



Arcomet and Skyline to merge

Belgian international tower crane specialist Arcomet has taken a majority stake in a new venture with UK-based Skyline Tower Cranes Services. The two companies are putting their UK resources into a new jointly held company - Skyline Arcomet Ltd.

The new business will operate across the UK as a tower crane rental, distribution and service provider. The ownership split between the Whitford family that owns Skyline and Arcomet has not been officially released, but we understand that Arcomet holds just over 50 percent of the shares in the new business. Skyline Arcomet will operate from the Skyline offices in West Thurrock, Grays, Essex, with the current team of employees and will progressively take over all of the Arcomet activities in the UK, including its 70 top slewing tower cranes.

The company plans include development of a new yard and additional sales and service staff to support the larger rental operation, building the distribution business and maintaining current customer satisfaction levels. Skyline's founder and chief executive Darren Whitford will remain as managing director of the new company.

"I am thrilled to be part of one of the largest tower crane service companies in the world and consolidate our position in the UK market. With this merger, we will have much stronger capabilities to satisfy our customers growing needs," said Whitford.

Arcomet chief executive Philippe Cohet added: "For the Arcomet group, this is a return to an important market in Europe and the opportunity to partner with a solid local team."



New 14 metre Aldercote

UK-based Access Platform Sales (APS) is launching a new 14 metre Aldercote van mounted lift on a 3.5 tonne Ford Transit van.

The new lightweight boom on the VZ140 leaves up to 400kg of spare payload in the van - after allowing for fuel and two occupants - while offering a maximum outreach of nine metres with 120kg platform capacity. The pedestal is mounted directly behind the bulkhead to provide extra space in the van, while the hydraulic oil tank and emergency lowering controls are also housed in the van, eliminating the need to climb onto the roof. APS unveiled a prototype of the lift at Vertikal Days, with shipments expected to begin by the end of the year.



Company director jailed for 12 months

A company director in the UK has been jailed for 12 months following the death of one of his employees in a work accident. Paul Williamson, 51, died on January 29th 2014 in Stockport, near Manchester, when the 18 metre spider lift he was loading came off the ramps of the 3.5 tonne delivery truck and landed on him as he walked alongside with the remote controller.

He was employed by Thorn Warehousing Ltd, and director Kenneth Thelwall has now been sentenced to a 12 month prison sentence, ordered to pay costs of £4,000 and was disqualified from being a company director for seven years.

The investigation discovered that Williamson had not been adequately trained on the use of the ramps, the truck or the spider lift. There was no risk assessment in place and no safe system of work created for the equipment, which had only been in operation for eight days. The ramps were also steeper than the maximum permitted by the manufacturer.

Vertikal Days on the move

Vertikal Days will move to Silverstone, Northamptonshire in central England for 2017 to benefit from improved facilities and more space to grow. The 2017 event will be held on May 24th and 25th.

Silverstone is of course the home to Formula 1 and the British Grand Prix, but offers a number of areas that can accommodate Vertikal Days, adding variety as the event continues to expand. For year one the event will be held in the centre of the facility on the Copse Runway and surrounding parking areas. Silverstone is close to both the M40 and M1 motorways and strategically located in the English Midlands, with airports at Luton, Birmingham, Heathrow and East Midlands all within a reasonable distance. Parking on site typically handles well over 100,000 visitors for the annual Grand Prix. Hotel rooms within a 15 mile radius are plentiful with good connections to the venue and relatively light traffic.



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The new 20 tonne/metre Hiab X-HiPro 232

New cranes from Hiab

Hiab is launching several new cranes this autumn, topped by the new X-HiPro 558 - which it claims is the strongest crane that will fit on a three axle truck.

The new 55 tonne/metre crane features a maximum capacity of 10.8 tonnes at 4.6 metres radius, a maximum tip height of 17 metres and a horizontal reach of 14.5 metres at which it can handle 3.15 tonnes. The overall weight with outriggers is around 5,500kg, which Hiab claims is up to 20 percent lighter than other cranes in this class.

The company is also renewing its mid-range loader cranes with 24 "totally new" models or variants. The 20 tonne/metre Hiab X-HiPro 232, which made its debut in Sweden late last month, is up to 300kg lighter than its predecessors, offers higher lift capacities and faster working speeds, while being easier to mount. It also features Hiab's HiPro remote control system with built-in position monitoring and its Load Stability System that dampens sudden stops.



