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A look back at 2014

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2014 was a very mixed year starting out strong and then appearing to slip back in some markets before picking up again. All in all it was a better year for most of the markets we cover but highlighted by continuing uncertainty. Our online news service www.vertikal.net posted more than 1,700 English language news reports, while the German service posted 900. These and a further 20,000 English reports and 6,000 German market stories dating back to 2001 are all available online.

January industry news

Paul Brown retires from **Tadano** after 36 years in the crane industry.

The first 220 tonne **Terex** Explorer 5800 All Terrain crane is delivered to **NMT**.



JCB announces a new six metre/2.5 tonne compact telehandler - the 525-60 Hi-Viz.

Platinum Equity sells aerial lift rental company **Nesco** to **Energy Capital Partners**.

A new rental company **United Powered Access** opens in UK.



The UK **HSE** publishes new working at height guidance.

Speedy UK promotes COO **Mark Rogerson** to chief executive.



Dinolift appoints **Petri Paavolainen** as managing director.

UK-based **Facelift** appoints **Nigel Hunton** as chairman.

Manitowoc sells its 50% stake in Chinese joint venture **Manitowoc Dong Yue**.

Haulotte UK general manager **Craig Bentley** resigns.

IPAF records 53 work platform related fatalities worldwide during 2013.

Riwal appoints **Per Rohlwin** as country manager Sweden.

The **LEEA** appoints **Siobhan Hitchen** as its first female director.

Rostek-Tekniikka acquires the aerial lift maintenance operations of **Ramirent Finland**.

Link-Belt appoints **Montacargas Zapler** as its crane distributor for Peru.

JLG and **Riwal** owner **ProDelta** winds down the jointly held re-rent business **RiRent Europe**.

AFI appoints **Matt Scott** and **Chris Jowett** as directors.

Genie launches Hybrid/Bi-Energy versions of its 69 series Rough Terrain scissor range.

TVH joins **IPAF** with all 18 TVH companies becoming members.

Link-Belt announces 185 tonne All-Terrain crane for North America.

Skyjack unveils a DC electric version of its SJ6832RT Rough Terrain scissor lift.



IPAF centres trained 127,365 people in 2013 - a 12.8% increase.

Manitou appoints **Michel Denis** as chief executive replacing **Dominique Bamas**.



Irish rental company **Highway Plant** celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Liebherr introduces a boom upgrade kit for its LR 1600/2 crawler crane.

KBW Holding acquires tower crane manufacturer **Raimondi**.



Arjun Mirdha is appointed chief executive **JCB** North America following **John Patterson's** retirement.

World News..World News..



Latvia becomes the 18th member of the Eurozone.



Egyptian constitutional referendum supports the new military-backed constitution.



A polar vortex bears down on the east coast of the **USA** cancelling thousands of flights and creating dangerously cold conditions.

The **Ebola** epidemic in West Africa begins.



February industry news

UK rental company **Terranova Cranes** is liquidated.

Lavendon appoints **Paul Rankin** as managing director of **Rapid Access** in the Middle East.



JLG unveils the 185ft 1850SJ self-propelled boom lift.

Bluelift launches a new hybrid C22/11.

UK-based **Moerend** develops a 3.2 tonne tracked telehandler.

JLG announces the end of the Lull telehandler product line.

Ruthmann reports record revenues of €104 million for 2013.

Terex ships the first 180ft **Genie** SX-180 boom lift.

The **Swiss Army** takes delivery of **Liebherr** LTM 1055-3.2 cranes with special attachments.



Ruthmann announces the 40 metre T400 truck mounted lift.

GSR launches an ultra-compact E140P truck mounted lift.

Tigieffe/Airo forms joint venture **Airo UK**.

IPAF confirms 500,000 valid **PAL Cards** are in use.

Niftylift launches redesigned versions of its narrow HR15N and HR17N booms. UK-based **Lifterz** opens a third location.



Ramirent's senior vice president Poland - **Tomasz Walawender** - resigns.

Manitowoc Cranes

lays-off 250 employees at its Shady Grove plant.

