



Whyte crane recovered

The 500 tonne crane that overturned in Peterhead, Scotland back in May has finally been recovered. The Liebherr LTM1500 - owned and operated by Whyte Crane Hire - tipped over backwards when the ground under one of its outriggers gave way while working at Aquatic Engineering and Construction's base on the Dales Industrial Estate in Peterhead.

The crane had remained in its overturned position since then while a recovery plan was agreed. The recovery operation - under the direction of Crowland Cranes - was carried out with a focus on minimising the damage to the crane as well as in the safest way possible. A full and detailed report on the recovery operation will feature in the next issue. However in brief - the recovery cranes supported the weight of both the crane and the top end of the boom which was then cut free from the base section using a cold cutting technique. When removed the base was carefully turned until it was finally upright once again.



France Elévateur buy-in

A group of investors, led by Stéphan Pham and family owned private equity group Elaïs Capital has purchased a majority stake in specialist French aerial work platform manufacturer France Elévateur together with two other co-investors Argos Expansion and Capital Export.

Details of the transaction have not been disclosed but existing shareholders Vincent Thouvenot and Claude Muller - who bought the business in 2000 through their holding company MT Trading - retain a minority stake and their management roles.

As part of the 'buy-in' Stéphan Pham has taken over as chief executive having spent the past 13 years as chief executive of inspection and management services provider Trigo. Established in 1986, France Elévateur is a leading specialist aerial lift manufacturer in France, employing around 200 people and generating revenues of €41 million. The company has said it intends to reinforce its German and Benelux operations, while developing its network further afield, initially with its range of specific products and then its entire product range.

Magni unveils 35m telehandler

Italian telehandler manufacturer Magni has unveiled a new five tonne/35 metre, 360 degree telehandler. The new RTH 5.35 has a similar chassis to the 30 metre RTH 5.30 but it is 150mm longer and has been reinforced to cope with the additional stresses imposed by the longer boom.

The new six section boom employs two external telescopic cylinders, leaving the interior clear for the extension chains, hydraulic hoses and pipework. Lift capacity at full height is 2.2 tonnes. When fitted with Magni's top end work platform attachment, a working height of 48 metres is possible, with full control from the platform using the company's patented remote control system. The new model will make its first public appearance at Intermat next year.



The main boom must be fully raised for the second section to be extended

New topless Potain

Potain will launch a new 10 tonne Topless - flat top - tower crane at Bauma China later this year.

The MCT 205 will be manufactured at the company's Zhangjiagang facility in China and features a maximum jib length of 65 metres where it can lift 1.75 tonnes. With a focus on fast erection, the complete upper-structure of the crane can be assembled in four lifts, the heaviest weighing 7.9 tonnes. The full 65 metre long jib can be placed in a single lift.



Potain will also be showcasing its recently launched five tonne MCT 85 tower crane at Bauma China

Baldwins faces corporate manslaughter charges

The UK Crown Prosecution Service is charging Baldwins Crane Hire with corporate manslaughter following the death of one of its operators - Lindsay Easton. Easton died on August 15th 2011 after his 500 tonne Liebherr ran away as he negotiated a steep road after leaving the Scout Moor wind farm in Lancashire. The crane crashed into an earth bank on an escape road crushing the chassis cab.

Jane Wragg, specialist prosecutor in the Special Crime and Counter Terrorism Division of the CPS, said: "I have carefully reviewed the evidence gathered by Lancashire Police and the Health & Safety Executive during their investigation and I have concluded that Baldwins Crane Hire Limited should be charged with an offence of corporate manslaughter. There is also sufficient evidence to charge the company with offences under Section 2 and Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974."

The first hearing will take place at Burnley Magistrates' Court on 16 October 2014.

Manitou launches largest telehandler

Manitou has launched a new 35 tonne telehandler at the Johannesburg Electra Mining show in South Africa.

The 14 metre lift height MHT-X 14350 is - according to Manitou - the world's largest regular telehandler, topping the current champion - the Xtreme XR7038 - by almost four tonnes, and with almost three metres more lift height. The MHT-X 14350 is aimed at the surface mining, heavy and general logistics industries and features a 7.2 litre Mercedes diesel engine to provide sufficient power for the for tasks such as handling large conveyor belt reels, tyre assemblies, wheel motors and large granite blocks etc...



Manitou's new heavyweight the 35 tonne/14 metre MHT14350.