The new Hiab X-HiPro 558

Manitowoc to relocate crawler production

Manitowoc is relocating all crawler crane manufacturing from Manitowoc, Wisconsin to the Grove plant in Shady Grove, Pennsylvania. The move is part of a plan to rationalise manufacturing facilities in order to reduce costs - annual savings of \$25 to \$30 million are expected as well as improved margins.

The transition is underway and should be completed by mid-2017. Manitowoc crawler crane engineering and support functions will remain in the Manitowoc area, along with corporate headquarters. Around 528 jobs are expected to go over the next 12 months.

Shady Grove currently builds Rough Terrain, truck and industrial cranes along with boom trucks.

Some crawler crane production was added last year. The 300 acre plant has plenty of space and capacity to absorb crawler crane production for the foreseeable future.



Manitowoc is moving all crawler crane production to Shady Grove, Pa

Baldwins loses transport licence

The four senior directors of UK crane rental company Baldwins have had their right to hold a transport licence revoked. The traffic commissioner disqualified them after up to 18 drivers were caught falsifying records to show rest breaks being taken when they were not. The licence only affects delivery trucks and will mostly impact its heavy crane division, which is dependent on the movement of counterweights and additional equipment.

The commissioner's verdict said: "To allow for an orderly wind down of the heavy crane part of the business, taking into account its specialised nature and the apparent scarcity of the services it provides, revocation will take effect from 23:59 hours on Saturday 10 September 2016.

Under the ruling Richard Baldwin is disqualified from applying for or holding a goods vehicle operator's licence for a year, Wayne Baldwin for five years and Andrew Skelton for two years. Lorraine Baldwin is disqualified from applying for, or holding a licence for an indefinite period, but may apply to have the disqualification lifted by appearing before a traffic commissioner to explain how she will meet her statutory duties.

Traffic commissioner Kevin Rooney said: "The falsification of records to make it appear that drivers had taken appropriate rest goes absolutely to the heart of road safety. In the case of this operator, five out of seven drivers investigated in 2014 were found to be offending. A follow-up in 2015 found the offending had worsened, with 18 drivers offending. I do not know if my decision will mean the end of Baldwins Crane Hire, but I make my judgement on the assumption that it will. The failures at Baldwins Crane Hire are so significant, so deep-rooted and inspired by the very top of the business that I find it entirely appropriate that this licence be revoked."

Baldwins plans to appeal the decision and apply for a new licence under a new company - Baldwins Support Services - with a new transport manager at the helm. It is also considering outsourcing this aspect of its business as it did up until 10 years ago.



First Böcker spider crane in UK

UK rental company Lift Mini Cranes has taken delivery of the first Böcker RK36-2400 spider crane in the country. The RK36-2400 has a capacity of 2.4 tonnes and a maximum lift height of 36 metres. The chassis has twin drive speeds - 2.4 and 4.5kph - can pick & carry up to 250kg and weighs 4,500kg. Lift has taken the full specification with diesel and electric drives and work platform attachment.



The first Böcker RK36-2400 has been delivered to Lift Mini Cranes



Montarent Bouwlogistiek has launched a new self-propelled, self-erecting tower crane - the Montalift M21 4-WDS

New Montarent mobile tower crane

Netherlands-based mobile tower crane manufacturer Montarent Bouwlogistiek has launched a new self-propelled, self-erecting tower crane - the Montalift M21 4-WDS. Unlike previous Montarent cranes which use Benazzato towers, the new model uses a Potain tower crane superstructure.

The 21 tonne/metre crane has a 26 metre jib with lifting heights from 18.7 metres to a maximum of 25.9 metres with the jib raised. Maximum capacity is 1,800kg and features include an octagonal galvanised tower and compact lattice jib. The crane can be erected and be ready to lift in less than 20 minutes using the remote controls. The unit has two, 4,150kg removable counterweights and a slewing radius of 2.13 metres. Overall transport dimensions are 12.1 metres long, 2.8 metres wide by 3.1 metres high and total weight is 21.4 tonnes.

60th LTC 1050-3.1 delivered

Liebherr has delivered the 60th unit of its 50 tonne three-axle LTC 1050-3.1 city type All Terrain crane, just 12 months after production began. It features a 36 metre, six section main boom plus a 13 metre bi-fold swingaway extension.