Snorkel appoints **Icaro Global Systems** as distributor for Spain.

Caterpillar launches a new compact telehandler - the TH255C.



Omme Lift launches a new 42 metre hybrid tracked boom lift, the 4200 RBDJ.

ReachMaster is appointed US distributor for **Galizia** pick & carry cranes.

Dave Stewart joins **JLG** as VP strategic accounts.

Custom Equipment introduces three new push-around scissor lifts.



Volvo Rents changes its name to **BlueLine Rental**.

Genie agrees a licensing deal for **Lavendon's SkySiren** secondary guarding.

Skyjack promotes **Charlie Patterson** and **Eric Liner**.

The UK **HSE** warns owners of **Genie** Z-135/70 boom lifts to check they are properly calibrated.

KBW invests \$40 million in a new **Raimondi** tower crane plant in Cear , Brazil.

Link-Belt announces a new 150 ton RTC 80150RT.



World News..World News..World News

The **XXII Olympic Winter Games** are held in Sochi, Russia.



Belgium becomes the first country to legalise euthanasia for terminally ill patients of any age.

Major floods cause huge disruption in the UK.



Ukrainian president **Viktor Yanukovich** quits and is replaced by **Oleksandr Turchynov**.



Mayor of Florence, **Matteo Renzi** becomes prime minister of Italy.

Russian troops move into Crimea.



March industry news

Skyking takes over **Easylift** spiderlift distribution in UK and appoints **Malcolm Kitt** as sales manager.

Martina Moritsch steps down as managing director of **Terex Tower Cranes**.



Empire Crane takes delivery of the first **Shuttlelift** CD5520 carry-deck crane.

LiftSmart appoints **Etramo** as its distributor in Europe.

LUXcranes

unveils a new hydraulic luffing jib tower crane, the MTL220-10.



Time Versalift appoints two new assembly partners in China.

Potain ships the 1,000th tower crane from its plant in Pune, India.



Liebherr unveils the new 53K self-erecting tower crane.

Effer launches five new loader cranes and drops the 440, 470 and 850 models.

MEC launches Hybrid power packs for its Rough Terrain scissor lifts.



Magni Telehandlers introduces the 5,000kg/23 metre RTH 5.23 telehandler.

Terex Cranes appoints **Steve Headden** as vice president sales for North America.

Huisman receives an order for two 10,000 tonne cranes from **Heerema**.

Essex Rental promotes **Nick Matthews** to chief executive replacing **Ron Schad**.

April industry news



Isoli launches a new range of 3.5 tonne PT telescopics.

Wilbert tower cranes is acquired by **Nanyang Guoyo** of China.



Dingli ships its first 11.5m AMWP11.5-8100 mast boom.

Wolffkran unveils a new six tonne flat top Wolff 5014 City crane.

Manitowoc appoints **Irlequip** as its Crane Care dealer for **Grove** cranes in Ireland.

Bill Frost is elected chairman of the UK's **CPA** Crane Interest Group.

MCS rental software opens a Benelux sales office in Zwolle, the Netherlands.

Ramirent acquires the telehandler business of **Kurko-Koponen**.

Genie expresses patent concerns over the chassis on JLG's 1850SJ boom lift.



Manitowoc and **Samson Rope** launch a revolutionary synthetic crane hoist rope.

Mammoet opens a new company and location in Cairo, Egypt.

JLG launches the 4x4 hybrid diesel/electric version of its 34ft 340AJ articulated boom.

JLG launches its European Rental Spec telehandlers and upgraded **Skytrak** model.

Hirepool of New Zealand appoints **Brian Stephen** as chief executive, replacing **Mike Foureur**.



Manitowoc unveils the radical MLC300 and MLC650 crawler cranes at Conexpo.

World News..World News..World News



Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 a Boeing 777 travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, disappears over the Gulf of Thailand with 239 people on board.

Crimea becomes part of Russia following a referendum.

The **Oso mudslide** in the US state of Washington claims 43 lives.



Ebola virus spreads from Guinea to Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Socage launches 12 and 14 metre van mounted lifts, the VT series.