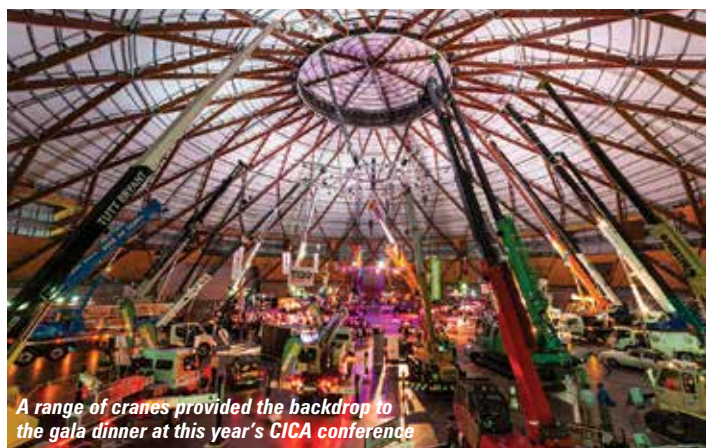
New president for CICA

The Crane Industry Council of Australia has confirmed Danny Black of Terex Cranes Australia as its new president, while Tom Smith of Williamstown Crane Hire in Melbourne becomes vice president. It has also confirmed the composition of the board of directors for 2014/2015, which includes a new director - Geoff Bevan.

Black replaces John Gillespie of Gillespie Crane Hire, who has stepped down as president after 10 years in the post. The changes were confirmed at the associations annual conference, held this year in Perth.



Past president of CICA John Gillespie (L) receives a special memento of his time as president from new president Danny Black.



A range of cranes provided the backdrop to the gala dinner at this year's CICA conference

Kulawik leaves Palfinger

Stephan Kulawik, managing director of Palfinger Platforms, left the company in mid-September. We understand that Johann Königshofer, general manager of Palfinger's European operations will cover the role, at least while a replacement is recruited.

Palfinger group spokesman Hannes Roither confirmed to Vertikal.Net that Kulawik and Palfinger had parted company and said: "There were differing views regarding the future company strategy".

Kulawik joined Palfinger with the acquisition of Wumag Elevant in 2008 and was appointed as managing director in 2012.



Stephan Kulawik

Big Effer for Collett

UK-based Collett Transport has taken delivery of a 205 tonne/metre Effer 2055 articulated crane, mounted on an 8x4 Mercedes 4155 tractor unit - said to be the largest of its kind in Europe. The new crane features a seven section boom - base plus six extensions - and can lift 30 tonnes at 4.51 metres and handle 8.55 tonnes at a 15.25 metres radius. The four axle tractor unit can handle maximum axle loads of up to 16.5 tonnes with a Gross Vehicle Weight of up to 150 tonnes.

Collett purchased the crane through Effer's partner in the UK, Atlas Cranes, and then collected it from Effer's production facility in Bologna, Italy. The machine tops out an extensive fleet of articulated cranes used in the company's transport and heavy moving business.

Managing director David Collett said: "The addition of the new Effer 2055 into our fleet allows Collett Transport to take a huge leap forward within the industry, offering lifting capabilities and providing customers with a cost effective solution for their heavy lift requirements. The Effer 2055 crane is the very first crane of this capacity off the production line in Italy. We are delighted with the results."



The new crane is handed over (L-R) Robert Farrell of Atlas Cranes, David Collett and Jim Smith of Atlas Cranes

New owner for AmQuip

California-based private equity firm Clearlake Capital Group has acquired US crane rental company AmQuip from its largest shareholder Altpoint Capital Partners and other investors. Financial terms of the transaction have not been disclosed.

Founded in 1967, Pennsylvania based AmQuip runs around 500 cranes, operating from 13 locations and covering 36 states. The company was purchased by Altpoint, Bard Capital group and Lehman Brothers from founder Joe Wesley in July 2007 for \$320 million. Wesley also retained a holding in the business.

Amquip chief executive Al Bove, will join Jose Feliciano, Arta Tabae and Colin Leonard of Clearlake the company's board of directors.



The UK's first Marchetti MK 35



First Marchetti 35 in the UK

UK rental company Bryn Thomas Cranes has purchased the first 35 tonne Marchetti MTK 35 in the UK from distributor AGD.

