



The 1,250 tonne SL16000J-H on a heavy load test

## 1,250 tonne Kobelco crawler

Kobelco has been testing its biggest crawler crane to date, the all-new 1,250 tonne SL16000J-H, prior to shipping the first unit to lead customer, Japanese crane rental company MIC.

The new crane can lift its maximum capacity at a radius of 10 metres, and has a maximum system length of 180 metres - 95 metres of main boom with an 85 metre luffing jib. It is offered in either a standard or Super heavy lift configurations and can be relatively easily transported within the strict Japanese road regulations. We understand Kobelco has sold at least five units, with three of them going to MIC for work on nuclear power plants.

## Ruthmann acquires Bluelift

Ruthmann has acquired a 60 percent stake in the Italian company Marti Group, which produces Bluelift spider lifts and RAM truck mounted lifts. The Bluelift and Ruthmann distribution networks are expected to continue unchanged, apart from in Germany and Austria where Ruthmann has already taken over the Bluelift distribution from Rothlehner.

Ruthmann is branding the 3.5 tonne RAM truck mounts as Ruthmann Ecoline as it drops the Ram trademark. The spider lifts will be branded Ruthmann Bluelift. The Marti Group is being renamed as Ruthmann Italia.

In addition to gaining a spider lift product range Ruthmann gains a foothold in the price competitive truck mounted sector, in the same way that Palfinger did when it acquired a controlling interest in SkyAces to form Palfinger Italia. There will be four models in the Ruthmann Ecoline truck mounted range - two telescopic and two articulated. The spider lift range spans 12 to 26 metres. KLM loader cranes sales and marketing is unaffected by the agreement with Ruthmann.



A Ruthmann Bluelift spider at Bauma



(L-R) Gianpiero Marti, Rolf Kulawik, Gianni Marti and Uwe Strotmann on the Ruthmann stand following the announcement of its acquisition Marti/Bluelift

The HRP477R self-erecting mobile tower crane



## Tracked mobile tower crane

Dutch rental company Kuiphuis Kraanverhuur has introduced a new seven tonne HRP477R crawler mounted self-erecting tower crane.

The new crane uses a superstructure from the Spierings SK 477-AT4 mobile self-erecting tower crane, mounted on a tracked chassis. The crane features a 38 metre jib, and a maximum lifting height of 42.15 metres with jib luffed to 30 degrees. It can be operated from either the elevating cab or remote controller. Kuiphuis has also commissioned a unit for fellow Dutch rental company Herpertz Kraanverhuur.

## Time Versalift moves direct in France

Time Versalift has formed a new wholly owned distribution company in France - Time Versalift SAS - and is planning to open premises in southern France to support new and existing customers, following the termination of its contract with Time France at the start of April.

Time France, owned by Julien Bourrellis, has changed its name to Klubb and is now making its own five model range of van mounted lifts.

Per Torp, managing director of Time Versalift said that the company is looking to add three mobile service engineers - in the Nantes, Lyon and Toulouse areas - over the next month or two.

## ...and appoints dealer for Iberia

Time Versalift has also appointed Versalift Ibérica as its exclusive distributor for Spain and Portugal. Versalift Ibérica is a newly formed subsidiary of Talleres Robles, a family-owned company specialising in industrial vehicle, rail drive systems, cranes and truck modifications. The new company will offer the entire range of Versalift work platforms, but will initially focus on 3.5 tonne vans, truck and pick-up mounted lifts. It will also install/mount Versalift platform kits on locally sourced vehicles at its facility in León, Spain and handle all after-sales support in the region from its 10 service facilities.

## Terex acquires CVS terminal tractors

Terex Port Services has acquired the assets of the CVS Ferrari terminal tractor product line from Manitex. In future the machines will be manufactured at the Terex facility in Lentigione, Italy, which currently manufactures container handlers and heavy-load forklift trucks.

## First tracked Böcker crane/platform

German lifting equipment manufacturer Böcker has launched a new spider crane/access platform. The RK 36/2400 is based on its new AHK 36/2400 trailer mounted crane which has a maximum boom length of 36 metres and 2,400kg maximum lift capacity. Working height with platform is 29 metres.



The new Böcker RK 36/2400 spider crane or lift





The Demag name is back on mobile cranes

## Demag mobile again

Terex Cranes has reintroduced the Demag brand and AC/CC nomenclature for All-Terrains of 100 tonnes and over and crawler cranes over 400 tonnes capacity.

Announced at Bauma, the news went down well with customers and within the company. The first range to be re-branded is the five axle Explorer range which range from the AC130-5 to the AC 250-5 - all with 78 metre booms and IC 1 Plus controllers. The Demag City All Terrain crane line is also due to return.

