



Liebherr ship to shore and rubber tyre gantry cranes.

Crane companies accused of paying bribes

South African investigative news outlet Daily Maverick/Amabhungane & Scorpio has accused China's Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries and Liebherr of paying bribes or kickbacks to the influential Indian born Gupta family in South Africa in order to win port crane contracts from state owned Transnet.

The claim cites numerous transactions from the two companies to various consultants and intermediaries and then ongoing transactions from those companies to the Gupta family, supposedly to secure the relevant tenders. In the case of Shanghai Zhenhua it was for seven tandem lift ship to shore cranes for the container terminal at Durban harbour in a deal worth \$92 million in 2011. Reports say it paid \$4.2 million in kickbacks, 19 percent of which was skimmed off by intermediaries.

The Liebherr deal was for four 65 tonne ship to shore cranes and 18 rubber tyred gantry cranes sold by Liebherr Africa with the support of Liebherr Killarney, Ireland. This was not the first order from Transnet which already operated nine Liebherr cranes. The news outlet claims that Liebherr paid R55 million (\$4.25 million) through various intermediaries, one of which was a 2015 down-payment on a feasibility study to a subsidiary of advisory firm Regiments Capital.

Transnet said it is conducting its own internal enquiry and Shanghai Zhenhua has so far declined to comment. Liebherr however was quick to confirm that any such payments are totally contrary to its ethics and principles and denies any relationship with the Guptas. It has also issued a statement confirming that it has launched a full investigation into the claims and hopes to be able to update on its findings shortly.

All change at Tadano Faun

Tadano has announced the departure of Tadano Faun chief executive Alexander Knecht and general manager sales & marketing Thomas Schramm.

Knecht's duties have been taken over by Kenichi Sawada, 51, who was previously a senior executive of the parent company responsible for after-sales service, used cranes and information/communication technology. Knecht joined Tadano from Terex in 2009 where he was managing director and chairman of Terex Demag. He will continue in an advisory role until the end of the year.

Other changes include Rolf Sonntag, 51, taking over sales & marketing, order processing and HR. A director of the German company since 2007, he will also take over management of Tadano UK and Tadano France. Ulrich Zschenderlein, 48, is promoted to director of operations, Hiroaki Sakai, 48, takes over responsibility for quality management and Yuji Muneno, 48, will continue as director of research and development alongside his role as general manager for Sustainable Value Engineering in Japan.



Alexander Knecht (L) hands over the business to new chief executive Kenichi Sawada

The new board of directors at Tadano Faun (L-R) Hiroaki Sakai, Ulrich Zschenderlein, Kenichi Sawada, Rolf Sonntag and Yuji Muneno



John Deere and Wacker Neuson form strategic alliance

John Deere and the Kramer division of Wacker Neuson have formed a strategic alliance on the distribution of Wacker Neuson/Kramer telehandlers to the agricultural market.

The deal also includes Kramer telescopic and all-wheel-steer wheel loaders. The companies say that the aim of the agreement is to build a long-term collaboration. John Deere does not produce telehandlers or specialist wheel loaders and will therefore recommend Kramer to its dealers as its preferred supplier of this type of equipment. The collaboration will initially focus on Europe, expanding later to the CIS countries, North Africa and the Middle East. John Deere will also purchase a number of shares in the Kramer-Werke business, the size of this stake has not yet been disclosed. Wacker Neuson's current agreement to supply Claas branded telehandlers for the agricultural market comes to an end next year as Claas switches its OEM supply agreement to Liebherr.



A Kramer KT276 telehandler

German optimism at Terex Cranes

Terex Cranes has reached a positive agreement with the Works Council and union IG Metal regarding its German production facilities as order intake improves. When the company announced substantial restructuring plans in December it anticipated between 300 and 500 job losses in the Zweibrücken area as the Bierbach plant was closed and Dinglerstraße-Zweibrücken offices transferred to Wallerscheid. However the situation now looks a great deal more optimistic.

The Bierbach facility has been sold to Trier-based Steil Kranarbeiten with part of it to be rented back for test and inspection work with current employees remaining on site. A further 150 employees involved with steel fabrication, along with the repair and spare parts centre, will gradually transfer to Zweibrücken over the next 18 months with the balance being offered places by the site's new owners.