An LTC 1050 owned by Mediaco on a classic machinery moving job demonstrates the Variobase outrigger set-up system

The unit is equipped with Liebherr's Variobase outrigger set-up system, while the crane's unique single cab layout also elevates for an improved view of the load.

The LTC 1050-3.1 replaced the LTC 1045-3.1 after new emissions regulations required a new engine installation, triggering a more extensive redesign which resulted in improved capacities and other benefits.

WolfLift returns

After having apparently abandoned the idea of commercialising his radical new aerial lift, dubbed the WolfLift, Wolf Haessler is back with an improved production version and has already shipped the first units to customers.

The 20ft alternative scissor lift employs a massive central box section mast to lift what is essentially a traditional scissor lift platform, complete with 900mm deck extension. Its other advantage is that the system uses an electric rack and pinion system to extend the mast and to steer, while drive comes from two high mounted direct electric motors. As a result the machine requires no hydraulic or other oils. Lift and lower speeds are also quick and platform rigidity is said to be exceptional.



Wolf Haessler and the WolfLift team.



The first WolfLift 3020s ready to ship.

Earthquake standard for tower cranes

ISO has published its new standard for tower cranes working in areas at risk of earthquakes - ISO 11031. Its adoption should ensure that a compliant crane is seismically resistant.

The new standard - which sets out the design principals and can be used to calculate seismic loads - was developed at the request of Japan following the 1995 earthquake in Kobe.

Klaus Pokorny, secretary of the ISO subcommittee said: "Any evaluation should take into account the regional seismic conditions as well as the ground surface conditions at the crane location. It's also important to consider how the crane will be used and any risks that could result from seismic damage. Not only will ISO 11031 add a layer of confidence to the industry, it also provides a common technical language so that manufacturers, users and owners understand each other clearly, no matter where they are."

A copy of the standard is available from the ISO online store - www.iso.org/iso/catalogue_detail?csnumber=46588

PB Liftechnik expands range

German aerial lift manufacturer PB has launched a new 67ft heavy duty battery electric RT scissor lift, and is expanding its production facilities.

The new model - the S225-24ES 4x4 - joins PB's Top 24 series of large 2.47 metre wide Rough Terrain scissor lifts, and follows the recent launch of the diesel powered S225-24DS 4x4. With a working height of 22.3 metres and 750kg platform capacity, the new model features a 7.20 x 2.36 metre 'Mega deck' with plenty of space for long panels and up to four people.



The new battery powered PB S225-24ES 4x4 scissor lift.

(For more information see the large RT scissor feature starting on page 49).

New CEO for Ainscough

UK-based rental company Ainscough Crane Hire has appointed Janet Entwistle as chief executive, effective immediately. It follows the resignation of Robin Richardson.

A lawyer by training Entwistle was previously chief executive of property services group Knight Square Holdings, until she stood down last year having restructured and refinanced the business over a four year period following its emergence from administration in 2012.



Telehandler fork rotator

VHS Special Product of the Netherlands has launched a new fork rotator for telehandlers.

The Roforks attachment features 360 degree continuous rotation with a maximum capacity of 2,500kg. The device - CE tested and approved by TÜV - weighs just under 600kg with 1.2 metre forks. It adds to manoeuvrability including the lifting and placing of loads in narrow aisles. The company claims it can reduce work time by as much as 25 percent, with a 15 percent reduction in fuel usage and 50 percent less working space. The device also allows the forks to be used facing the machine. The full package including quick couplers costs around €6,000.



The attachment allows the placing of loads in narrow areas

Sparrows forms partnerships

Offshore crane and lifting specialist Sparrows Offshore Services has formed a partnership with Malaysia-based SapuraKencana Technology to provide a range of services to the Malaysian oil & gas industry. Sparrows says that the new alliance will help expand its activities in Malaysia significantly.

The company has also signed a global collaboration agreement with technical services provider Spie Oil & Gas Services in which the two companies will work together - initially across Africa - before taking the joint offering worldwide. Spie is the general maintenance contractor for a number of offshore installations worldwide.