The truck mounted crane is mounted to a three axle Volvo commercial chassis and was chosen for its lower running costs, greater fuel economy and higher average road speeds when compared to most All Terrain cranes. It includes a 32 metre main boom plus 14 metre extension. AGD is the UK distributor for Marchetti and more recently added the Sennebogen crane line to its portfolio.

23 work platform fatalities

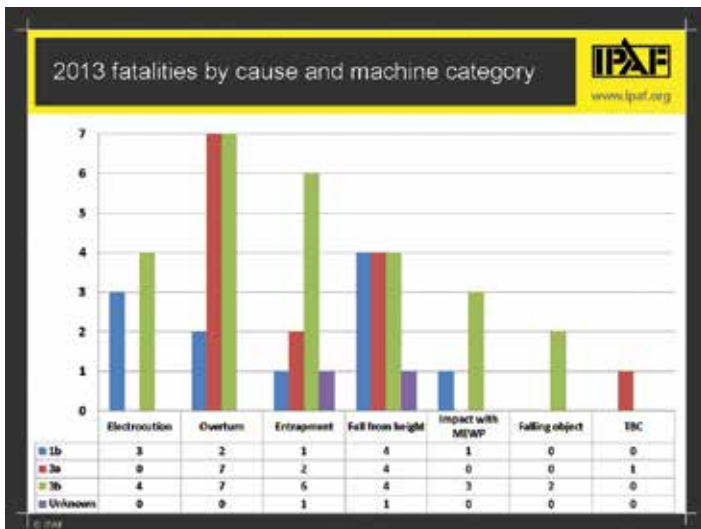
IPAF has published its half year accident database report with 23 fatalities involving work platforms so far this year. The main causes include overturning - nine, falls from platforms - eight, entrapment - three, electrocution - two and one technical/mechanical incident.

11 of the incidents involved self-propelled boom lifts, 10 truck, van or trailer lifts and in two cases the machine type has yet to be confirmed. Just over half of these fatalities (13) occurred in the USA, with two occurring in Germany and one each in Australia, Austria, Colombia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain and the UK.

IPAF technical and safety executive Chris Wraith said: "More companies are participating in the accident reporting project, which is generating more data in its

third year, but it is still too early to draw comparisons. The accident reporting project has provided a rich source for improving IPAF's training programmes and safety initiatives, for example, with regards to the safe loading and unloading of machines, and managing electrocution risks when working near power lines."

All manufacturers, rental companies and users are encouraged to report any known fatal and serious accidents involving aerial work platforms and mastclimbers at: www.ipaf.org/accident



Insulated Palfinger platform

Palfinger is to put its 65 metre P650i fully insulated truck mounted lift into production, with an eye on the North American market.

The platform was developed as a special for Lincon in Australia and boasts 500,000 volts insulation with the ability to pressure wash insulators on live power lines. The first unit was shipped to Australia last May and is reported to have been highly successful. As a result Palfinger will ship the first unit to



Lincon's Palfinger P650i in action

the USA at the end of next month. The P650i has the same working envelope and basic specification as the regular 65 metre Palfinger but is highly modified for live line work. Platform capacity is 500kg, while the special platform is smaller to enable it to be used among congested lines.

JCB unveils new telehandlers

JCB has upgraded three of its telehandlers. The new six tonne/8.1 metre 560-80 is now JCB's largest capacity model and offers 1,750kg maximum load capacity at full forward reach. The machine can be ordered with an optional 'Auto Smooth Ride' system to prevent bounce in the boom and deliver improved load retention in pick & carry duties.

At the other end of the size scale, the company has added the 516-40 compact telehandler for all markets except North America. Similar to the 1.5 tonne, 515-40 the new machine has a 1,600kg lift capacity with improved hydrostatic drive and upgraded hydraulic components. Maximum lift height is four metres, while overall width is 1.56 metres and overall height 1.8 metres.

Hi-Viz has a maximum lift height of six metres and a load capacity of 2.5 tonnes.



The third new model is the six metre/2.5 tonne 525-60 Hi-Viz, with an overall width of 1.84 metres and 1.89 metres height. The side-engined machine replaces the 524-50, 527-55 and the 520-50 rear-engined models and can be ordered with a choice of canopy or fully glazed cab, with optional air conditioning. JCB also unveiled its Tier 4 final Teletruk, the 3.5 tonne/four metre JCB TLT 35D 4x4 with fuel savings of up to 32 percent.