The Demag name was acquired by Terex in July 2002 when it bought Demag Mobile Cranes and KKR acquired the Demag overhead crane and Gottwald port crane business. Demag mobile cranes eventually became Terex Demag and then just Terex. In 2011 Terex also acquired the Demag overhead and port crane business effectively giving it the exclusive rights to the name for crane purposes. But it has also admitted that dropping the Demag name and adopting a confusing nomenclature system was probably an error.

## Another record Bauma

Bauma 2016 broke all records becoming the biggest and most visited show yet. The changeable weather during the week did nothing to quell the visitors, about 580,000 from 200 countries are said to have attended. We have extensive coverage of the show starting on page 48, the following new products were unveiled at the show.

## 15 years of Vertikal.net

Vertikal.net celebrated its 15th anniversary at Bauma this year, having originally launched at Bauma 2001.

The site is the largest lifting information website in the world with more than 200,000 registered users. Over 26,000 news reports and 33,000 pictures have been posted since then - all of which are still available to view. These days around 10,000 individuals log on to Vertikal.net every working day - probably the total annual number in 2001.

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## Liebherr Rough Terrain cranes?

We can now confirm that Liebherr will launch a new line of Rough Terrain cranes within the next 12 months.



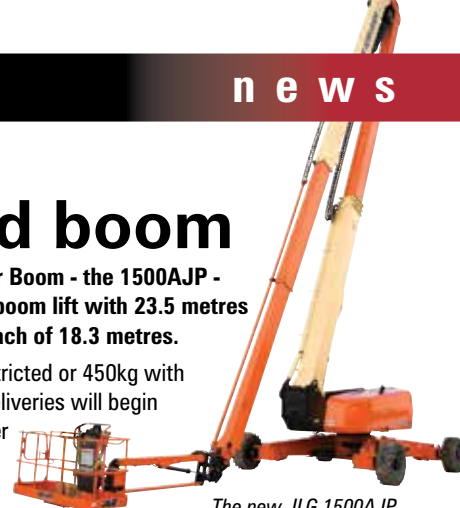
A Liebherr LTL 1080 from 1992

Speculation had been growing since the beginning of the year and follows an attempt to penetrate the market back in the 1980s and early 1990s with its LTL models. A Liebherr spokesman told Cranes & Access that he could not deny that the company will launch a new RT range and agreed that a North American launch would be ideal. Expect to see 90 and 100 tonne base models at Conexpo next year, with systems and boom variations to create further models.

## 150ft JLG articulated boom

JLG has launched a 150ft Super Boom - the 1500AJP - the world's largest articulated boom lift with 23.5 metres of outreach and up and over reach of 18.3 metres.

Platform capacity is 270kg unrestricted or 450kg with a restricted working envelope. Deliveries will begin early next year. The lead customer is Dutch international rental company Riwal.



The new JLG 1500AJP

## ...and goes standard with secondary guarding

JLG also announced that it will make its SkyGuard secondary guarding system standard equipment with no extra charge from July in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand and the rest of the world in January 2017.

JLG's Skyguard will become standard on all of its boom lifts worldwide by the start of 2017



## Walking Puma

Teupen's radical Puma 42GTX - a 40 metre Leo spider lift boom, mounted on a Menzi walking spider chassis complete with cab - was one of the main talking points at Bauma.

The new platform brings together the Teupen 42 metre spider lift boom mechanism - with four lower boom/riser sections, a three section top boom and short platform jib - with the well-proven undercarriage of a Swiss-built Menzi Muck walking 4x4 self-levelling excavator.

The new model offers an outreach of 16.7 metres - with 300kg platform capacity.

Maximum capacity is 400kg. It has a stowed travel speed of 10kph, can be road registered, and weighs 17.6 tonnes. Overall dimensions are 9.2 metres long, by 2.48 metres wide and three metres high. The new machine, will cost in the region of €60,000, and aimed at a wide variety of specialist applications such as remote pylon replacement. The current chassis will allow for a larger model up to 54 metres in height.

The Teupen Puma 42GTX





The new Bronto S70XR is the largest in the new XR range

## 70 metre Bronto

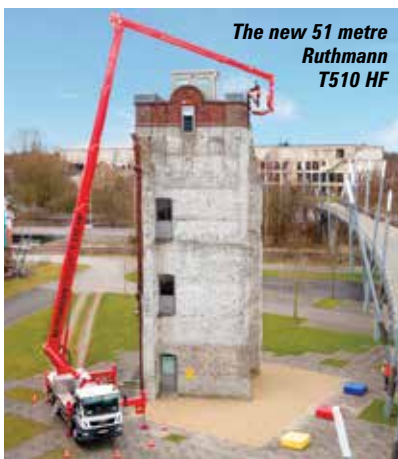
Bronto has launched the 70 metre Bronto S70XR - the largest in its XR range. Mounted on a 32 tonne four axle chassis it has an overall length of less than 12 metres.