SapuraKencana's fabrication yard at Lumut

Cadman Cranes acquired

UK rental company Cadman Cranes has been acquired by precast concrete manufacturer Milbank Concrete Products. The Colchester, Essex-based crane business will continue to operate as a stand-alone business under Milbank ownership. Cadman was established by brothers, Brian and Geoff Cadman in 1976 with a 16 tonne Coles telescopic. The two had been operating operated earthmoving equipment business since 1959.



Speedy sells heavy equipment fleet

Troubled UK rental company Speedy has sold its fleet of larger earthmoving and road equipment - mainly dumpers, heavy rollers and excavators - to Ardent Hire for £14.9 million. The fleet generated revenues of £3.2 million with operating profits of £1.9 million in the past 12 months. The deal includes a five year re-hire agreement with Ardent with the option to extend it by a further two years.

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Raimondi Cranes has started shipping its new 14 tonne LR213 luffing jib tower crane

New Raimondi luffer...

Raimondi Cranes has started shipping its new 14 tonne LR213 luffing jib tower crane. Largest in its current range, the LR213 features a maximum 55 metre jib with a choice of two new winches, both of which are designed for luffing jib crane duties with the ability to stow up to 1,000 metres of rope. The winches are attached to the extra wide counter jib structure along with most other key components.

The crane's 14 tonnes maximum capacity is possible on four parts of line with any jib length from 28 to 55 metres. Jib tip capacity at 55 metres is 2,250kg. The crane is equipped with Raimondi's new deluxe R16 crane cab with all round vision. The first three cranes have been purchased by Spanish contractor Harina for the new 250 metre high JW Marriot Hotel West Bay in Qatar.

...Delivers cranes for Dublin

Raimondi Cranes agent for Ireland - Irish Cranes & Lifting - has supplied six new Raimondi tower cranes to contractor John Sisk & Son for the 66,000 square metre Capital Dock development in Dublin's Docklands business district.



The cranes include four MRT213s, one MR210, and one MRT152, with free-standing heights of up to 91 metres. All six will be equipped with anti-collision and zoning systems and will remain on the contract for 70 to 90 weeks.

...And appoints Bennetts Cranes in the UK

Raimondi has also been busy over the summer adding to its distribution network, and has officially appointed Bennetts Cranes as its dealer for England, Scotland and Wales.



A Bennetts' Raimondi crane working at Great Scotland Yard in London



One of Spider Rental's Platform Basket 18.90 units

Lifterz acquires Spider Rentals

UK rental company Lifterz has acquired Spider Rentals, a small specialist access rental company in Rochdale, Greater Manchester.

Spider Rentals was established in mid-2011 by ex-Loxam Access regional manager Liam Stericker and runs a fleet of Platform Basket spider lifts, topped by a 22 metre 22.10. Stericker will remain with the business, joining Lifterz as divisional manager of the Spider Division. At the same time Lifterz is relocating its existing spider lift business from Sutton-in-Ashfield to Haydock, where it will have a dedicated engineering and hire control function.

Fassi ships big light crane

Italian crane manufacturer Fassi has started shipping the new 160 tonne/metre



F2150RAL loader crane designed for a four axle chassis that was announced and displayed at Bauma. The new F2150RAL makes extensive use of high strength Strenx 900 and ultra-high strength Strenx 1100 steels. Maximum lift height is 41.3 metres when equipped with a jib. It is considerably lighter than its predecessor yet offers better performance, thanks to the use of the Strenx steel.

Ritchie takes Iron Planet

Canadian international auctioneer Ritchie Bros has acquired on-line competitor Iron Planet from owners KPBC, Accel Partners, Caterpillar and Volvo for \$740 million in cash and the assumption of unvested equity interests, taking the expected price to \$785.5 million.





The Rough Terrain production line at Terex Waverly

Terex Cranes to close Waverly

Terex Cranes has closed its production facility in Waverly, Iowa and is transferring production to the Terex plant in Oklahoma.

The move will see around 175 employees in Waverly lose their jobs as the plant winds up its operations. Waverly produces Rough Terrain cranes, truck cranes and boom trucks largely for the US market.

The plant in Oklahoma already builds Terex HC Series crawler cranes and will now add Rough Terrains from 27 to 118 tonnes, 11 boom truck models with capacities up to 72.5 tonnes and four truck cranes ranging from 36 to 76.2 tonnes.

New tree removal guide



safe work australia

Safe Work Australia has published guide to tree trimming and removal entitled 'Managing risks of tree removal'.