Terex has also agreed a 'future proof' deal that promises no redundancies due to internal restructuring before 2021 and a guarantee of no job losses at all before 2019 regardless of order intake. In exchange the Works Council and union have agreed a flexibility plan that adjusts hours and staffing to demand. The company will also invest €25 million in the plant and train at least 32 new staff each year.



Terex cranes operation in Bierbach

Fatal tower crane overturn in UK

A luffing jib tower crane with free standing counterweighted base being erected by Falcon Tower Crane Services overturned in Crewe, UK last month injuring the crane operator David Webb and killing two tower crane erectors - David Newall 36, and Rhys Barker 18 - who were trapped under the collapsed tower.

Details of what caused the overturn on the site of a new care home have not been released, while the investigation being carried out by the HSE and police continues. As the tower crane collapsed its jib landed on a house adjacent to the site and across a John Sutch Crane Hire All Terrain crane used in the erection but not carrying out any lifts at the time the tower began to lean.

A full incident report along with a statement from Falcon Tower Cranes can be found online at <http://www.vertikal.net/en/news/story/28333/>



AFI acquires Kimberly Access

UK-based rental group AFI has acquired the assets and ongoing business of Kimberly Access. The deal includes 1,662 aerial platforms and six locations with most of the 85 employees expected to join AFI and remain with the business.

Kimberly reported revenues of £13.2 million last year, with a pre-tax loss of just over £1 million. The deal was prompted by the desire for controlling shareholder, private equity firm LDC - part of Lloyds Bank - looking to exit the business after 10 years as an investor. The Kimberly Access company will remain as a non-trading business with at least two of the main directors remaining in post. It will also retain sufficient assets to cover any financial or legal claims that may arise.

The Kimberly machines will take the total AFI fleet to around 7,000 units with revenues approaching £100 million. The deal will be funded by AFI's private equity investors Rutland Partners along with an increase in the company's senior debt facility. Kimberly was founded in 1994 by Gary Smith and Peter Piekarus and acquired by LDC and Ray Ledger in 2007.



Loxam acquires Cramo Denmark

Finnish international rental company Cramo has sold its main rental business in Denmark to Loxam for around €25 million in cash.

The part of the business being sold had revenues last year of DK149 million (€20 million) with an EBITA of DK4.6 million (€600,000). The transaction includes rental equipment, inventory, customer contracts and the leases on the seven Cramo depots. The 80 employees involved with this part of the business will be offered employment with Loxam Denmark.

Cramo will retain its Danish cabin/Modular Space business which will merge with the recently acquired Just Pavillon. The deal is expected to close by the end of August.

TVH acquires Gardemann from Loxam

Belgian international parts, service and rental group TVH has acquired Lavendon's German activities from Loxam, through the purchase of the entire share capital of Lavendon Holding (Deutschland) and Gardemann Arbeitsbühnen.

The acquisition boosts TVH's position in the German market, bringing together leading powered access rental companies Gardemann and Mateco. The transaction allows Loxam to shift resources to other markets in Europe and the Middle East, it will also focus its activities in Germany on general rental.

TVH chief executive Pascal Vanhalst said: "We welcome all the experienced and motivated team members of Gardemann to participate in the creation of the largest branch network in Germany for the rental of aerial work platforms."



Klubb opens new truck mounted plant

French aerial lift manufacturer Klubb opened its new 7,000 square metre facility last month, with an open day. The plant will produce larger truck mounted lifts including the Xtenso range which is based on designs acquired in the recent Comilev assets purchase. The new plant - located on a 3.2 acre site in Croissy-Beaubourg to the east of Paris - will begin with the manufacture of three telescopic truck mounts, the 18.5 metre Xtenso 3, 21 metre Xtenso 4 and 25.5 metre Xtenso 5, all of which feature straight telescopic booms plus a two section telescopic jib with 180 degrees of articulation.

The new facility joins the existing Klubb plant in nearby Ferrières-en-Brie which opened at the start of last year and builds van and light truck mounted lifts. The company says that production there has now reached 1,000 units a year and hopes to reach 1,700 units with the addition of the new facility.

Chief executive Julien Bourrellis at the opening said: "The group has achieved 20 percent growth, thanks to the development of our export activity. The aerial platform industry is very competitive. Our family run group must therefore find innovative ways to diversify in order to continue producing in France and develop further. Our investment in the production of truck-mounted aerial platforms is a major aspect of the strategy."