The compact JCB 516-40 at work



The new six tonne capacity JCB 560-80 seen here with a five cubic metre bucket

BKL Baukran/ Cattaneo tower crane

BKL Baukran Cattaneo, the sales partner of Italian tower crane manufacturer Cattaneo in Germany and Austria, has launched a new self-erecting tower crane with hydraulic outriggers.

Developed as a co-operation between BKL and Luigi Cattaneo, the 2.2 tonne CM 271 has a maximum radius of 27 metres with a jib tip load of 700kg, and a maximum under hook height of 31metres. Maximum capacity is achieved at a radius of 10.7 to 11.1 metres, depending on hook height. When the jib is folded the crane can take two tonnes to 12.9 metres and it can be transported with full ballast as a two axle articulated trailer with an all-up weight of 20 tonnes.

Cattaneo's new 2.2 tonne CM 271 self-erecting tower crane



Hiab sells Middle East distribution



Hiab Middle East staff

Hiab has sold its wholly owned Middle East and North African distribution business - Hiab Middle East LLC - to Gavelås Förvaltning and Swedish private equity firm Profura.

It has also signed a long-term distribution agreement with the 'privatised' company - which employs 19 - giving it responsibility for the Middle East, North and East Africa.

Greger Jacobson the managing director of Gavelås Förvaltning/Hiab Middle East, has worked for Hiab for more than 10 years and has been responsible for Hiab sales in the Middle East region since 2006. No financial details of the agreement have been disclosed.

Another new crawler from Sennebogen

Sennebogen has announced plans for another new crawler crane, the 300 tonne 6300E duty cycle crane which it says will launch next year. The announcement follows its confirmation that it will unveil a 100 to 120 tonne telescopic crawler next month.

No specific details have been released on either crane however the company said: "Our new and biggest duty cycle crawler crane will open very interesting possibilities for foundation engineering companies. The extremely high capacities will enable demanding, dynamic implementation under extreme loads, particularly in the areas of dredging, mining and special underground engineering applications."

We hope to carry full details of the new telescopic in the next issue of Cranes & Access.



Sennebogen will launch a 300 tonne duty cycle crawler crane next year.

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Big Genies for Kardon

The first 180ft Genie SX-180 boom lift in the UK has joined the fleet of wholesale rental company Kardon Kontracts. The hand-over of two lifts took place at an open day at Genie's UK Operations Centre in Lincolnshire.

The new machine joins the first 185ft JLG 1850SJ boom lifts in Europe, with the second due for delivery later this year. The SX-180 features a five section main boom and 3.05 metre articulating jib which provides a 57 metre working height, 24.4 metres of outreach and a 340kg platform capacity.

"Both the SX-180 and the JLG 1850 are complimentary machines," said Gordon McGruer of Kardon Kontracts. "Although they have similar working heights, their working envelopes make them suited for different applications and customers will require one over the other. For us the SX-180 enters our



Gordon McGruer (R) taking delivery of the SX-180 from Dave Roddy

fleet at a perfect time as all of our machines are currently out on hire." The open day provided rental companies and end users with an opportunity to see the SX-180 in action as well as take a look at Genie's new facilities, which have been expanded to include pre-delivery inspection workshops, an IPAF training centre as well as additional covered and open yard space.



Genie UK's new IPAF training centre

First Ruthmanns for Loxam...



Loxam-Lev taking delivery of its first ever Ruthmann platforms.

Loxam's specialist access division in France, Loxam-Lev has taken delivery of two new Ruthmann truck mounted lifts - a 46 metre T460 and a 54 metre T540 - the first Ruthmann platforms the company has ever bought. Both units are mounted on MAN chassis with the T460 offering a maximum

platform capacity of 600kg and an outreach of up to 31 metres. The T540 features a four section main boom and a 16 metre top boom/jib. Maximum platform capacity is also 600kg but it can achieve an outreach of 40 metres with a reduced platform capacity of 100kg.



Elev8's Ruthmann T720 truck mounted lift

...And more Ruthmanns for the UK

Ruthmann has also shipped a 72 metre T720 to the UK, the first of this model in the country. Sheffield-based Elev8 Access Platforms ordered the lift on a four-axle 32 tonne Mercedes chassis.