Manitou merges its Industrial and Rough Terrain divisions and **Dominique Bamas** re-joins the board.

Rosenbauer International acquires a 75 percent stake in its UK distributor **North Fire**.

Huisman unveils a patented Rope Luffing Knuckle Boom Crane.

Ramirent acquires a majority stake in **Safety Solutions Jonsereds**, a Swedish fall protection company.

UK-based **One Stop Hire** acquires training provider **WHS Safety Solutions**.

MEC confirms **All Access 24** as distributor for Sweden and Denmark.

Terex unveils its largest luffing tower crane the 1,600 tonne/m CTL 1600-66.



WireCo acquires Dutch lifting gear distributor **Endenburg**.

JLG ships the first 1850SJ boom lifts.

Cramo acquires **C/S RaumCenter** a German cabin rental company.

Roland Sundén is appointed president of **Hiab**.



Grant Woodward forms **Summit Platforms** in the UK.

ALL Erection & Crane Rental orders 10 **Manitowoc** MLC300 crawler cranes.

Martin Scholpp acquires the crane division of the **Scholpp Group**.

Erik Høi, senior vice president of **Ramirent Denmark**, leaves the company.

Cramo acquires Finnish earthmoving rental company **OptiRent**.

ALE acquires the **Australian ECR Group**.

German scissor and lift manufacturer **H.A.B.** appoints an administrator.

Ainscough Crane Hire appoints **Leigh Webb** as sales director.

Kevin Appleton joins UK-based **Horizon Platforms** as chairman.

Terex Cranes opens a support base in Singapore.

Tadano acquires **Cranes UK** and changes the name to **Tadano UK**.



Tayeou becomes **IPAF's** first member in Taiwan.

AGD Equipment is appointed UK & Ireland distributor for **Sennebogen** cranes.

OSHA revises powerline standards.

Effer appoints **Al Mahroos** as its dealer in the Middle East.

Rothlehner starts delivering new **Denka lifts** from its plant in Germany.



World News..World News..World News

276 girls are abducted from a school in northern Nigeria.



The **USA** implements sanctions against **Russia**.

Korean ferry MV Sewol sinks killing 304 people, mostly high school students.



Irish president **Michael Higgins** starts a state visit to the United Kingdom the first ever by Irish head of state.



May industry news

Hiab celebrates its 70th anniversary.



Isoli finalises distribution agreement with **Omme Lift** Germany.

C-Tech Industries closes its UK operation.

Sennebogen opens its new training academy and museum. **IPAF** publishes new technical guidance



for the inspection of aerial work platforms.

Terex Cranes appoints **Budowlane** as a distributor for Poland.

Genie launches the Z62/40 and Z33/18 articulated booms.

Bronto appoints **CharterLift** as a distributor in Germany and Austria.

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

Barnhart Crane & Rigging acquires **Hite Crane & Rigging** of Spokane.

Palfinger Platforms unveils the 48 metre P480 truck mounted lift.

Gantic battery chargers appoints **Alfa Access Services** for the UK access market.

GSR launches a 22.5 metre truck mounted telescopic lift the B230T Comfort XEV.

Reedyk appoints **Promax Access** as its UK distributor.

Almac Italia launches a six metre working height compact tracked scissor lift.



UK-based **Lifterz** acquires the rental assets of **Ranger Equipment/The Spiderlift Co.**

Skyking launches **GSR's** new 140P lift mounted on a Ford Ranger chassis.



Time Versalift launches a 4x4 pick up mounted aerial lift.



Anthony Chiofalo, the ex-VP legal affairs at **Tadano America** is sentenced to 40 years for fraud.

Snorkel's distribution operations in Australia are rebranded Ahern Australia.

Multitel unveils an all-new 37.5 metre truck mounted lift at **Vertikal Days**.

Haulotte launches the new 46ft HA16 articulated boom lift.

Terex Cranes appoints **EWPA Maszyny**



Magni launches a range of six work platform attachments for its 360 degree telehandlers.



World News..World News..

The Army in **Thailand** stages a coup and overthrows the government after failing to resolve the political unrest.