The new plant will focus on new truck mounted Xtenso lifts

The new 7,000 square metre Klubb plant in Croissy-Beaubourg



New owner for TCA Lift

Danish private equity firm Generationsskifte Invest has acquired a 65 percent stake in spider lift manufacturer TCA Lift. The current owners and directors Finn Schitterlau and Thyge Mikkelsen will continue to manage the company and retain the other 35 percent of the share capital. Jens Heimburger, Enrico Krog Iversen and Robert Spliid of Generationsskifte Invest will join the TCA board. The firm is an operating division of Dansk Generationsskifte which has been involved in 'generational switches' with small to medium sized Danish companies since 2005.

Jens Heimburger - who is also the founder of Generationsskifte - said: "With a unique range of lifts up to 52 metres, TCA Lift has a strong position in the market. We have conducted customer interviews in eight countries and have confirmed that functionality and quality are the

characteristics of the company. It has also been crucial that Finn and Thyge remain with the company both as leaders and co-owners." Schitterlau added: "We have been looking for a partner who has capital and who has helped developing companies, by creating a renewed



Eva-Karin Mårtensson (L) of BeMå-lyft with Jeroen Kerckhoff of Spierings at the handover of the 900th Spierings crane in Örebro

900th Spierings delivered

Spierings has delivered its 900th self-erecting mobile tower crane to Swedish crane rental company BeMå-lyft. The compact four axle SK597-AT4 with 48 metre jib is proving highly popular, with 50 units delivered since its launch in February last year with a further 50 on order. The full jib can be luffed up to 45 degrees above horizontal for a maximum hook height of 58.1 metres with a 1,700kg capacity. Maximum capacity is seven tonnes at 14 metres radius.

Spierings was formed in 1987, by Leo Spierings and his late wife Tiny and currently offers a range of mobile tower cranes on three, four, five, six and seven axle carriers as well as a crawler model.

Eva-Karin Mårtensson, co-owner and general manager of BeMå-lyft said: "The last few years we have seen the mobile tower cranes becoming ever more popular in Sweden. This new crane will be the first mobile tower crane in the Örebro area. The fast erecting time of eight minutes together with the benefits of being a tower crane are big advantages for our customers."



A TCA Falcon spider lift at Louis Vuitton Foundation in Paris

focus on increasing growth. Although TCA has grown almost 100 percent since we took over the

company in 2011, we believe that the market is significantly larger."

Martin Gutaj, 44 - managing director of UK contractor Martinisation (London) - has been jailed for 14 months after being found guilty of corporate manslaughter following a fatal incident in Cadogan Square, London in 2014. The company has also been fined £1.2 million.

The incident involved the lifting of a large sofa weighing around 130kg through first floor french windows, as part of a £900,000 refurbishment contract. Specialist fine art delivery and logistics company JayHawk quoted Gutaj £848 to deliver and install the sofa, including the hire of a furniture hoist/crane, but he refused and told them drop it outside. Instead he assembled a team to haul the sofa up with ropes. As the sofa reached the balcony, at a height of five metres, the 130 year old cast iron balustrade gave way, causing two of the men - Tomasz Procko, 22 and Karol Symanski, 29 - to fall to the ground, where they died from their injuries. A third man was saved after he was grabbed by a colleague.

The judge said: "Company documents were 'for show' and a health and safety culture was entirely lacking. This was a shocking failure to consider the health and safety of employees and others. The word has got to get out that health and safety is not a boring technicality. Those who are wilfully blind to the risks despite warnings - as you were - have got to expect to go immediately to prison."

Martinisation received previous warnings and prohibition notices, for lack of work at height precautions and erecting a scaffold with untrained staff. Gutaj has been disqualified from being a company director for four years.



The scene in Cadogan Square on the day of the incident



Martin Gutaj

The cast iron balustrade gave way.

600 Hiabs for India

Indian truck manufacturer Tata Motors has ordered 600 Hiab loader cranes for the Indian army.

The cranes will be mounted on special Tata military trucks for the transportation and the loading of supplies, spare parts and other operational equipment. The new order follows the delivery of more than 1,450 Hiab loader cranes to the army last year and are scheduled to be delivered later this year.



A 6x6 Tata truck complete with material handling crane for the Indian Army.



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New ideas for wind turbine lifting

International Heavy lift and transport company Mammoet has launched two new wind turbine erection and service cranes, the WTM 100 and WTA 250. Both cranes use the turbine's tower as its main support, allowing them to lift and lower components to greater heights.