Variable outrigger positioning and automatic levelling are both standard. Maximum outreach is 37 metres with a maximum up and over reach of 53 metres. Platform capacity is 700kg, or 600kg when equipped with the 3.7 metre wide hydraulic extending platform. The first machine has been sold to German rental company Berteit.

## Four new platforms from Ruthmann

German truck mounted lift manufacturer Ruthmann unveiled two new 'High Flex' truck mounted lifts, the most revolutionary being the 51 metre T510 HF on an 18 tonne two axle chassis, setting a new record for the height available on two axles.

In spite of this it offers a very respectable 33 metres of outreach. The second model, the 57 metre T 570 HF is mounted on a 26 tonne three axle chassis, with 41 metres of outreach. Brief details of two other new models were also announced - the 65 metre T650 HF on a four axle chassis and 75 metre T 750 HF - both with 41 metres outreach for launch later this year.



The new 51 metre Ruthmann T510 HF



The 22.6 metre Multitel MJ 226

## Two new Multitels

Multitel launched two brand new 3.5 tonne truck mounted platforms, the 20.4 metre MT 204 - a development of the 16.2 metre MT 162 EX straight telescopic boom with 300kg platform capacity, and the 22.6 metre MJ 226, with telescopic boom and short telescopic jib, developed from the successful 20 metre MJ 201. Maximum outreach is 12.3 metres and platform capacity is 250kg. An optional 4x4 chassis is being developed and should be ready later this year.

## 75 metre Palfinger

Palfinger unveiled its new four-axle 75 metre P750 NX, the largest in its all new NX Jumbo class truck mounts with 39 metres of outreach.

As with the other models in the range it features a telescopic main boom plus the long two section top boom/jib and the innovative X-jib with up to 240 degrees of articulation which also allows a platform rotation of 400 degrees.



The new Palfinger P750 NX in special BMS colours

## Liebherr's new 450 tonner

Liebherr's mystery eight axle All Terrain turned out to be the 450 tonne LTM 1450-8.1. Liebherr said the crane was designed for "useability" rather than maximum capacity, and boasts an 85 metre seven section boom but no Y-guy superlift system. It also features two rotating counterweights that can increase the ballast radius from five to seven metres offering capacity improvements of up to 20 percent.



The new 450 tonne Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1

## And the P550 becomes the P570

Last spring Palfinger has unveiled its 55 metres P550 at Intermat, at Bauma the company showed it as a 57 metre P570.

It said that the two metres were always there in reserve - with additional boom section overlap one assumes. It has offered those customers who have already purchased a P550, a free update to convert their P550 to a P570. One of the first machines to be upgraded is owned by Roggermaier.

## Potain replaces Igo with Hup

Potain unveiled the first model in its innovative Hup self-erecting tower crane range.

The four tonne Hup 32-27 replaces four existing Igo cranes and features an adjustable two-section mast with a third section contained within the second. With two extended it has a height of 21 metres, or 27 metres with the third extended. The jib luffs to a 40 metre under hook height. Capacity at 32 metre jib tip is 1,000kg. The second model, the Hup 40-30 is likely to be ready later this year.



The Potain Hup 32-27.

## New mini cranes from Brennero

Italian manufacturer Brennero Gru unveiled a new range of mini cranes under the BG Lift brand. Key new products are the BG Lift M300, a three tonne spider crane with telescopic articulated jib and the 580kg capacity BG Lift M060 tracked carry-deck crane with three section 3.5 metre boom and maximum radius of three metres.



The BG Lift M60 pick & carry crane





Rakesh Modi (centre) of MT&T with Rolf Kulawik (R) of Ruthmann

## Ruthmann moves into India

Truck mounted platform manufacturer Ruthmann has appointed MT&T as its distributor in India.

Headquartered in Chennai and founded in 1974, MT&T distributes a wide range of work at height equipment from ladders to fire rescue platforms, telehandlers and spider lifts from manufacturer's such as Teupen, Magni, Dingli and Omme.

MT&T managing director Rakesh Modi said: "We were missing a line of truck mounted platforms. The Indian market requires premium products and specifications. Our goal is to provide our existing contacts with an extended product portfolio and develop new customers."

## 20,000 van mounts

Versalift has delivered its 20,000th van mounted lift, following a formal hand-over at Bauma.

Overall the manufacturer has delivered more than 100,000 aerial lifts worldwide, 20,000 of them van mounts. The unit, a 14.2 metre ETM38-145-F truck mounted lift - was sold to Swarco the international traffic management group, which carries out a range of work, such as street sign cleaning and maintenance. Headquartered in Deizisau near Stuttgart, Swarco mainly runs 14 to 17 metre van mounts, 27 of them from Versalift.