The lift features a five section main boom and three section top boom/jib. Maximum platform capacity is 600kg although 38 metres of outreach is achieved with a reduced platform capacity of 100kg. At an up and over height of 40 metres the lift

still has an outreach of 31 metres. The company has also ordered a 38 metre T380 truck mounted lift. Both units were purchased through Ruthmann distributor Access Sales International.

Fatal boom overturn easily avoidable

Glasgow, Scotland-based SW Global Resourcing has been fined £200,000 following a boom lift fatality in April 2010 in East Ayrshire.

The company admitted breaching health and safety laws, resulting in the death of Leslie Watson, 47, after the elevated articulating boom he was using overturned while he was carrying out maintenance work on the Annick Water Viaduct in Stewarton.

The Office of Rail Regulation and the Health & Safety Executive found that concrete platforms had been constructed to create a level working surface for the boom lift to work from. However they did not have any end stops or edge protection. As a result Watson

was able to drive off the edge while working at a height of around 15 metres, causing the boom to overturn. He died at the scene.



The boom lift drove off the edge of its base

Xtreme uprates big telehandler

US-based Xtreme manufacturing has uprated its recently introduced XR6538 telehandler into the 31.7 tonne/11.6 metre XR7038.

The original machine was shown at Conexpo earlier this year and since then it has undergone a thorough test programme which has resulted in the maximum capacity being uprated from 65,000lbs (29.4 tonnes) to 70,000lbs (31.7 tonnes) reinforcing its claim to be the highest capacity telehandler manufactured in North America. Xtreme is targeting the machine at the mining, bridge construction and pipe handling sectors or as an alternative to pick & carry cranes.

The XR7038 is available with open cab, closed cab with heat and closed cab with heat and air conditioning.



The Xtreme XR7038



Tat Hong may sell China tower crane business

Singapore-based crane and equipment company Tat Hong has said that it is exploring a possible spin-off of part or all of its tower crane rental business in China, with a listing on a reputable stock exchange. The aim is to raise further capital to expand the Chinese operation and free capital up to expand its Australian and Asian businesses.

Icahn moves into Hertz

Hertz has bowed to pressure from corporate raider Carl Icahn, offering him three seats on the board and a major say in the selection of the new chief executive. Icahn has built up a stake of just 8.5 percent in Hertz and threatened a proxy fight.

Hertz directors chose to give him what he wanted in exchange for dropping his plans. Icahn nominated Vincent Intrieri, Samuel Merksamer and Daniel Ninivaggi to replace three existing Hertz directors who will retire. Two of Icahn's directors will join a five man committee to find a chief executive. The board will

comprise nine directors plus the chief executive when he is found. The company still plans to separate its car and equipment rental divisions.



Terex steps up Genie China investment

Terex has invested a further \$10 million in its Chinese business, Terex (Changzhou) Machinery Co. Based in the Changzhou National Hi-tech District of China near Shanghai, the 24,000 square metre facility opened in March 2011 and builds Genie booms, scissors and AWP models specifically for the Asian market. It





also serves as product development, parts distribution and service centre for China. Once the increase in capital is completed Terex will have invested a total of \$57 million with a registered capital of \$31.9 million.

Sunbelt acquires in Ventura



The Sunbelt Rentals division of Ashtead has acquired the construction rentals business of Ventura Rental Center in California from owner Ted Cook. Cook took over the business in 2000 from father-in-law Ron Holley, who founded it in 1958. Cook's wife Heidi Whitcomb runs the party rental division which is not included.

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The new Ruthmann TU 285 stows over the front and offers 28.5 metres of working height

Ruthmann launches City-Steiger

German truck mounted lift manufacturer Ruthmann launched its new 28.5 metre City-Steiger TU 285 at Platformers' Days last month. Mounted on a two axle 7.49 tonne MAN chassis, the TU 285 has a maximum 20.5 metres of outreach and 320kg platform capacity.

It uses the five section boom of the T285.1, T300.2, and T300.1 truck mounts with a new jib that boasts a full 180 degrees of articulation. The superstructure has also been redesigned and moved to the rear of the vehicle, allowing the boom and jib to stow over the front rather than over the rear which the company says is easier for the self-drive market, while making the machine more compact.