The WTA 250 (Wind Turbine Assembly) has a maximum capacity of 250 tonnes and was developed in cooperation with engineering company Mecal, which provided the wind turbine tower design. The crane attaches to a guide rail on the tower sections. Another crane lifts the base section into place on the foundation, to which the WTA is attached. It then lifts the second section into place and climbs the tower installing subsequent sections as it goes. When at full height it can lift and position the nacelle and blades, before climbing down the tower. Once construction has been completed, the guide rail can either be removed, or remain in place for use on future maintenance operations.

The WTM 100 (Wind Turbine Maintenance) crane has a capacity of 100 tonnes and attaches to two pre-installed hoisting eyes on the tower sections, which it uses to pull itself and the load up the turbine tower. The crane is equipped with claws that wrap around the tower to hold itself in place while lifting. The WTM 100 requires minimal modification to the tower and can be used on existing turbine towers as well as those with pre-installed lifting eyes.

Innovations director Wessel Helmes said: "Both cranes are compact - the WTM can fit into two standard containers and the WTA only needs two trailers to be delivered to site making them easy to mobilise and relocate, and much more efficient than conventional alternatives. More importantly, both cranes eliminate the height restrictions for turbines and make both assembly and replacement faster and more cost effective. Also because the cranes are attached to the tower, they have no footprint, making the need for additional ground reinforcements virtually redundant. The tower-based design also puts the crane and the operator closer to the work area, making the assembly and maintenance safer and easier. We may introduce more additions to the WT series, depending on customer input."



The Mammoet WTA 250 attaches to the base tower and installs the rest as it climbs its pre-installed track



The 100 tonne WTM 100 pulls itself up on pre-installed lift rings and then clamps to the tower before lifting.

500 new machines for AFI

AFI has ordered 500 new platforms worth £7 million for its AFI-Uplift fleet, with new truck mounted and spider lifts for the Wilson Access fleet.

The order includes a range of scissor and boom lifts from Skyjack, JLG, Genie, Haulotte and Manitou ranging from the 10 metre Haulotte Star 10 mast boom, through to the 180ft Genie SX-180, one of 10 large booms including four 63ft Niftylift HR21s, three 98ft Haulotte HA32PX articulated booms and three 150ft JLG 1500SJ telescopics. Truck mounts include two 30 metre P300s and a 48 metre P480, while the spider lifts include two of the new Hinowa 17.75 Lightlifts.



The new Hinowa 17.75 Lightlift.

Co.M.eT adds two truck mounts

Italian aerial lift manufacturer Co.M.eT has unveiled two new articulated truck mounted platforms, the 18 metre 18-7.5 and the 21 metre 21-8.5. Both models feature dual sigma-type risers and a two section telescopic boom, with simple full pressure hydraulic controls, 'H' type beam and jack outriggers front and rear, dynamic load and work envelope monitoring providing a maximum platform capacity of 250kg at about six metres outreach and 100kg at full outreach, which is 7.5 metres on the 18-7.5 and 8.5 metres on the 21-8.5. Chassis options include Iveco, Nissan or Renault.



Co.M.eT 21-8.5 truck mounted platform.

334 Genies for Rapid

Rapid Access - Lavendon's Middle East operation now part of Loxam - has taken delivery of the first of 334 new Genie booms and scissor lifts.

The new machines include the 180ft SX-180, 150ft SX-150, 135ft SX-135 XC and 125ft SX-125 XC telescopics, while the articulated booms are topped by the 135ft ZX-135/70 on the new, more compact X chassis. The first units have already arrived in Qatar and Kuwait.



The first of 334 Genie platforms for Rapid Access arrive in Qatar

Crane World adds more luffers

Singapore-based tower crane sales and rental specialist Crane World Asia has added 13 Terex CTL 260-18 luffing jib tower cranes to its fleet. The CTL 260-18 has a maximum capacity of 18 tonnes at 18.7 metres, and can handle 3.1 tonnes at its maximum 55 metre jib tip. Earlier this year the company ordered 17, CTL 260-18 and a CTL 650F-45 taking the number of new luffers purchased in the past two years to 60 units.

Crane World director Roger Poon said: "The CTL 260-18 is the most popular model we sell or rent. It is widely used in South Korea and in other countries we serve including Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong."