The WHO declares the spread of polio is an international public health emergency.

Monica Lewinsky releases a book recalling her affair with Bill Clinton.



The **Soma mine** disaster in Turkey claims at 301 lives.



Drug company **Pfizer** drops its \$119 billion bid for AstraZeneca

Abdul Fattah al-Sisi wins the Egyptian election.



June industry news

Holland Lift introduces an 83ft Hybrid scissor lift, the HL-275 H25 4WD/P/N.

Mammoet opens an office in São Paulo, Brazil and a crane depot in the Port of Antwerp.

Next Capital withdraws its IPO for New Zealand rental company **Hirepool**.

Palazzani launches the XTJ 43 a new 43 metre spider lift.



CTE opens a new distribution company in Denmark.

IPS appoints **Instant Norge** as its partner for Norway and the Baltics.

ATN unveils a new mast type self-propelled lift.



Rosenbauer Schweiz is appointed Isoli dealer in German speaking Switzerland.

MEC appoints **Omega** as its dealer for the Benelux region.

Ruthmann launches the 48 metre T480 two axle truck mounted lift.

Liebherr unveils a four axle armoured crane rescue vehicle for the German Army.



Avant Tecno launches the new **Leguan** 135 tracked/wheeled spider type boom lift.

TVH acquires California-based **Equipment Parts Wholesale**.

IAPS appoints **Steve Couling** as managing director.

Kyle Nape leaves **Sany** and joins **Link-Belt** as a district manager.

ALE unveils the Mega Jack 800.

Hertz Equipment appoints **Brian MacDonald** as CEO.

Palfinger Sany Mobile Cranes launches a 25 tonne truck mounted crane.



World News..World News..

The Sunni militant group **ISIS** or **ISIL** begins a major offensive through northern Iraq with the aim of reaching Baghdad.



King Juan Carlos of Spain abdicates in favour of his son who becomes King Felipe VI.

Jean-Claude Juncker, former prime minister of Luxembourg is selected as president of the European Commission.



Three **Israeli teenagers** are kidnapped and killed heightening the tension in the region.

The **2014 World Cup** is held in Brazil and is won by Germany.



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July industry news

Bobcat ships the 20,000th telehandler from its Pontchateau plant in France.



Roberto Ferramola, general manager of **Airo**, leaves the company.

Haulotte acquires a 50 percent stake in **Acarlar Makine's**

sales and service company.

Atlas Maschinen announces plans to close its Delmenhorst crane plant.

A US court finds that **Sany** infringed a **Manitowoc** patent and miss-appropriated trade secrets.



Terex moves production of **Demag** overhead cranes to a facility in Oklahoma.

Böcker acquires French dealer **TOM Leverage**.

Genie adds a telehandler programme to its Genie Lift Pro online training courses.

TNT Crane & Rigging acquires Oklahoma **Rent-A-Crane**.



The first 1,000 tonne **Liebherr LR 11000** crawler crane is delivered.

Manitex acquires **PM Group** - including **Oil & Steel** - for \$107 million.

US-based **Maxim Crane** appoints **Bryan Carlisle** as chief executive.

Loxam acquires Dutch rental company **WorkX** from **H2 Equity Partners**.



Tat Hong sells its stake in Singapore-based **Hup Hin Transport**.

Terex Cranes ships its new Boom Booster kit for the 1,600 tonne CC 8800-1 crawler crane.

Crowland Cranes is appointed UK dealer for **Grove RT** and industrial pick & carry cranes.

Ommelift Germany takes over the **Airo** distribution.

Skyjack appoints **Time Danmark** to distribute its products in Denmark.



The USA's **NCCCO** certifies its 100,000th operator.

Hiab and **New Zealand Trucks** agree a distribution partnership.

Liebherr ships its 30,000 mobile crane.

AFI invests in UK-based distributor **AJ Access Platforms**.

Palfinger acquires 30 percent of **Hydro-Grubert**, the Argentinian manufacturer of aerial lifts and loader cranes.

Wacker Neuson launches two new ultra compact telehandlers - the TH408 and TH522.