Per Torp (L) of Time International with Raimund Scheulen of Swarco

## Outrigger beam pinning reminder

The Victoria/Tasmania branch of the Crane Industry Council of Australia - CICA - has issued a reminder that although an increasing number of cranes have variable outrigger settings, a large number still require the outrigger beams to be pinned in their extended positions.

Many crane users appear to think that the pins supplied are merely an additional safety feature. While most western built cranes may be able to rely on the hydraulic beam extension cylinders, some of them may be too small a bore to support the crane, should it lift up onto the outriggers on one side. Even if the cylinder holds, its anchor point might not support the loadings applied. So if your crane is equipped with outrigger beam pins, you should always use them.



Where fitted outrigger beam pins should be used



Andrew Cahill (L) of Grove/Manitowoc hands the new crane to David Nash of Baldwins

## First for Baldwin

UK-based rental company Baldwin Crane Hire has purchased the first two 250 tonne Grove GMK5250L All Terrain cranes to arrive in the UK.

The new cranes feature 70 metre seven section main booms and 37 metre luffing bi-fold swingaway extensions. The single engine cranes will be used on construction and other projects across the UK, including the erection of tower cranes in London.

David Nash, small cranes director at Baldwins said: "The Grove GMK5250L has one of the longest booms in its class and is well-suited for work on a variety of job sites. They are an excellent addition to our fleet and will provide a more efficient solution for our customers."

## Manitowoc splits towers and mobiles

Manitowoc Cranes has split its business into two distinct divisions - tower cranes and mobiles/crawlers. The mobile cranes business - which includes Grove and Manitowoc crawlers - will be managed by recently appointed Aaron Ravenscroft who joins the company from the Wier Group, where he managed the materials division for North America.



Aaron Ravenscroft



Larry Weyers

The Potain tower crane business will be managed by executive vice president Larry Weyers who was president of the crane business prior to its split into a stand-alone public company at the start of the year. The separation is intended to allow each to focus more clearly on the two disparate market sectors and simplify and rationalise the production facilities.

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## Grove RTs for Mammoet

Heavy lift and transport specialist Mammoet has purchased four new 45 tonne Grove RT550E Rough Terrain cranes. Built in Italy, the cranes feature a five section 39 metre main boom but no extensions. The cranes went straight to work on a steel mill in Belgium.



Mammoet's four new Grove RTs

## New loader cranes from Hyva and Ferrari

Hyva and Ferrari have announced two new families of cranes with 13 and 16 tonne/metre class ratings. The two families include 12 models and variations comprising two telescopic models - the 13 tonne HT130 and 16 tonne/metre HT162 aimed at the car recovery market, and applications where a compact, light and easy to operate crane is required.



The Hyva HC K series with double linkages, designed for heavy duty deliveries, such as grab and clamshell work

The new Ferrari 7000D aimed at the car recovery market



Plus 10 articulated cranes, starting with the simple HB range, made up of the HB130 and HB160 with 13 and 16 tonne/metre ratings, designed for routine delivery duties. The more sophisticated HC line comprises six models - the HC131, HC143, HC153, HC161, HC171 and HC183, with capacities from 13 to 18 tonne/metres, equipped with double linkage boom systems targeted at more complex lifting applications. And finally the HC131K and HC161K short boom articulated cranes with double linkages, designed for heavy duty deliveries, such as grab and clamshell work for installation on short wheelbase trucks.

The new models feature a new control station with user-friendly interface. The new Dynamic Load Diagram system, confirms the available lifting capacity based on the truck's stability at the time, while 'Magic Touch' allows automatic stowage and unfolding from travel to ready to work position. The new cranes include several radio remote control options and a wide range of stabiliser configurations. The 425 degree slewing is said to be best-in-class for medium sized cranes. The 12 models will also be available under the Ferrari brand as the 7000 and 9000 ranges.



The first updated Falcon FS320C was delivered to Danish rental company Ringsted Lift

## Updated Falcon

TCA Lift has updated its 32 metre Falcon FS320C spider lift, new features include an all-new height-adjustable crawler chassis which increases ground clearance by just over 300mm for travelling over poor terrain or levelling on slopes.

Maximum outreach is 15 metres and overall weight about 5,550kg depending on options. A new basket has dual entry gates and fixing points for lifting materials. Other new features include a new remote control system and electric power with double battery package.

## Flat fatality rate

The International Powered Access Federation has published its preliminary accident data information for 2015. The number of reported fatalities while using aerial work platforms in 2015 was 68, up from 64 in 2014.