The Terex CTL 260-18

(L-R) James Poon and June Koh of Crane World Asia, Nabil Al Zahlawi of NFT, Roger Poon of Crane World, Zac Tan, Marco Gentilini and Nicola Castenetto of Terex Cranes and Kenny Phoon of Crane World Asia



New ground protection mat



UK-based Outriggerpads has launched a new heavy-duty ground protection mat manufactured from high density polyethylene.

A standard steel connector joins the mats together to form a temporary roadway, while a four-way link bar is also available for creating a larger surface area. Two sizes are available - 1.8 metre x 900mm, designed to accommodate small to medium size aerial lifts and mini cranes, and weighing 24kg, and 2.88 x 1.44 metres which are suitable for large platforms, telehandlers and cranes weighing up to 65 tonnes. Weighing 65kg they feature six handles, for easier placement.



The new ground mats

PB delivers new scissor model

German aerial lift manufacturer PB has delivered the first two units of a new model - the 36ft S128-19E HT heavy duty battery electric scissor lift with 900kg platform capacity - to German rental company Mayer Hubarbeitsbühnen of Aalen, Baden-Wuerttemberg.

The new machines have an overall width of 1.93 metres, standard two wheel drive, non-marking rough terrain tyres and indoor/outdoor rating. Options include a front oscillating axle and four wheel drive.

The first two PB S128-19E HT scissor lifts arrive at Mayer Hubarbeitsbühnen



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H&E to acquire Neff

US-based sales and rental company H&E Equipment Services is to acquire Miami, Florida-based rental company Neff in an all-share purchase deal worth \$1.2 billion, including \$690 million of net debt.

The price of \$21.07 a share is subject to downward adjustments of up to 44 cents a share should completion of the deal be delayed beyond mid-January cause a rise in financing. The transaction is expected to close late in the third quarter. For Neff the deal is also subject to it remaining open to better offers until August. Wayzata Investment Partners which holds almost 63 percent of Neff shares has already approved the deal. The acquisition will take the number of H&E branches from 78 to 147 within H&E's existing geographical coverage and the combined fleet will total 43,749 units. The Neff fleets is more weighted towards earthmoving than H&E which is primarily aerial lifts and cranes.



JCB lifts revenues

JCB has announced that 2016 revenues were 12 percent higher at £2.62 billion. At the same time the company says that Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation jumped 34 percent to £287 million. JCB, a private company, did not mention pre-tax profits, which in 2015 were £102.7 million. On similar ratios pre-tax profits would be in the region of £178 million. These results correct several years of declines and are its highest revenues since 2013.



Strong quarter for United Rentals

US-based United Rentals has reported total revenues for the six months to the end of June were \$2.95 billion, eight percent higher than in the same period last year with pre-tax profits seven percent higher at \$390 million. In the second quarter, revenues improved 12 percent to \$1.6 billion with pre-tax profits just six percent higher at \$229 million. As a result of the upward trend United has raised full year revenue forecasts from \$6.25 to \$6.4 billion. The company has also slightly increased its planned capital expenditure from \$1.05 to \$1.15 billion.



Home Depot acquires rental partner

US DIY chain Home Depot has acquired rental partner Compact Power Equipment for \$265 million in cash. Compact Power Equipment offers a wide range of equipment including trailer lifts, scissor lifts and ultra-compact telehandlers. It has been working with Home Depot since 2008 when it opened three pilot rental centres at Home Base stores in Charlotte, North Carolina. It now has centres in 1,000 of the company's 2,281 retail stores across the USA and Canada and also maintains the equipment that Home Depot owns.



Kiloutou moves into Italy

French general rental company Kiloutou has acquired Italian rental group Cofiloc, which also includes sister company Euronol. The acquisition gives Kiloutou 10 locations in Treviso, Verona and Modena, around 90 employees and a fleet of 4,000 machines including aerial lifts, spider cranes, tower cranes and telehandlers along with a range of earthmoving equipment. Details of the transaction have not been disclosed. The founders and key managers will remain with the business and continue to run the company.