The unit can level automatically on slopes of up to five degrees. A new optional larger basket - 2.1 metres by 860mm - is also available with 300kg platform capacity. This will also be available for the T285.1, T300.2, T330.1 as well

as its upcoming T190 and T230 models. With an overall length of 6.87 metres, a height of 3.71 metres and a wheelbase of 3.6 metres, the TU 285 is available on a variety of chassis and complies with Euro 6 emissions standards.



The TU 285 has 20.5 metres outreach and variable jacking.

Cramo cuts 2014 forecasts...

Finnish international rental group Cramo has downgraded its full year 2014 sales and profit forecasts stating that they are likely to be lower than in 2013 after previously saying they would be higher.

A statement said "Cramo is currently seeing signs of recovery in several rental markets however the general economic situation in Europe has reduced our sales expectations for the third quarter of 2014. The exchange rates are also having a negative impact on the

group's Euro-based sales. Cramo is putting increased efforts to its transition programme in Central Europe, but the effects are taking longer than expected. The group's other performance improvement actions are proceeding according to plan".

...And rebrands Thiesen to Cramo

Cramo has changed the name of its German rental business from Thiesen to Cramo, more than three and a half years after it was acquired. The German business has also moved its Frankfurt region operation from the city's east end to new larger premises in Offenbach.



City Lifting takes GMK6300L

Jerry Welford (L) of Manitowoc hands over the new crane to Trevor Jepson of City Lifting.

London, UK-based crane rental company City Lifting has taken delivery of a 300 tonne Grove GMK6300L All Terrain crane. The six-axle GMK6300L features a seven section 80 metre main boom and 29 metre bi-fold swingaway extension, which provides a 120 metre maximum tip height.

The new crane went directly to work lifting five air handling units - each weighing four tonnes - onto the roof of the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Due to the limited space on site each unit had to be lifted at a radius of 54 metres which it managed on the main boom.

City Lifting managing director Trevor Jepson, said: "The GMK6300L is no ordinary crane, in this class, nothing comes close. It has a relatively small footprint and excellent all-wheel steering, which allowed us to manoeuvre the crane into the smallest space."

Company fraudulently claims IPAF membership

French aerial lift manufacturer EGI Platforms has been caught fraudulently claiming to be an IPAF member. According to IPAF the company fraudulently represented itself as being a current member in a quotation for a deal in Brazil, that required all tendering companies to be IPAF members.

A forged letter was produced in support of the tender which appeared to be from IPAF, confirming that EGI was a long standing member. However it was not issued by any IPAF official.

EGI Platforms was an early IPAF member and one of its former

managers Claude Guillou served as president between 1992 and 1994. The company was acquired in 2006 by firefighting specialist Gimaex and then went into administration shortly afterwards. Gimaex resuscitated the business, restructured it and last year it had revenues of more than €8 million, with all of its machines going for export - largely to the Middle East and developing countries. It is currently investing over €1 million in its plant near Charleville-Mézières. IPAF pointed out that the Council expelled EGI from the federation in 2007 for non-payment of membership dues and that it is not currently a member.



A selection of Egi platforms

Double milestone for GT

Bromsgrove, UK-based rental company GT Access has celebrated its 10th anniversary by taking delivery of the 1,000th aerial work platform in its fleet. Staff and family were invited to the celebrate the handover of the 1,000th unit - an 86ft Niftylift HR28 boom lift - part of an 86 machine order placed with Niftylift, worth £3 million. The company now has four HR28s in its fleet with a fifth due shortly.



Jonathan Till of GT Access at the controls of the company's 1,000th aerial work platform, an 86ft Niftylift HR28 articulated boom lift



City Lifting added two Böckers - an AK44-4000 and this Agilo HL34-1.8 furniture hoist on a Nissan Cabstar chassis

Five Böckers in a month

Kranlyft UK delivered four Böcker truck mounted aluminium cranes and one of the manufacturer's furniture lifts in August.

Crane companies ABA, City Lifting and NMT all took delivery of the largest model in the Böcker crane range - the 44 metre, four tonne AK44-4000 - while Nottingham-based AKA took the smallest model - a 32 metre, 1,500kg capacity AK32-1500. All of the cranes can be converted to an access platforms - the AK44-4000 having a maximum working height of 41.5 metres. City Lifting also purchased a 34 metre lift height Agilo HL34-1.8 furniture

hoist mounted on a Nissan Cabstar chassis.



Smallest crane delivered was the AK32-1500 purchased by Nottingham-based AKA Crane Hire.