The main causes remain overturning, falls from height, electrocution and entrapment. In spite of the higher statistic the federation calculates that its fatal injury rate remained stable at 0.035 fatalities per 100,000 machine rental days, due to a larger active machine population and improved utilisation etc.

## 200,000th JCB telehandler

JCB has built its 200,000th telehandler, having launched its first unit - a 520 - in October 1977. That first two wheel drive unit boasted a 6.4 metre lift height and 2.25 tonnes lift capacity. In the first year around 300 units were built by a handful of people. Since then the range has grown to more than 80 models, with heights of up to 20 metres and capacities as high as six tonnes.

A second larger model - the 525 - came in 1980, followed by a lighter 520-2 and 520-4 in 1981, the latter introduced four wheel drive and larger rear wheels. The entire JCB telehandler range was overhauled in 1989, with mid-mounted engines, lower boom and multi-mode four wheel steering, with equal-sized wheels all round. The next big move came in 1997 with the shift towards side mounted engines, an even lower boom mount and better visibility.

The company delivered its 100,000th unit in 2006 and invested £8 million in a second assembly line at its Rocester, UK, facility. The first HiViz models were unveiled in 2007 and in 2008 it launched a completely new side-engine, high-boom design for the North American market. More recently development has gone in to the engines, with cleaner more fuel efficient EcoMAX engines. In 2012 the first heavy duty model arrived, with the eight metre/five tonne 550-80 and then in 2014 the range topping 20 metre 540-200.

The first JCB telehandler - the Loadall 520







One of Mammoet's new Kobelco cranes

## 17 more Kobelco cranes for Mammoet

Dutch international heavy lift company Mammoet has ordered 17 new Kobelco crawler cranes with capacities between 110 and 250 tonnes.

The deal includes three 110 tonne CKE1100-2, seven 150 tonne CKE1350G-2 and five 250 tonne CKE2500G-2 second generation models, equipped with engines in compliance with NRMM Europe Stage IV and US EPA Tier 4 Final regulations. The other two units are first generation 250 tonne CKE2500G equipped with NRMM Europe Stage IIIB and US EPA Tier 4 Interim engines.

## 40 JCB for Mervyn Lambert

UK-based rental company

Mervyn Lambert Plant Hire has purchased 40 new JCB telehandlers in a deal worth over £2 million. The units range from six to 17 metres, and include the compact six metre JCB 525-60 Hi-Viz. Mervyn Lambert took 28 JCB telehandlers last year taking the number of machines purchased in the past 12 months to 68, with a value of almost £3.5 million.



One of Mervyn Lambert's new JCB telehandlers



The 220 tonne Palfinger Sany SAC 2200

## Palfinger Sany to test EU market

Palfinger Sany has announced that its mobile cranes are now ready to be launched on the European market with Bauma being the launch pad.

The joint venture, formed in 2012 has until now limited its sales to markets such as Russia, Turkey and the developing world as it worked to develop a product for the more sophisticated Western European markets. It has now certified 15 All Terrain, truck-mounted and Rough Terrain cranes as fully CE compliant. The launch at Bauma however was not a particularly sparkling affair as European buyers continue to watch rather than making commitments to buy.

Models CE certified so far include: six classic truck cranes with capacities from 25 to 130 tonnes including the STC250, STC500, STC750, STC800, STC1000C and STC1300C. Three truck mounted cranes for mounting on commercial chassis from 25 to 40 tonnes including the SPC250, SPC320 and SPC400. Three All Terrain cranes from 180 to 300 tonnes - the SAC1800, SAC2200 and SAC3000, and finally three Rough Terrain cranes - the SRC350, SRC550 and SRC750 - ranging from 35 to 75 tonnes.



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# Financials round-up

**JLG** posted first half revenues of \$1.28 billion, down 24 percent due to dramatically lower telehandler sales. Operating profit for the six months was \$96.1 million, compared to \$214.1 million last year.



**Haulotte** achieved first quarter revenues up 17 percent to €115 million, new equipment sales improved 19 percent, with Europe 30 percent higher and North America 35 percent. The company has confirmed previous expectations of revenue growth around five percent in 2016.



**Koebelco Cranes** posted revenue growth of 2.4 percent to ¥72.7 billion (\$668.2 million) for the fiscal year, while unit deliveries were slightly lower. Pre-tax profits more than halved to ¥2.4 billion (\$22 million).



**Lavendon** has reported a 13 percent rise in revenues. In the UK revenues improved six percent although the company says that the extra investment constrained margins. The Middle East improved 21 percent, with the UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar more than compensating for a decline in Saudi Arabia. Continental Europe increased three percent with France up 11 percent, Belgium one percent while Germany dropped one percent.