The 44 page guide principally concentrates on safe working practices, with a substantial section on the use of aerial work platforms for tree work, recommending the use of a boom trailer, truck or self-propelled lift above all other forms of access. The guide can be downloaded free of charge from www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/guide-to-managing-risks-tree-trimming-removal

MBO at MTS Nationwide



UK sales and rental company MTS Nationwide - the Bobcat dealer for Northern England and Scotland - has been acquired via a management buy-out. MTS operates from four locations, with 50 employees and revenues of £7.2 million. The company will now be led by Iain and Sarah Black and Matthew Watson. Current managing director, Peter Watson - who has been with the business for 22 years - becomes chairman.

Second generation spider

Italian spider lift manufacturer Palazzani has introduced a new 48 metre Ragno XTJ 48.1. Replacing the XTJ 48, the new lift offers 19.3 metres of outreach and a maximum platform capacity of 330kg.

As with the older model, the XTJ48.1 is available on both tracks and wheels. New features include COS (Clever Outreach System), ACD (Advanced Control Diagnostics) with colour touch screen monitor and EPC (Electric Power Controller) to optimise the balance between function speeds and power required. The first unit has been sold in Hong Kong.



The new 48m Palazzani Ragno XTJ48.1

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HSS reported half-year revenues of £166.2 million, 13.5 percent up on last year, while cutting its pre-tax loss from £14.1 million to £9.8 million.



2015 revenues at **JCB** slipped seven percent to £2.34 billion following a six percent drop the previous year, unit shipments were also substantially lower.

United Rentals posted flat first-half revenues of \$2.73 billion. Rental rates fell 2.6 percent but equipment out on rent increased 2.8 percent. Pre-tax profits increased 10 percent to \$364 million.



Hiab boosted first half-year revenues 18 percent to €529 million, order intake grew eight percent to €514 million. Operating profits were 66 percent higher at €74.2 million.

Lavendon first half revenues were £134.2 million, 13 percent up on last year. Growth continued in all markets apart from Germany, and was boosted by the fall in Sterling at the end of June. Pre-tax profits fell 8.5 percent, without restructuring costs, pre-tax profits improved 10 percent to £15.9 million.



First quarter revenues at Singapore-based **Tat Hong** fell 16 percent to \$116.7 million, creating a pre-tax loss of \$3.8 million, compared to a profit last year of \$5.6 million.

First half revenues at **Herc** - previously Hertz - were 9.5 percent lower at \$746 million, with a pre-tax loss of \$4.2 million, thanks to higher interest charges and costs.

Skyjack first half revenues fell one percent to \$493.7 million, while operating profits slipped 18 percent to \$80.8 million. The second quarter was more positive thanks to strong telehandler sales.



Manitowoc has reported a slim rise in first-half revenues to \$885.1 million, while last year's pre-tax loss of \$41 million increased to \$86.2 million due to \$13.2

million of restructuring costs and a \$73 million loss on the early retirement of debt, partially offset by lower interest costs.

First half revenues at **Wacker Neuson** fell one percent to €697.8 million, while pre-tax profits plummeted 24 percent to €47.4 million, while the second quarter improved marginally.



The access rental division of Brazil's **Mills** saw first-half revenues drop 15 percent to R130.8 million (\$41.3 million) while operating profit dropped 85 percent to R4.8 million (\$1.5 million).

First-half revenues for **Manitex** were \$198.6 million, down 1.5 percent, while last year's pre-tax profit of \$572,000 was converted into a loss this year of \$583,000 due mostly to restructuring costs in the second quarter.



Cramo half-year revenues increased 8.5 percent to €334.5 million, generating a 76 percent jump in pre-tax profits to €31.5 million. Capital expenditure totalled €95.4 million.



Ramirent has reported first half revenues of €315.4 million, up 5.1 percent. But pre-tax profits fell 13.4 percent to €14.2 million. Capital expenditure was up 55 percent to €110.5 million.

First quarter revenues at **Tadano** were 7.1 percent lower at ¥41.99 billion (\$414 million) while operating profits plunged 15.2 percent to ¥5.79 billion (\$57 million) translating to a net profit of ¥4 billion (\$39.4 million).



Revenues at Australia's **Coates Hire** fell five percent to \$873 million, while EBIT dropped seven percent to \$97.3 million as the company closed 14 branches and laid off more than 200 staff.