Dyneema wins trademark action

Synthetic rope component supplier DSM Dyneema has succeeded in its two year fight to prevent a Chinese company Zhejiang Kanglongda Gloves from registering the Chyneema trademark.

The official trademark authorities in South Korea, Canada, the EU and the USA all accepted Dyneema's opposition and rejected the 2011 application which was primarily for gloves, but also listed other products including ropes and rope fibres. While perhaps best known for its ropes, Dyneema fibres are

also used in protective gloves.

The trademark authorities said the Chyneema name was too similar to the Dyneema brand and could create confusion with end-users. Moreover such confusion could negatively impact the reputation of the Dyneema brand.



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- UK-based **Vp**, owner of **UK forks**, has issued a positive half year trading statement.
- UK-based rental group **Speedy** has refinanced funding that was due to mature in August 2015.
- Ashtead** is planning a private offering of \$500 million of second priority senior secured notes in the USA.

- The union **UCATT** is balloting crane operators at UK tower crane specialist **HTC** in a dispute over pay.
- Easi-UpLifts** has opened a business in Austria headed by **Martin Wagner**.
- The **Crane Industry Council of Australia** has confirmed **Danny Black** as its new president and **Tom Smith** as vice president.



Martin Wagner



Danny Black



Tom Smith

- Link-Belt** has delivered 20 new cranes for Houston's new Grand Parkway/outer beltway.
- Quebec-based **Location Blais** is raising funds for a cancer charity with a pink **JLG 450AJ**.
- German **BKL Baukran Logistik** has purchased a second 300 tonne **Grove GMK6300L**.
- The **Sunbelt Rentals** division of **Ashtead** has acquired **Ventura Rental Center** in California.

- Spider** has launched the **Astro E2200** traction hoist for suspended platforms.
- Germany's **H&S Autokrane** has taken delivery of a **Terex Challenger 3160** crane.
- Jersey-based **4 Hire** has taken delivery of four **Manitou** boom lifts and two mast booms.

- Terex Utilities** distributor **Dueco** has made a number of sales and production appointments. **Bobbie Slater**, **Nichole Buchs**, **Billy Kiklasch** and **Linda Schmidt**.
- German rental company **Starlift** has taken delivery of seven **JLG Ultra** boom lifts.



Dueco Sales Team

- BlueLine Rental** has acquired **JustRuss Rental** with three locations in Alabama.
- UK-based **Nationwide Platforms** held a Working At Height Best Practice Safety Forum in September.
- The UK's **Access Alliance** held its quarterly meeting at **Genie's** facility in Italy.
- Palfinger** has completed the acquisition of Russian **PIM-Group Lifting Machine**.
- Skyjack** is supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month by donating a portion of its boom lift revenues.
- Palfinger Platforms** has expanded its Ainring service depot on the Bavarian/Austrian border.
- French rental company **Joly Location** has taken delivery of a **Ruthmann TB220**.



Ben Nevis Team

- A team from **Tadano UK** has successfully climbed **Ben Nevis** to raise money for Cancer Research.
- Swiss rental company **Baumann Kran** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr MK 88** mobile self-erecting tower crane.
- German rental company **Autokranverleih Pengel** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr LTM 1220-5.2** crane.
- US crane rental company **Southern Crane** has taken delivery of its first **Tadano** crane - an **ATF 90G**.
- Ramirent Sweden** has signed a preferred equipment rental agreement with **Skanska Maskin**.

- Haulotte** has appointed **Mick Evans** general manager of its UK/Ireland distribution operation.



Mick Evans

- A plaque has been unveiled at the site of the old **Simon** aerial work platform plant in Dudley.

- German crane rental veteran **Josef Treffler** has died aged 80.



Josef Treffler

- OSHA** has officially extended the deadline for crane operators are certified until late 2017.
- Irish rental company **CP Hire** has taken delivery of six **JLG** boom lifts.
- Portuguese contractor **Mota-Engil** has taken delivery of a **Terex HC 230** and **HC 275** crawler crane.

- Norwegian rental company **Hoydespesialisten** has added a **Versalift VTX-240** and a **Ruthmann Steiger** to its fleet.

- Sarens** has won a contract for the lifting at **Inpex's** Ichthys Project onshore LNG facility in Darwin, Australia.

- Hiab** has opened a new multi-assembly facility in Stargard Szczecinski, Poland.