**Palfinger** increased revenues by nine percent to €318.8 million thanks to a strong-pick up with loader cranes and access platforms in Europe. Improvements were also seen in the USA, but South America declined steeply. Group pre-tax profits increased 30 percent to €27.1 million.



**Manitowoc Cranes** has split its business into two divisions, tower cranes and mobiles/crawlers. The mobile crane business - Grove and Manitowoc crawlers - will be managed by new man Aaron Ravenscroft who joins from the Wier Group. The Potain tower crane business will be managed by executive vice president Larry Weyers.



**Terex Cranes** reported a 13 percent fall in first quarter revenues to \$307.3 million, while last year's operating income of \$2.4 million was converted into a loss of \$16.6 million this year.



**HSS** reported a 10 percent rise in revenues for 2015 to £312.3 million. While pre-tax losses increased from £8.5 million to £13.8 million. Much of the loss was due to exceptional costs related to taking the business public and re-structuring its debt. Specialist rental including UK Platforms, jumped from £39 to £50.6 million, with operating profits rising to £11.5 million.



**Genie** saw a marginal improvement in first quarter revenues at \$520.7 million, while operating profits slipped around 14 percent to \$38.1 million. Most of the decline was due to restructuring costs.



**Cramo** has acquired the telehandler rental business of **Kurottaja-ja Kuljetuspalvelu Parviainen**, which operates in Southern Finland, from a base near Helsinki. It had revenues last year of around €3 million and runs fixed frame models from six to 17 metres - mainly Dieci and Merlo - along with 360 degree telehandlers topped by a 35 metre Magni RTH350.

**Terex** group first quarter revenues declined four percent to \$1.43 billion, while last year's pre-tax profit of \$10.1 million ended as a pre-tax loss this year of \$61.8 million.



**Speedy Hire** has issued a full year trading update stating that pre-tax profits will be in line with expectations and net debt in line with last year. However it took a further £45 million write down in the value of goodwill from acquisitions.



**United Rentals** reported flat first quarter revenues at \$1.31 billion. Utilisation and fleet size were both higher, but rental rates slipped 2.8 percent in the quarter. Pre-tax profits for the period were \$147 million, 19 percent lower than last year.



**Manitou** reported first quarter revenues of €312.2 million, down three percent on last year. Telehandler and access equipment sales improved nine percent, thanks to a strong pick-up in Southern Europe. Gehl plummeted 42 percent to €40.8 million, due to a collapse in sales in North America at the end of last year.



Chinese crane manufacturer **Zoomlion** reported a 95.5 percent fall in pre-tax profits for 2015, on revenues down 20 percent to RMB 20.8 billion (\$3.2 billion). Sales in China fell 21 percent while exports dropped 12 percent. Crane sales declined 40 percent to RMB 4.5 billion (\$700 million). Pre-tax profits for the year evaporated from RMB 863 million (\$133.5 million) in 2014 to RMB39 million (\$6 million) in 2015.



UK rental company **Vp** has acquired Australian rental company **TR Pty** for A\$17.4 million (£9.5 million) in cash plus net debt of A\$6.6 million (£3.6 million). TR rents specialist test and measurement, communications and audio visual equipment in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia from 13 locations.

**Zoomlion** also upped its bid for **Terex** by a dollar a share to \$31 raising the overall price for the company to \$3.4 billion. The two parties are currently holding talks regarding the potential for such a deal.



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The 8,000 tonne AL.SK700 heavy lifting machine

# 8,000 tonne ALE crane

UK-based heavy lift company ALE has announced plans for an 8,000 tonne capacity heavy lift crane, the AL.SK700.

The unit will combine two AL.SK cranes into a single, twin-boomed, mega lift crane with a load moment of 708,000 tonne metres. It will use two 4,000 tonne winch systems and two hook blocks, operated from one control point by a single operator. The new crane is aimed at lifting super-heavy modules in the offshore and shipbuilding industry and will be fully containerised for shipping.



The new Hiab 1.8 tonne metre T-Duo 018

## Hiab adds to T-Series

Hiab has added two new models to its recently updated T-series of telescopic loader cranes - the T-009 the smallest in the range, and the T-018 with HiDuo control system and SmartControl remote controls.

The new cranes extend the range from 0.9 to 3.5 tonne metres capacity and can be electrically powered by a stand-alone power pack that is re-charged or topped-up whenever the truck engine is running. The cranes are designed for easy mounting on pick-ups and light trucks, for applications where loading and unloading equipment or materials is required close to a workplace.

## Wider Bibi range from Almac

Almac, the Italian the compact tracked levelling scissor lift manufacturer has launched a wider version of its Bibi 850. The 20ft 870 has an overall variable width of 1.3 to 1.5 metres and offers a working height of 7.9 metres with 250kg platform capacity.