First-half revenues at **Genie** were 7.6 percent lower at \$1.14 billion, while operating profits were 26 percent lower at \$220.6 million. The order book/backlog at the end of June was 22 percent lower at \$342 million.



Revenues at **Terex Cranes** for the first six months were almost 15 percent lower at \$665 million resulting in a loss of \$29.4 million, compared to an operating profit this time last year of \$23.7 million.

US-based **H&E Equipment** posted first half revenues of \$489.1 million marginally lower than last year due to lower sales of new equipment. Pre-tax profits dropped 25 percent to \$22.2 million.

Nine month revenues at **JLG** were 15 percent lower at \$2.23 billion, while operating profits were \$218.2 million, almost 38 percent lower than last year.



Palfinger first half sales were €665.6 million, 10 percent up on last year. Pre-tax profits improved 21 percent to \$58.8 million.

US rental company **Neff** boosted first half revenues six percent to \$189.2 million, Pre-tax profits dropped 45 percent due mostly to tax credits last year and a charge this year for a \$6.5 million loss on an interest rate swap in the second quarter.



Manitou has re-purchased 2.8 percent of its equity held by **Toyota** for almost €15 million.

US-based crawler crane specialist **Essex Cranes** is expected to be sold off and separated from its sister company **Coast Crane** by the end of this month.



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New tower crane rescue system

Swedish articulated tower crane manufacturer Artic Crane and UK crane rental company City Lifting have developed and launched a new rescue system for tower crane operators - the iRaptor DRS (Driver Rescue System).

The new Davit arm-type system solves the problem of getting the crane operator down to the ground in the case of a heart problem or any other debilitating illness when in the cab. Further details are covered in the Safety article on page 43.

The AL.SK190 lifts a 600 tonne vacuum tower over a 20 metre high pipe rack



Turkish giant

The 4,300 tonne ALE AL.SK190 heavy lift crane has performed its first lift in Turkey at a petrochemical plant in Aliaga, Izmir province.

The crane - with a load moment of 190,000 tonnes, a boom length of 141 metres and a working footprint of 35 by 55 metres - worked with Turkish heavy crane lifting company Izmir Vinc on two lifts positioning a 600 tonne vacuum tower and an 80 metre tall, 800 tonne crude column. Both items were lifted at a radius of 96.13 metres.

New Ruthmanns

Ruthmann says that it will launch two all-new 3.5 tonne truck mounted lifts later this year, but is being typically coy on their working heights. We do know that both will be over 20 metres, one of them a TB straight telescopic with five section boom - probably between 25 and 28 metres and the other a slightly lower TBR telescopic with jib.



A computer generated picture of the new Ruthmann TB

The company has also announced that its two new 'Highflex' models - the T 650 HF and T 750 HF - will make their first appearance later this year. The 65 metre T650 HF will have 43 metres of outreach while the 75 metre T750 HF will offer 41 metres.

Mateco takes Rohrmoser

German rental company Mateco has acquired Munich-based access rental company Rohrmoser Arbeitsbühnen from the Rohrmoser family. Mateco was itself acquired by TVH in 2012 and currently runs a fleet of around 7,000 aerial lifts in Germany. The fleet and business will be incorporated into Mateco.