Cooper acquires Alberta Lift

Canadian rental company Cooper Equipment Rentals has acquired fellow Canadian company Alberta Lift and Equipment Rentals. Alberta Lift was established in 2012 with a focus on aerial lift and telehandler rental with a largely Skyjack fleet. It operates from two locations - Calgary and Lethbridge - covering southern Alberta. President and co-founder Justin Wharton will take up a 'senior role' at Cooper to help grow its business in Western Canada. Toronto-based Cooper is controlled by SeaFort Capital and operates from 24 locations across Canada and prior to this acquisition only operated from a single Alberta location in Edmonton.



Ashtead adds in Canada

Ashtead's US business, Sunbelt has confirmed the acquisition of Ontario, Canada-based CRS Contractors Rental Supply for C\$275 million in cash with an additional earn out of up to C\$20 million dependant on future performance. CRS runs a diverse fleet, including boom lifts, scissor lifts and telehandlers, it employs more than 400 people across 28 locations, all of them in Ontario. The acquisition - which is subject to regulatory approvals - is expected to complete in the next few weeks.



BlueLine snaps up Capital Rentals

US-based BlueLine Rentals has acquired Virginia-based Capital Rentals, details of the deal have not been released. Capital Rentals runs a wide mixed fleet including both powered and non-powered access and telehandlers. Founded in 1969, it operates from five locations in Northern Virginia covering the greater Washington DC region with branches in Beltsville, Fairfax, Manassas, Sterling and Triangle. It is also a JLG and Wacker Neuson dealer.



HSS sees progress

HSS has issued a trading update for the 13 weeks to the end of June with revenues slightly up on the same period last year, while planned cost savings are, it says, ahead of its original guidance. The company has also reduced its planned capital expenditure for the year 'due to efficiency gains translating into improved equipment availability'. It now expects to invest between £36 and £38 million - four to six million lower than originally planned.



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Longer Terex Boom Booster

Terex is extending its Boom Booster kit for its Superlift 3800/Demag CC 3800-1 crawler crane to provide a maximum system length of 183 metres, while improving some capacities by another 30 percent. The kit's new configurations and lengths result of removing lighter top boom sections and adding two more 3.5 metre wide Boom Booster sections at the base. It is available with new crane purchases or as a simple retrofit package for existing 3800 models.

Up to nine 12 metre long booster sections can now be used for a total length of 108 metres, 24 metres more than the original kit. The sections are fitted with the Demag fall protection system as standard and Superlift Split Tray and Flex Frame options are available. The Flex Frame also allows flexible setting of the Superlift counterweight radius from 13 to 21 metres with full counterweight on the tray.

The new Boom Booster kit will give capacity improvements of up to 30 percent and increase maximum system length to 183 metres.



New Fassi medium-duty cranes

Fassi has launched two new medium-duty cranes within its XE range. The F345A xe-dynamic and the F345RA xe-dynamic slot between the current F335A RA and F365A/RA e-dynamic models. Maximum load moments are 33.4 tonne/metres, with a maximum lift height of 33.4 metres. Maximum horizontal reach is 26.7 metres when the six section main boom is combined with the L214 hydraulic extension.

Designed for three axle trucks, the F345A model has 400 degrees of slew, while the F345RA features 360 degree continuous slew. Standard features include the company's FX500 control system, D850 hydraulic distributor bank, RCH/RCS radio controls and FSC-S or H stability controls.

The Fassi F345A features a rack & pinion slew column.



The Fassi F345RA has 360 degree continuous slew.

Mandatory audit for IPAF members in UK

All UK rental company members of IPAF will in future be required to submit to an annual Rental+ audit. The move follows a resolution adopted by IPAF's UK Country Council, ratified at the federation's Annual General Meeting in April.

A two year transition period will come into force this September and will apply to all new and current rental members. The existing IPAF Rental+ scheme will also be modified to include bronze, silver or gold accreditation levels. Once companies have been successfully audited, they will not only have IPAF Rental+ status, but as the scheme has now been accredited by Safety Schemes In Procurement (SSIP), will also have automatic SSIP accreditation. The audit also supports or leads to ISO9001, 14001 and 18001 certification. Current members have until September 2019 to comply.

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "This is a really positive evolution of IPAF membership and reflects our members' desire that end users should have the utmost confidence that using an IPAF member company is the best guarantee of the highest levels of safety, expertise and customer service."



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• **A-Plant CEO Sat Dhaiwal** will retire next July and be succeeded by **Richard Thomas**.



Sat Dhaiwal



Richard Thomas

• German rental company **AFI** has purchased 80 aerial lifts.