The length of the 1.2 metre wide platform can be extended to 2.35 metres. Levelling capability is 15 degrees side to side and 20 degrees longitudinally, while new features include dynamic automatic levelling, allowing the machine to level automatically as it moves over changing ground conditions. It will be available in three versions, the gas/petrol powered Bibi 870-BL, the diesel powered 870-BL Evo and the 870-BL Hybrid. Overall weights range from just under two tonnes for the BL to almost 2.5 tonnes for the Evo.



The new Almac Bibi 870



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- **Scholpp Kran & Transport** has taken a new 350 tonne **Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 All Terrain** crane.
- UK-based **Hird** has purchased the first eight tonne **Maeda MC-815**.
- **Manitowoc** has appointed **Aaron Ravenscroft** to head its Mobile and Crawler crane division.



**Aaron Ravenscroft**

- **Deutz** is to provide **JLG** with its Xchange engines for its aerial lift reconditioning programme.
- **Wacker Neuson** has begun work on a new €10 million R&D centre.
- **Ashok Leyland** has ordered 250 **Hiab 088** loader cranes for the Indian army.
- **Time Versalift** has appointed **Versalift Ibérica** as its new distributor for Spain and Portugal.
- **Hire Safe Solutions** has ordered four **JLG 660 SJC** crawler booms and two 150ft **1500AJP** articulated booms.

- Dutch company **Kuiphuis Kraanverhuur** has purchased a **Spierings**-based **HRP477R** crawler mounted self-erecting tower crane.
- **John Bungay** has retired as vice chairman of **PASMA** following his departure from Youngman.
- **Zimmermann Autokrane** has taken a 100 tonne **Liebherr LTM 1100-4.2 All Terrain** crane.



**John Bungay**

- UK-based **GGR** has won a Queen's Award for Enterprise.
- Norway's **Drammen Liftutleie** has taken the country's first **Barin** underbridge unit.
- UK rental company **LTS Powered Access** has taken a new 32t **Scania** delivery truck.
- **IPAF** has created a new role of market manager for the UK.
- US-based **Scott-Macon Equipment** has ordered two new **Tadano Mantis** telescopic crawler cranes.
- UK-based **Ellis Crane Hire** has taken a new 50 tonne **Tadano ATF 50G-3 All Terrain** crane.

- Access industry veteran **Chris Dossin** has died following a short illness.
- **Klubb** has appointed **MST Ventures** as its distributor for Malaysia.
- **Gräber Arbeitsbühnen** has ordered its third 103ft **Holland Lift HL-330 E14** electric scissor lift.



**Chris Dossin**

- **Bigge** ordered 12 new **Terex RT90 RT** cranes at Bauma, while **Hovago** added five 500 tonne **Liebherr LR1500**.
- US-based **Bragg Crane Service** purchased two 750t **Liebherr LR 1750/2** and a 600t **LR1600/2** crawler cranes.
- US-based **Burt Crane & Rigging** took delivery of a 400t **Liebherr LTM 1400-7.1**.

- **Trojan Battery** has appointed **Will Scotson** as sales manager for western Europe and **Gonzalo Armada** as market manager Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



**Will Scotson**



**Gonzalo Armada**

- UK rental company **PG Platforms** has taken a 30m **Palfinger P300**.
- US-based **Bigge Crane and Rigging** celebrated its 100th year in business at Bauma.
- UK telehandler company **Ardent Hire Solutions** has appointed **Ged Murray** as CFO.

- **Riwal Denmark** has taken five 24m **Versalift VTX-240** truck mounted lifts.
- UK-based **Cumberland Platforms** has set up a new subsidiary - **CPL Fleet Services**.

- **Boels Rental** has ordered 100 **Bravi Leonardo HD** self-propelled lifts.
- UK-based **Berry Cranes** has taken a new 70 tonne **Tadano ATF 70G-4L**.
- US-based **Talbert** has appointed **Jim Eller** as western sales manager.



**Jim Eller**

- **Ramirent** has signed a 'frame agreement' with **JM** in Sweden.
- Northern Ireland's **Baloo Hire** has taken five new **JLG** telescopic boom lifts.
- **Academician MF Reshetnev** has taken 15 new **JLG** lifts and a **Valla 25E**.
- **Mentor** has opened a new access training centre in **Misterton**, near **Doncaster**, South Yorkshire.

- **Emsley Crane Hire** of the UK has taken two new 40 tonne **Tadano ATF 40G-2**.
- Turkish contractor **Yapi Merkezi** has placed an order with **Palfinger Sany** worth \$3.2 million.
- Irish company **FAL Hire** has taken delivery of the country's first 45ft **Niftylift HR15 Hybrid**.