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- Heavy lift specialist **ALE** has appointed **Paul Karlsen** as commercial manager Scandinavia.
- Outtriggerpads** has launched an interlocking version of its Multi Mat system.
- UK's **Prolift Access** has taken delivery of eight **Niftylift** boom lifts topped by an HR28.
- Tat Hong** has promoted **Chen Wei Ng** to its board of directors.
- Tadano** has appointed **Scott-Macon Equipment** as a full line distributor for Texas and Oklahoma.
- Uruguay's **Somasol** has purchased the first **Terex** Quaymate M50 in South America.
- Norway's **Drammen Lifttleie** has purchased three new **Moog** underbridge platforms.
- Ingo Schiller** has joined **Tadano America** as executive vice president.
- Russia's **Topkran** has taken delivery of four new crawler cranes from **Liebherr**.
- Berteit Arbeitsbühnen** has ordered a new 70m **Bronto** S70XR, the first in Germany.
- Kalmar** has appointed **Peter McLean** as head of Asia-Pacific region, succeeding **Ken Loh**.
- Highway Hire** of the UK has ordered seven **Versalift** ETM36-F van mounted lifts.
- UK rental company **Advanced Access** has purchased its first spider lifts - **Hinowa** Lightlift 17:75s - and opened a 'Same Day Solution' depot in South London.
- Germany's **Gardemann** has taken delivery of 16 **Faymonville** Multimax Plus trailers.
- Germany's **Schares** has taken delivery of a 30m **Merlo** 40.30 MCSS telehandler.
- Riwal** has appointed **Glenn Pearson** as country manager for the UK.
- Magna Tyres** has appointed **City 1st** as its UK distributor.
- Terex** has delivered a Model 5 mobile harbour crane to the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- UK rental company **PAS** has taken delivery of two 76ft **PB** S225-24DS scissor lifts.
- Aku Rumpunen** has taken over as interim CFO of **Cramo** after **Martti Ala-Härkönen** left for **Caverion**.
- UK rental company **Lifterz** has taken delivery of a 67ft **PB** 225-24DS 4x4 scissor lift.
- Germany's **MSG Krandienst** has taken delivery a **Demag** AC700-9 and an AC500-8.
- Canada's **DCH Crane** has taken delivery of a 250t **Grove** GMK5250L.
- UK rental company **Elavation** has added six **Snorkel** TM12s to its fleet.
- UK rental company **Star Platforms** has promoted **Ian Mitchell** to operations director.
- Shetland's **Peterson** has taken delivery of two **Tadano** All Terrain cranes.
- The **CITB** has purchased a **Kobelco** CKE900G crane for its National Construction College.
- Sweden's **Kranexpressen** has taken delivery of a second **Spierings** SK599-AT5.
- Germany's **Mateco** has taken delivery of six **Helix** 1205 mast booms from **Hematec**.
- Germany's **Beyer** has taken delivery of eight **Ruthmann** TB 220.2 truck mounted lifts.
- Cramo** has appointed **Peter Bäckström** as MD Sweden/Denmark replacing **Göran Carlsson**.
- UK-based **McGovern Crane Hire** has added a 13t **Kato** CR-130Ri city crane to its fleet.



Paul Karlsen



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Peter Bäckström

- Hiab** has appointed **Jan-Erik Lindfors** as vice president new business solutions.
- Indonesia's **Dika Konstruksi** has taken delivery of a **Socage** 32DJ truck mounted lift.
- Babcock Equipment** of South Africa has added **Sennebogen** cranes and handlers to its range.
- UK-based **Fast Plant** has added more **Hinowa** lithium spider lifts to its rental fleet.
- Wagenborg** has taken delivery of a **Spierings** SK597-AT4 tower crane.
- Hewden** has purchased £500,000 of **MultiTrack** mats from **Ground-Guards**.
- The UK's **NASC** has re-joined the **Access Industry Forum** (AIF).
- IPAF** has appointed **Dave Roddy** of **Genie** UK as its UK market manager.
- UK-based **IPS** has launched the 'Tool Bin' for storing tools and hardware on a platform.
- UK rental company **Anglia Access Platforms** has taken delivery of a **Snorkel** A46JRT boom lift.
- Clements Plant & Tool Hire** is changing its name to **Clements Plant & Access Hire**.
- Modulift** has appointed **Equipment Corps** as its first distributor in Canada.
- United Crane and Rigging** of the US has taken delivery of a 350t **Liebherr** LTM 1350-6.1.
- Genie** has appointed **Adam Rimmer** as vice president, commercial strategy & operations.
- Cela** has delivered a 28m DT28 truck mounted lifts for Indonesia's **Angkasa Pura 1**.
- Raimondi tower cranes** has appointed **Bennetts Cranes** as its UK dealer.
- Germany's **Gerken** has added 287 **Haulotte** boom and scissor lifts to its fleet.
- Safeworks** has appointed **Vishnu Irigreddy** as vice president global engineering.
- Liebherr** has delivered the 1,000th LTM 1130-5.1 to Austria's **Alfred Trepka**.
- Kuwait's **Arabi Eneritech** has taken delivery of 13 **Grove** All Terrain cranes.
- IPS** has launched a fleet of mobile parts stores.
- Algeria's **Sapta** has taken delivery of four **Sennebogen** crawler cranes.
- UK-based **MSM Hire** has added a **Haulotte** HTL 3210 telehandler to its fleet.
- Almac** has appointed **Access Platform Sales** as its distributor for Ireland.
- Flemming Jakobsen** has celebrated 25 years with **Ommelift**.
- Alimak** has reported lower first half revenues, but higher profits.
- Link-Belt Cranes** has appointed **Doc Bailey Cranes & Equipment** as distributor for Hawaii.
- Snorkel** has appointed **Armak Machinery** as its Turkish distributor.
- UK's **John Sutch Cranes** has taken delivery of a 35t **Kato** CR-350Ri city crane.
- Acme Lift** has appointed **Scott Hoglander** as senior vice president Great Lakes operations.
- Egypt's **Orascom Construction** has added 24 **Grove** RT cranes to its fleet.
- Ireland's **Dromad Hire** has taken delivery of two **Snorkel** A38E boom lifts.
- Netherlands' **Collé Rental & Sales** has purchased 25 **Easy Lift** spider lifts.
- UK's **McGovern Contract Lifting & Crane Hire** has purchased a **Liebherr** LTM 1040-2.1.