World News..World News..



Israel launches missile strikes and an invasion of Palestine's **Gaza Strip**. After seven weeks of fighting 2,100 Palestinians and 71 Israelis are killed.



Air Algérie Flight

5017 crashes in Mali, killing all 116 people on board.

Rolf Harris is sentenced to five years and nine months in prison for indecently assaulting female minors between 1968 and 1986.

Malaysia Airlines

Flight 17, flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur is shot down by a missile over Ukraine killing 298 people.



Japan claims that North Korea fired two ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan.

Monty Python

perform for the last time at the O2 in London.



August industry news

Dinolift celebrates 40 years in business.



Potain ships the 5,000th tower crane from its plant in Zhangjiagang, China.

Trimble acquires **Load Systems International**.

Liebherr ships its 50th 1,200 tonne LTM 11200-9.1 to Yamagata.

Manitowoc opens a new training centre in St Pierre de Chandieu, near Lyon.

Caterpillar launches the TH414C GC and TH417C GC rental telehandlers



Palfinger and truck manufacturer **Kamaz** agree two joint venture companies in Russia.

Arcomet appoints **Philippe Cohet** as chairman following the resignation of **Dirk Theyskens**.

Avant Tecno appoints **Raimo Ala-Korpi** as managing director of its UK subsidiary.

Werner ladder acquires UK access equipment manufacturer **Youngman**.



Ramirent Norway managing director of **Bjørn Larsen** resigns.

Dingli Platform Sales UK opens for business.

Potain launches the five tonne MCT 85 tower crane.



Multitel extends its range of spider lifts with the addition of the 29 metre SMX 290 HD.



Private equity firm **Evergreen** acquires **SafeWorks/Spider/Power Climber**.

UK-based van rental specialist **Access Hire Nationwide** is acquired by **Elysian Capital**.

Barry Fry - UK sales manager for **Grove** - retires.

Isoli forms Singapore subsidiary to support its operations in South East Asia.

Ex-Mammoet Germany general manager **Uwe Wenzel** teams up with **Riga Mainz**.

TNT Crane & Rigging acquires Canadian crane group **Stampede/Eagle West**.

Fassi launches a new F990RA heavy duty loader crane.



World News..World News..



ISIS captures the Mosul Dam and the Ain Zalah oil field.



USA launches air campaign against ISIS militants in Iraq joined by numerous other countries.

The 100th anniversary of the start of the **first world war** is commemorated.



Robin Williams is found dead.



Michael Brown is shot by a policeman in Ferguson, Missouri.

American journalist **James Foley**,

kidnapped in 2012 is beheaded by ISIS.





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September industry news

A plaque is unveiled at the site of the old **Simon** plant in Dudley, UK.

Sennebogen announces plans for a 300 tonne duty cycle crawler crane.

Magni unveils a 35 metre 360 degree telehandler - the RTH 5.35.

A group of investors acquires **France Elévateur**.

Hiab sells Hiab Middle East to

Gavelås Förvaltning.

Stephan Kulawik, managing director of **Palfinger Platforms**, leaves the company.

United Rentals joins the S&P 500 Index. **Machinery Oy** is appointed **Grove** crane distributor in Finland.

Airo appoints **Oscar Prigione** as general sales manager.

Eazi Sales & Service is appointed **Maeda** distributor for Southern Africa.

Xtreme upgrades its XR6538 telehandler into the 31.7 tonne XR7038.

Cramo acquires **BMS Uthyrning** of Kalmar and Nybro, Sweden.

Holland Lift appoints **Benito Saporito** as international sales manager.

Hertz chief executive **Mark**

Frissora quits.

Genie opens its Oklahoma City Training Centre.

Denmark's **City Lift** celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Versalift UK appoints **Cameron Burnett** as managing director.

JCB unveils three new telehandlers the 560-80, 516-40 compact and 525-60 Hi-Viz.



Manitou launches the 35 tonne MHT-X 1435 telehandler.

Barnhart Crane & Rigging acquires **Crane Rental & Rigging** of Omaha, Nebraska.

NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul of Canada acquires **Tucker Oilfield Hauling**.

Ruthmann launches the 28.5 metre City-Steiger TU 285



IPS opens IPS Deutschland.

Hertz gives corporate raider **Carl Icahn** three seats on its board.

T H White supplies a special mobile **Palfinger** PK 34002-SH industrial crane to Jaguar Land Rover.



World News..World News

The two-day **NATO** summit in Newport, Wales leads to further sanctions on Russia.

Oscar Pistorius is found guilty of culpable homicide of his partner Reeva Steenkamp.

Students and pro-democracy protestors occupy key areas in Hong Kong.

The **Scottish independence** referendum results in a No vote.

The official death toll from the **Ebola** virus outbreak passes 3,000.

October industry news



Manitou launches a 32 metre/5.5 tonne MRT 3255 360 degree telehandler.

Terex sells 51 percent of its **ASV** business to **Manitex**.

Terex Utilities appoints **Cumberland Platforms** as distributor for the UK/Ireland.

ALE launches a new heavy transport tractor - the Trojan Truck.



Isoli appoints **A.P. Aerial Platforms** as its dealer in Spain and Portugal.

IPS forms a joint venture with **Kanoo Machinery** in the UAE.

Hitachi announces a new 80 tonne SCX800A-3 low emission crawler crane.

Liebherr introduces a concept to use the LTR 1220 telescopic crawler crane as extra counterweight for the 600 tonne LR1600/2.



Sunbelt Rentals acquires **Ventura Rental Center** in California.

Hyva launches a range of compact cranes for grab work.

UK crane rental company **Quinto Crane & Plant** is acquired by **Oliver Arnold**.



A new access rental company - **Star Platforms** - is launched in UK.



Liebherr introduces the 172 EC-B 8 Litronic flat top tower crane.

Finnish contractor **Hartela** outsources its tower cranes to **Ramirent**.

Clearlake Capital Group acquires **AmQuip**.



EGI Platforms of France is caught fraudulently claiming to be an **IPAF** member.

Haulotte UK appoints **Mick Evans** as general manager.



Nationwide Platforms outsources machine collections and deliveries to Wincanton.

World News..World News

A gunman shoots a Canadian soldier at the National War Memorial and attacks the Canadian Parliament buildings.

The **Hong Kong** government agrees to negotiate with student leaders/protesters.

Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo crashes in Mojave Desert during a test flight killing one of the pilots.



November industry news



Bobcat unveils three new 10 and 12 metre telehandlers - the T35105, T35105L and T36120SL.

Manitou launches a version of its VJR100 mast boom for the Australian market.

Hertz appoints **John Tague** as chief executive.

H&E Equipment Services opens a **Manitowoc Encore** re-manufacturing facility in Louisiana.



The Crane Industry Council of Australia appoints **Brandon Hitch** as chief executive.

Hertz Dayim Equipment Rental of

Saudi Arabia opens in Qatar.

Alimak Hek launches two new construction hoists at the SC 65/32 and SC 45/30.

TVH completes three acquisitions in the fork truck, tail lift and agricultural markets.



JCB opens two new production buildings in Jaipur.

Ramirent acquires Finnish rental company **Savonlinnan Rakennuskonevuokraamo**.

Singapore's **Ministry of Manpower** cites 79 companies in 'Operation Goldcrest'.



Mantall introduces of a new mast boom, atrium lift and revised articulated boom lift.

Potain launches the 10 tonne MCT 205 flat top tower crane.

Terex Cranes introduces the 130 tonne Explorer 5500.



Sennebogen unveils its new 120 tonne telescopic crawler crane - the 6113E.



NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul Services of Canada acquires **H&H Crane Service** of Great Falls, Montana.

IAPS sells its French parts operation to **TVH France**.

Dinolift appoints **Time Danmark** as its distributor for Denmark.



Tadano UK's sales director **Brian Crisp** retires after 20 years selling Tadano cranes.

Terex Cranes appoints **Dean Barley** as general manager for North America.



Mammoet appoints **Jens Krawczynsky** as managing director of its German business.