- Port operator **Hans Lehmann** has placed an order for a second **Gottwald HMK 5506** mobile harbour crane.

- PCC Intermodal** of Poland has ordered five more 45 tonne **Kalmar** reach-stackers.



David King

- The **Manlift** group Middle East has appointed **David King** as managing director following senior management changes.

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has raided the offices of **JCB India** following a complaint.

- German rental company **AFI Rent** has opened a new depot in Stuttgart.

- Palfinger Asia** has appointed **Li Fook Seng** as regional business development manager.



Li Fook Seng

- German company **Sommer Kranverleih** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2** crane.

- Skyjack** has expanded its North American sales team with the appointment of four new vice presidents. **Pat Quint**, **Matt Lyons**, **David Lillquist** and **Mark Estock**.



Skyjack Sales Team

- US **Bay Shipbuilding** has taken delivery of the 400th **Manitowoc 2250** crawler crane.

- United Rentals** has joined the S&P 500.

- Danish rental company **Ringsted** has taken delivery of a **Versalift VTX-240** truck mounted lift.

- German rental company **Paul Becker** has ordered six 43ft **ATN CX15** scissor lifts.

- Dubai-based **Al Laith** has taken delivery of the first two **Genie SX-180** in the Middle East.

- The UK's **Access Link** held its quarterly meeting at **Niftylift's** fabrication plant in Barnsley.

- Dutch rental company **Van den Brink** has taken delivery of the first two **Genie S-40** Trax boom lifts in Europe.

- UK rental company **AFI** has completed a major upgrade to its London West depot.

- US rental company **MacAllister Rental** has taken delivery of its third **JLG 1850SJ** boom lift.

- German company **Karl Scholl** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2** All Terrain crane.

- UK arboriculturalist **Trees & Gardens** has purchased a **Hinowa** Lightlift 17.75 spider lift.

- Robert Böcker** the CEO of crane and lift manufacturer **Böcker** has died.



Robert Böcker

- US crane rental company **W.O. Grubb** has opened a depot in Winchester, Virginia.

- Machinery Oy** has been appointed as the distributor for **Grove** mobile cranes in Finland.

- Skyjack** has expanded its sales and support team in Asia

- Willhelm Buchtmann** placed the winning bid for a **Dinolift** trailer lift at the Platformers Days charity auction.

- Italian aerial lift manufacturer **Airo** has appointed **Oscar Prigione** as general sales manager.



Oscar Prigione

- Kalmar** has received an order for seven **E-One 2** rubber-tyred gantry cranes from **Puerto Central**.

- Italian rental company **LocaTop** has taken delivery of five 20 metre **Palfinger P200A** truck mounted lifts.

- Tadano America** has appointed **Wheco** as an authorised structural repair provider.

- Austrian rental company **Felbermayr** has taken delivery of the first **Genie SX-180** in Austria.

- UK rental company **Safe Access Solutions (SAS)** has appointed **Jason Prisley** as sales director.



Jason Prisley

- Kranlyft** has appointed **Eazi Sales & Service** as **Maeda** distributor for Southern Africa.

- Scaffold training provider **Safety & Access** has opened a new facility in South Korea.

- Port operators **Fospar** and **Bandeirantes** have taken delivery of a **Terex** harbour crane and two reach stackers.

- Cramo** has acquired **BMS Uthyrning** with operations in Kalmar and Nybro, Sweden.

- US-based **Jack Doherty Companies** has been appointed a **Bronto** dealer.

- Holland Lift** has appointed **Benito Saporito** as international sales manager.



Benito Saporito

- John Taylor Crane Services** has added three **Unic** spider cranes to its fleet.

- Hertz** chief executive **Mark Frissora** has stepped down and **Brian MacDonald** of **Hertz Equipment** has taken over.



Brian MacDonald

- Genie** has opened its new Oklahoma City Training Centre.

- UK-based **Aerial and Handling Services** has launched its new material handling attachment.

- Parts and service group **IPS** has opened a German operation - **IPS Deutschland**.

- JCB Deutschland** is to build a new headquarters, the biggest investment in its 49 year history.

- Denmark's **City Lift** held its 50th anniversary celebrations with 250 customers.

- UK-based **JMS Plant Hire** has opened an office in **Pinewood Studios**.

- Power Climber** has appointed **Kris Verhelst** as international business development manager.

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