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- Cargotec** has appointed **Anna Romberg** as vice president ethics and compliance.
- Russia's **Wilo Rus** has taken delivery of a 23m **Palazzani** TSJ 23.1 Eco spider lift.
- Australia's **Coates Hire** has promoted CFO **Jeff Fraser** to CEO, following **Michael Byrne**'s sudden departure.
- Taiwan's **Chi Deh** has added two **Liebherr** LTM 1300-6.2 to its fleet.
- UK rental company **Marsh Plant** has taken delivery of the last **Grove** GMK 3055 All Terrain crane.
- USA-based **Certified Crane and Rigging** has taken delivery of a 350t **Liebherr** LTM 1350-6.1.
- WernerGo** has launched a new range of **BoSS** Zone:1 fibreglass towers.
- Australia's **Boom Logistics** has appointed **Max Findlay** as non-executive director and chairman elect.
- UK rental company **Macsalvors** has taken delivery of a **Tadano** ATF50G All Terrain crane.
- JLG** has doubled service intervals for **JLG/SkyTrak** telehandlers with **Cummins** QSF3.8 engines.
- CTE** has formed a joint venture with **Rosenbauer International** for firefighting and rescue platforms.
- Singapore-based **Palfinger Asia Pacific** has celebrated its 10th anniversary.
- Argentinian rental company **Gruas Londres** has taken delivery of a 200t **Liebherr** LTM 1200-5.1.
- Link-Belt Cranes** has appointed **Doggett Crane Services** as distributor for Louisiana.
- Germany's **Schmidbauer** has added three **Unic** spider cranes to its fleet.
- Manitou North America** has appointed **Briggs Equipment** as a telehandler dealer.
- Rothleher** has sold 20 **Haulotte** Star 6 to **Baumarkt** in Czech Republic.
- Roll-Lift** has appointed **Miguel Flórez de la Colina** representative for Spain, Portugal and France.
- Holland's **Peinemann** has taken delivery of a 14m **Isoli** PT140.
- Hugg & Hall Equipment** of Arkansas has acquired **RPM Services & Rentals** of Louisiana.
- South Africa's **Goscor Access Rentals** has placed a large order with **Genie** for booms and scissors.
- Ruthmann** has promoted **Nico Krekeler** to director.
- France's **Loxam** has joined **IPAF**.
- Grúas Romani** has taken delivery of a new 54m **Ruthmann** T540 truck mounted lift.
- UK-based **Cannon Access** has taken delivery of an **Airo** A15JRTD boom and **XS8E** scissor.
- Danfoss** is to acquire US hydraulic motor manufacturer **White**.
- Alimak** has appointed **Per Ekstedt** as chief financial officer.
- MEC** has appointed **Pat Witte** as vice president business development.
- Bryn Thomas Cranes** has opened a new facility in Manchester, England.
- Fassi** has gained a majority holding in Swedish manufacturing group **Cranab**.
- Severfield** has appointed **Phillipa Recchia** as group health safety and environmental director.
- Platform Sales and Hire** has purchased two new 60ft **JLG** M600JP boom lifts.
- Rayco Wylie Systems** has appointed **Joel Francis** as US sales manager.



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