World News..World News

The **Rosetta** spacecraft's Philae probe successfully lands on Comet 67P.



Japanese prime minister **Shinzo Abe** calls a snap election.

One World Trade Center

opens, replacing its predecessor 13 years after the September 11 attacks.



A grand jury in Missouri decides not to indict police officer **Darren Wilson** in relation to the shooting of **Michael Brown** in Ferguson.

Thousands gather at the **Brandenburg Gate** in Berlin to mark the 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall.



Swiss voters reject a proposal to reduce immigration.

Australian cricketer **Phillip Hughes** dies after being struck by a ball during a Sheffield Shield match.



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December industry news

Øyvind Emblem is appointed managing director of **Ramirent Norway**.

Comansa Jie launches a new flat top crane.

Sinoboorm Europe is established in the Netherlands.

Böcker confirms **Alexander Böcker** as managing director.

Singapore-based **Tiong Woon** takes five **Grove** GMK6300L.

IPAF issues its one millionth PAL card.



Max Bögl takes third 1,200t **Liebherr** LTM 11200 9.1.



Dinolift appoints **Reachmaster** as its North America distributor.

Kevin Parkes quits as chief executive of **Hewden**.

AFI acquires **Altitude Access**.

Financial speculator **Carl Icahn** acquires 7.7% of **Manitowoc**.

IronPlanet and **Associated Auction Services** announce merger.

TVH acquires **C-Tech Industries**.



Hiab sells its 75 percent stake in **Hiab Mexico**, to partner **CIPSA**.

Gerken acquires the platform division of the **Willenbrock** group.

Italian mini crane manufacturer **Jekko** ships first 7.5t SPX 1275CDH mini crane.



World News..World News..



Taliban kills 141 teachers and children in a shooting at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan.



Indonesia AirAsia Flight 8501 disappears into the Java Sea on a flight between Surabaya, Indonesia and Singapore with 162 people aboard.



Shinzo Abe wins the Japanese election.

Sony cancels the release of the film *The Interview*, after hackers issue threats - it later does a limited release.

President Obama and **Raoul Castro** announce the resumption of normal diplomatic relations between the U.S.A and Cuba.



Those no longer with us

From the industry

Dorothy Mort 1930-2014 Joint founder Port Talbot Plant (PTP)



Clive Atkinson 1945-2014 Founder of UK loader crane specialist PE/Plant Equipment



Richard Steele 1949-2014 IPAF/PASMA auditor in the UK



Steve Seiders 1953-2014 Access industry veteran, of JLG, Acme Lift and Falconite



Josef Prangl 1927-2014 Founder of the Austrian crane and access company



Armand Verhoye 1944-2012 Belgian access industry veteran



Robert Böcker 1953-2014 CEO of crane and access manufacturer Böcker



Colin Burnett 1951-2014 UK crane industry veteran



Pierluigi Guarneri 1964-2014 Founder and owner of Italian rental group Eurotecno



Al Kropp 1945-2014 Owner of Chicago based aerial lift company Kropp Equipment



Ray Pitman 1925-2014 Access and boom truck pioneer



W K. 'Ken' Washington UK based crane salesman (NCK crawler cranes)



Mel Sachett 1946 -2014 founder of Technical Lifting Solutions -UK



John Wheeldon 1927 - 2014 JCB pioneer



Russ Guthery 1940 - 2014 Aerial lift veteran - Mark, Weber/Bandit ,Condor/Calavar



Ernie Duncan, Jr - 1929-2014 Founder of Californian aerial lift rental company ADCO



Julian Wagner 1950-2014 Ex CEO of fire platform manufacturer Rosenbauer



Roberto Pagliarulo 1982-2014 Marketing manager at aerial lift manufacturer C.M.C

Graham Maddocks 1943-2014 Scaffold and mobile tower engineer

Janne Niska 1975-2014 Founder/owner of Finnish rental company Janneniska



Andries Sloodmans R.I.P Tadano Europe pioneer

David Buehlow 1936-2013 A director of Linamar since 1998



Josef Treffer 1934-2014 Southern German crane rental veteran

Wider world

Eusébio, Portuguese footballer (b. 1942)