• UK rental company **Facelift** has taken 10 new 11.2m **Dingli** AMWP 11.5-8100 mast booms.

• **Snorkel** has appointed **KH Lift** as distributor for Denmark.

• The **German army** has ordered 71 **Liebherr** cranes.

• UK rental company **GTAccess** has taken a 47ft **ATN Zebra 16 STAB** boom lift with levelling jacks.

• US distributor **Empire Crane** has promoted **Karl Pitre** to branch manager Bridgewater, NJ branch.



Karl Pitre

• **2 Cousins** has taken the first **JCB** aerial lift to be delivered worldwide - a 19ft **S1930e** slab scissor lift.

• **Briggs Equipment** has purchased 10 **JCB** slab electric scissor lifts for the UK.

• The **Bylor** joint venture has ordered four **Kobelco** crawler cranes.

• Australian rental company **Want Access** has taken a 69ft **Haulotte** HT23RTJ boom lift.

• UK access industry veteran **Gary Smith** passed away following a short illness at the age of 62.



Gary Smith

• German crane rental company **Breithaupt & Philipp** has taken a 250t **Liebherr** LTM 1250-5.1.

• **Isoli** has renewed its partnership with Iran's **Aseman Machine Asia** and appointed **Hiab South Africa** as a dealer.

• UK rental company **JK Ashbrook** has ordered eight **Genie** GTH-2506 telehandlers.

• UK-based **Media Access Solutions** has taken 12 **Niftylifts**.

• **PASMA** has appointed **Daniel Ng** as its representative for Southeast Asia.



Daniel Ng

• German rental company **HVS Hubarbeitsbühnen** has taken five **Snorkel** scissor lifts.

• UK rental company **JMS Plant Hire** has taken 12 **Niftylift** hybrid booms.

• UK rental company **Gearing Plant Hire** has taken a 13t **Kato** CR-130Ri City All Terrain crane.

• **Deutz** has acquired its Spanish dealer **Talleres Soler**.

• **Niftylift** issued a mandatory safety check and retrofit for HR12 4X4 boom lifts.

• Spain's **Noatum Terminal Castellon** has taken delivery of a 125t **G HMK 6507 B**.

• UK rental company **Warren Access** has achieved **IPAF** Rental + accreditation.

• The Ivory Coast division of **Sea-Invest - Petro Sea Logistics** - has taken a 180t **Grove**.

• **Dingli Australia** is trying to locate 20 scissor lifts that need updating.

• Crane rental company **A-Lyft** has taken Sweden's first **Liebherr** MK 140 mobile self-erecting tower crane.

• French contractor **Cardinal Edifice** has taken six new **Raimondi** tower cranes.

• **Shanghai Longcheng** has ordered 50 **Hiab** 111B-2CLX loader cranes.

• UK rental company **Fletcher Access** has taken a 42m **Ommelift** 4200 RBDJ spider lift.



Sam Ray Anthony

• **Sam Anthony** CEO of **Anthony Crane** passed away after a short illness he was 58.

• Access industry veteran **Brian Wiggins** has died following a long illness.



Brian Wiggins

• UK rental company **Star Platforms** has ordered 100 platforms from **Power Towers**.

• **Ruthmann** has appointed **Vertitek** in Chile and **Lumus** in Columbia as **Bluelift** spider lift dealers.

• US rental company **Central Mass Crane Service** has taken a 100t **Tadano** ATF 100G-4 All Terrain crane.

• Netherlands-based **Hovago Cranes** has added to its management team.

• **JLG** has appointed **Rumailah Motors** as a dealer in Qatar.

• US-based **Maxim Crane Works** is to build a \$4.7 million office complex.

• Scotland's **Horizon Reinforcing & Crane Hire** has taken a 40t **Terex** AC 40/2L.

• **JLG** has appointed **Jacques Valckenaere** as telematics manager Europe, Middle East and Africa.



Jacques Valckenaere

• UK-based **Media Access Solutions** has purchased three **Airo** electric scissor lifts.

• A crane operators' strike brought sites in Dublin, Ireland to a standstill.

• **Genie** has appointed **Al Mahroos** as an authorised service provider.

• New York-based **Lifting Solutions** has taken two large **Effer** cranes.

• **Denka Lift** has upgraded its DK18 trailer lift to include automatic self levelling.

• Russia's **Vertex** has delivered a 25m **Palazzani** TZX250/C spider lift to **Nazarbayev University**, Kazakhstan.