- **Klubb** has appointed **Blumenbecker Technik** as its exclusive distributor in Germany.
- **Axiál** has been appointed as **Grove** crane distributor for Hungary.



**Ed McHale**

- **Acme Lift** has appointed **Ed McHale** as senior vice president of south eastern operations.
- **KAB Bolig** has taken a new **CTE ZED 23.2 JH** truck-mounted lift.

- **Cramo** has acquired the telehandler rental business of **Kuorttaja-ja Kuljetuspalvelu Parviainen**.
- German crane specialist **Schuch** group is adding four new **Liebherr All Terrain** cranes.

- **Steve Foster Crane Hire** of the UK has purchased a new **Böcker AK44-4000**.
- **Katie Long** won Best Apprentice of the Year under 25s in the UK's Woman in Construction awards.



**Katie Long**

- UK-based **Kentec Training** has taken delivery of an **Airo V10** mast boom.
- Australian truck mounted lift manufacturer **Nifty-Lift** has moved to a new plant in Melbourne.

- **Duffy Crane & Hauling** has taken a new 100 tonne **Terex AC100/4L All Terrain** crane.
- **Zoomlion** has appointed **P&J Arcomet** as exclusive tower crane distributor for N. America.

- **Unic Cranes Europe** has agreed a partnership with material handling and rental company **DMP**.
- UK-based **Mann Crane Hire** has taken a new 40 tonne **Tadano ATF 40G-2**.

- US-based loader crane distributor **IMT** has promoted **Tom Wallace** to sales manager.



**Tom Wallace**

- **Multi-Crane International** has taken a new 12 tonne **Potain MDT 308** flat top tower crane.
- German rental company **Dornseiff Arbeitsbühnen** has ordered 15 new **JLG** boom lifts.

- **ALE** has won an exclusive supply contract for the **Karbala Refinery Project** in Central Iraq.

- **Hiab** and **Kalmar** owner **Cargotec** has appointed **Mikko Puolakka** as chief financial officer.



**Mikko Puolakka**

- Dutch heavy lift company **Schot Verticaal Transport** has ordered 12 new **Liebherr** cranes.
- **HWS** has purchased nine **Genie** booms and scissor lifts.

- **Haulotte North America** celebrated the opening of its new N. American HQ in Virginia Beach.
- **Tat Hong** deputy managing director **Sun Ho 'Tony' Ng** has resigned.

- Germany's **Riga Mainz** has taken the 500th **Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1**.
- The first European-built **Genie S-65** has rolled off the production line in Italy.

- **Telekrane Engl** has taken delivery of a new 60 tonne **Grove GMK3060 All Terrain** crane.
- **Alexandria Container and Cargo Handling** has ordered six **Terex** rubber-tyred gantry cranes.

- **KDM** of Northern Ireland has purchased a new 66ft **JLG 660SJC**.
- UK crane rental company **King Lifting** has taken its second 500 tonne **Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1**.

- **Korea Expressway Corporation** has taken a new **Barin ABC 230/L** underbridge inspection unit.
- UK-based **Smart Platform Rentals** has opened a depot in Sheffield, its fifth location.

- UK's **Ainscough Crane Hire** has promoted **Vince Ramsden** to head national accounts.



**Vince Ramsden**

- **Kalmar** has delivered 45 reachstackers to South African dealer **Shumani Industrial Equipment**.
- **Christopher Etheridge** the owner of UK-based **D & R Pike Crane Hire** has been disqualified as a director.

- **Star platforms** has added two new 32t **DAF** delivery trucks to its fleet.
- **WaveTrade** has taken a new 60 tonne **Liebherr LTM 1060-3.1**, the company's first new crane.

- **Prolift Access** has purchased three new 21m **CTE Zed21.JH** on 3.5 tonne chassis.
- **Albert Regel** has taken its second 300 tonne, six axle **Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2**.

- Qatar crane rental company **JTC** has taken 11 new **Tadano** cranes.
- **UK Powered Access/UK Tool Hire** has opened a new vehicle mounted platform division.

- French company **Kiloutou** has acquired **Starlift** giving it three locations in Northern Germany.
- **CP Hire** of Northern Ireland has taken 43 new **JLG** aerial work platforms.

- **TRT** has acquired **B&N Crane Repairs** and taken over the **Grove** distribution for Queensland, Australia.

- **Mervyn Lambert Plant Hire** of the UK has purchased 40 new **JCB** telehandlers.
- Scotland's **AB2000** has taken six **Liebherr** cranes - five AT and one city type.

- **Hertz Equipment Rental** has appointed **Herbert Henkel** as non-executive chairman.



**Herbert Henkel**

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