner of **Snorkel** and **Xtreme** - as COO.

- US crane rental company **McNally-Nimergood** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr LTM 1400-7.1**.

- UK-based **NMT Crane Hire** has acquired Bedford based **Wildman Transport**.

- Low level scissor lift manufacturer **Custom Equipment** has appointed Ohio-based **ALL Aerials** as dealer.

- **Huisman** has delivered the 100th crane manufactured at its facility in Zhangzhou, China.

- US rental company **Crane Service** has taken delivery of its first **Liebherr** crawler crane, an **LR1300SX**.

- **Ken Barnes** managing director of **Grayston Crane Hire** in the 1970s/1980s passed away in late September.



**Ken Barnes**

- US-based **Lizzy Lift** has purchased its third 68ft **PB S225-12ES (PB7448)** narrow aisle scissor lift.

- **Joseph F. Apuzzo**, **Terex** CFO from 1999 to 2002, has been fined \$100,000 for fraudulent deals with **United Rentals**.

- **JCB** is looking at reducing its headcount in the UK by around 400, following slower order intake.

- **ATN** will launch a 12m mast boom at **Bauma** next year.

- UK mini crane company **Lift** has added a 3.83 tonne **Maeda MC405 CRME** to its fleet.

- UK-based **NMT Crane Hire** has taken its second **Böcker** truck mounted aluminium crane.

- **Genie** has promoted **Mike Flanagan** to territory sales manager for Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.



**Mike Flanagan**

- Vehicle mounted lift manufacturer **Co.Me.T** has confirmed **D.A. Forgie** as its distributor for Ireland.

- **Loxam Rental Norway** has taken delivery of four **Palfinger P200A** 20 metre truck mounted lifts.

- Three contractors in Oman have purchased the latest generation **Bobcat T40180** telehandler.

- UK port operator group **ABP** has taken delivery of four **Kalmar** reachstackers for its terminal in Immingham.

- **Socage** has formed a partnership with the Austrian fabricator **Welsler** to produce ultra-high tensile rolled profiles.

- **Oshkosh** chief executive **Charles Szews** is to retire at the end of the year, **Wilson Jones** will take over.



**Charles Szews**

- UK-based **City Lifting** has purchased the first 400 tonne **Grove GMK6400** crane in the UK.

- **Socage** has acquired Luzzara-based **CATT** its key supplier of fabricated steel components.

- **Haulotte** has reported a slow third quarter but says that activity has picked up.



**Wilson Jones**

- **Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company** has renewed its contract with offshore lifting services company **Sparrows**.

- UK-based **Kimberly Rentals** group has launched a secondary guarding system for scissor lifts - **SkySecure**.

- **Cork Crane Hire** of Widnes, UK has just taken delivery of a 200 tonne **Liebherr LTM 1200-5.1**

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