Dale T. Mortensen, American Nobel economist (b. 1939)

Ariel Sharon, 11th Prime Minister of Israel (b. 1928)



Roger Lloyd-Pack, British actor (b. 1944)

José Emilio Pacheco, Mexican poet and writer (b. 1939)

Pete Seeger, American singer, songwriter, musician, and activist (b. 1919)



Shirley Temple, American actress and diplomat (b. 1928)

Valeri Kubasov, Soviet cosmonaut (b. 1935)

Sid Caesar, American actor (b. 1922)



Rik Mayall, British comedian, writer and actor (b. 1958)

Tom Finney, English footballer (b. 1922)



Clarissa Dickson Wright a Fat Lady (b.1947)

Adolfo Suárez, 138th Prime Minister of Spain (b. 1932)

Philip Seymour Hoffman, American actor (b. 1967)



James R. Schlesinger, American economist and politician (b. 1929)

H. R. Giger, Swiss artist (b. 1940)

Mickey Rooney, American actor (b. 1920)



Sue Townsend, British novelist (b. 1946)

Jimmy Ellis, American boxer (b. 1940)

Bob Hoskins, British actor (b. 1942)



Farley Mowat, Canadian author (b. 1921)

Jean-Luc Dehaene, 63rd Prime Minister of Belgium (b. 1940)



Jack Brabham, Australian race car driver (b. 1926)

Wojciech Jaruzelski, Communist leader of Poland (b. 1923)

Maya Angelou, American poet and author (b. 1928)

Malcolm Glazer, American business man (b. 1928)



Karlheinz Böhm, Austrian actor (b. 1928)

Casey Kasem, American radio host and voice actor (b. 1932)

Ramón José Velásquez, Venezuelan historian, journalist and politician (b. 1916)

Eli Wallach, American actor (b. 1915)



Ana María Matute, Spanish author (b. 1925)

Acker Bilk, British jazz clarinetist (b. 1929)



Alfredo Di Stéfano, Argentine-Spanish footballer (b. 1926)

Eduard Shevardnadze, 2nd president of Georgia (b. 1928)



Elaine Stritch, American actress and singer (b. 1925)

James Garner, American actor (b. 1928)



Carlo Bergonzi, Italian tenor and actor (b. 1924)

Kate O'Mara British actress (b.1939)



Menahem Golan, Israeli filmmaker (b. 1929)

Robin Williams, American actor and comedian (b. 1951)



Lauren Bacall, American actress (b. 1924)



Björn Waldegård, Swedish rally driver (b. 1943)

Joan Rivers, American comedian (b. 1933)



Magda Olivero, Italian soprano (b. 1910)

Richard Kiel, American actor (b. 1939)



Atef Ebeid, Egyptian politician, 47th prime minister of Egypt (b. 1932)

Ian Paisley, First Minister of Northern Ireland (b. 1926)



Anatoly Berezovoy, Soviet cosmonaut (b. 1942)

Albert Reynolds, Irish Taoiseach (b. 1932)



Queen Fabiola of Belgium (b.1928)

Christopher Hogwood, English conductor and writer (b. 1941)



Richard Attenborough, British actor and film director (b. 1923)

Jean-Claude Duvalier, 41st President of Haiti (b. 1951)



Oscar de la Renta, Dominican-American fashion designer (b. 1932)

Marian Seldes, American actress (b. 1928)



Gough Whitlam, 21st Prime Minister of Australia (b. 1916)

John Spencer-Churchill, 11th Duke of Marlborough (b. 1926)



Warren Clarke, English actor (b. 1947)

Glen A. Larson, American television producer and writer (b. 1937)

P. D. James, English writer and life peer (b. 1920)



James Rebhorn, American actor (b. 1948)

Ralph H. Baer, American video game pioneer (b. 1922)



Tony Benn, British politician and diarist (b. 1925)

Howard Baker, American politician and diplomat (b. 1925)



Joe Cocker, rock and blues singer and musician (b. 1944)



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