• **TVH Americas** has promoted **Jeremy McEver** to international sales manager.



Jeremy McEver

• Germany's **Schares** has ordered 44 new aerial lifts and telehandlers.

• Germany's **Merkel Autokrane** has taken a 150t **Grove** GMK 5150L All Terrain crane.

• **Terex** has launched the six axle 300t single engine **Demag** AC 300-6.

• **Magna Tyres** has appointed **Mukhtar Barrie** as sales manager for the Francophone West Africa.

• **Sunbelt Rentals** has acquired **Van's Equipment** of Denver, Colorado.

• Crane veteran and ex-**Hewden** depot manger **Syd Cooper** has died.



Syd Cooper

• UK rental company **Elavation** has taken one of the first **Hinowa** Lightlift 15.70 Lithium.

• **Brand Energy & Infrastructure** and scaffolding, access services group **Safway** have merged.

• Polish manufacturer **BVT** has appointed **Amados Markkinointi** as distributor for Finland.

• UK-based **Eastern Crane Hire** has taken its first **Liebherr** crane.

• **CraneWorks** has taken one of the first 220t **Demag** AC 220-5 in the USA.

• UK rental company **City Lifting** has taken a new 20t **Kato** CR-200Ri City crane.

• **Mark Sichi** of **Xtreme Manufacturing** died suddenly he was 61.



Mark Sichi

• Danish rental company **BMS** has taken a second **BG Lift** CWE 525 spider crane.

• Japanese trading company **FutureBud International** has ordered 40 **Hiab** loader cranes.

• Crane veteran **Bill Murray** has died following a long illness, a memorial event will be held in Uxbridge on September 2nd.



Bill Murray

• **Tadano** America will continue with **Coast Crane** as distributor under **Maxim Crane** ownership.

• UK-based **Rapid Platforms** is investing £1 million in new equipment and recruiting.

• **Adrian Bolton**, global product manager at **Alimak Hek** died in a road accident.



Adrian Bolton

• **Haydn Steele**, the safety, training and technical manager of the **CPA** in the UK has retired.

• **Kalmar** has launched new, lower cost heavy-duty forklifts - the **Essential Range**.

• Switzerland's **Emil Egger** has taken a 1,000t **Liebherr** LR 11000 crawler crane.

• **Kranlyft** has clarified **Kato** cranes spare parts policy in the UK.

• **Stephan Kulawik** has joined **Kiloutou Germany** as CEO, following two years with **BMS**.



Stephan Kulawik

• **Straightpoint** has appointed **Euro-Lift** as distributor in Russia.

• **Michelin Solutions** has appointed **Albrecht von Leonhardi** commercial director Germany, Austria, Switzerland.

• The UK's **Access Link** approved two new members.

• **Orascom Trading** has supplied two **Genie** ZX-135/70 for the world's most efficient power plant.

• Italian manufacturer **Cela** has confirmed **Mewps Scotland** as its UK distributor.

• The crane fleet of Italy's **Gruppo Effe** has been auctioned following its failure.

• UK based **P.E.T. Hire** has taken 11 **Snorkel** scissor lifts.



Martin Lehnerm

• **Wacker Neuson** has appointed **Martin Lehnerm** as CEO after the departure of **Cem Peksaglam**.

• **Cramo Denmark** is acquiring cabin company **Just Pavillon** and selling the rest of its business to **Loxam**.

• UK-based **Blade Access** taken a 21m **CTE** Zed 21.2JHV S3 truck mount.

• **Crane Sales & Service** has been appointed **PM** crane dealer for Nebraska, the Dakotas and Iowa.

• Italian manufacturer **Isoli** has agreed a mounting partnership with India's **Vanjax Sales**.

• India's **NCC** has taken the first **Liebherr** LTR 1220 crawler crane in India.

• **Jassim Transport & Stevedoring** of Kuwait has ordered five **Demag** All Terrain cranes.

• UK-based **King Lifting** has taken its third 500t **Liebherr** LTM 1500-8.1 All Terrain crane.

• **Versalift** and **Mercedes-Benz Unimog** have developed a new 15m platform.

• Germany's **Gerken** has taken 30 **Snorkel** A38E articulated boom lifts.

• **William (Willy) O'Brien** senior has died following a short illness. He was 89.



William O'Brien snr

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