

Mammoet to acquire ALE?



Dutch international heavy lift group Mammoet is in advanced discussions regarding the acquisition of UK based heavy lift specialist ALE. A joint statement recently issued by the two companies said: "Today, Mammoet Holding B.V. and ALE Heavy lift have announced that the two companies are currently negotiating a purchase agreement, under which Mammoet would acquire the British heavy lift and transport specialist."

"Should these discussions result in a signed agreement, the companies will seek approval from the relevant competition authorities. In the meantime, the companies will continue to act independently of each other, as competitors. At this point, Mammoet and ALE wish to refrain from publishing more details about their acquisition talks."

26ft Micro scissor from MEC

MEC Aerial Work Platforms has extended its Micro scissor lift range with launch of the new Micro 26 slab electric scissor lift. The new machine has an overall length of 1.88 metres with ladder installed - 1.73 metres with it removed - making it 600mm or more shorter than most 26ft scissor lifts.

Maximum working height is 9.5 metres with 227kg maximum platform capacity, overall width is 810mm while the 914mm platform extension creates a deck length of almost 2.6 metres long when extended. Overall weight is 1,900kg and the unit is rated for indoor use only.

As with the smaller Micro models, drive is direct electric for long battery life between recharges and fewer hoses reducing the chance of leaks. The company's new Leak Containment System is also available as an option.



The new MEC Micro 26

Europe's first 43 metre Platform Basket spiders

Italian aerial lift manufacturer Platform Basket has delivered its first two 43 metre Spider 43T spider lifts in Europe - one to French rental company ATM Leverage and the other to Italian rental company MP Magione Piattaforme.

Launched at Bauma, the Spider 43T provides an outreach of 17.3 metres with an unrestricted platform capacity of 136kg, while 13.2 metres outreach is possible with the maximum capacity of 330kg.

MP Magione Piattaforme's opted for the hybrid version with lithium ion batteries.



MP Magione Piattaforme's new Spider 43T



ATM Leverage takes delivery of its new Spider 43T



The Vertron spreader beam with gyroscopic positioning

A faster/safer way to install wind turbine blades?

International heavy lift company Mammoet and international marine contractor Van Oord have agreed a partnership to develop a new lifting method for installing wind turbine blades in co-operation with Australian technical lifting and rotation management specialist Vertron.

The partners believe that by sharing knowledge and expertise they will be able to speed up the development of an improved method to shorten the installation cycle times wind turbine blades while making their installation safer for operators.

Vertron has developed a remote rotating device that uses gyroscopic modules installed in a spreader beam that allows a banksman to rotate and control a suspended load via a remote controller, rather than with tag lines. A new concept has now been developed in which this unit is integrated into a lifting yoke for installing wind turbine blades.

Van Oord engineer Wouter de Wildt said: "The system allows operators to rotate and install heavy loads without using tag lines. Not only is this safer for operators, but it also shortens the installation cycle times."

Van Oord and Mammoet have each committed to the first phase of a three phase development programme. In the first 'kick-off' stage the two will carry out a full technical and requirement assessment. Turbine supplier Vestas has agreed to be a knowledge partner in this stage of the development, providing the project partners with the technical information and expertise required for the development of the new product.

Mammoet director of market development and innovations Jacques Stooft added: "We are pleased to collaborate with other organisations in the same field so we can jointly develop new tools and equipment to help the world of renewable energy to work safer and more efficiently."

Loxam acquires 96% of Ramirent shares

The preliminary result of Loxam's Tender Offer to purchase the outstanding shares in Ramirent which expired 18th July, indicates that it has acquired 96 percent of the shares and votes in the company. This exceeds the required figure of 90 percent of shares. Loxam says that it will confirm the final results of the Tender Offer next week.



The Manitex TC600

New 54 tonne Manitex truck crane

Manitex has launched the new 54 tonne (60 US ton) TC600 boom truck crane, the latest model in the company's 'next generation' TC-series which fills the gap between the 45 tonne TC501 and 63.5 tonne TC700.

The TC600 features a 40 metre four section main boom topped by an optional extension which takes the maximum tip height to 59 metres. Standard features include the high visibility operators cab and removable counterweight system, while a new trapezoidal chassis subframe is said to improve stability.

UpRight scissor lifts are back

Aluminium scaffold tower manufacturer Instant UpRight has launched a range of small scissor lifts under the UpRight brand. The initial five product range includes the 13ft MX1330 push around scissor lift and three self-propelled micro models - the 14ft MX1430, the 19ft MX1930 and the 26ft X2632 - all of which feature direct electric wheel motor drive, a high standard specification and a high commonality of parts and components. In addition to the new scissor lifts the company has also announced the ML3330 - a 33ft single person, AWP type push around mast lift.

The new platforms are manufactured for the company by Chinese manufacturer Mantall and will be available in Europe from an inventory at a new European warehouse and distribution hub that the company has set up in Venlo, the Netherlands operated by Seacon Logistics. The facility will also stock a full range of replacement parts for the new scissors along with the company's range of tower related access products. It will also be home to a technical help desk. A further technical support team for the powered access products will be based at the company's Dublin headquarters where it has moved into a new 10,000 square metre manufacturing facility. The initial focus will be on European and Asian markets selling to small and medium sized rental companies both direct and through dealers.



The UpRight MX1330 push around scissor lift



The new UpRight ML3330



The new Raimondi LR272

Another new Raimondi luffer

Raimondi Cranes has unveiled a new high capacity luffing jib tower crane - the 370 tonne/metre LR372 - with a 20 tonne maximum capacity. It offers a maximum jib length of 60 metres with a jib tip capacity of 3,795kg in its 'Ultralift' mode. The crane can be installed on the two metre square GR5H tower with internal climbing system or the 2.3 metre GR6 tower series for standard, external and internal climbing configurations.

The LR372's luffing movement uses the new 75kW winch equipped with a standard emergency brake and takes just over two minutes with full load to luff from 14.5 to 85 degrees. The main hoist/winch is powered by a high efficiency motor with 880 metres rope storage capacity and is equipped with the hydraulic emergency brake as standard.

The first two LR372s are due to be delivered to Raimondi's South Korean agent, Hansung Prime for a large scale development in Busan. The new cranes will be installed at heights of 222 and 228 metres respectively using the company's EC6L external climbing system.

10,000th used Liebherr

Australian rental company MCG Cranes has taken delivery of a second hand 350 tonne Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 All Terrain crane, the 10,000th used crane supplied by Liebherr Echingen.

The LTM 1350-6.1 features a 70 metre main boom, plus 78 metre luffing jib and 140 tonnes of counterweight and is now the largest All Terrain crane in MCG's fleet. It will be used for erecting and dismantling its tower cranes. The company has also ordered a remote control to operate the crane with a dolly.

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(L-R) John Stach of Liebherr-Australia, Danny Martin and Glenn Martin of MCG Cranes, Tom Grady of Liebherr-Australia



The 10,000th used crane with the repair centre team at Liebherr in Echingen, Germany

Dingli and Platform Basket forge partnership

Italian spider and road rail boom lift manufacturer Platform Basket has appointed China's leading aerial work platform manufacturer Dingli as its exclusive distributor for China. The move comes as Chinese access rental companies and end users are beginning to take a greater interest in the spider lifts. The new agreement was given a kick start with Dingli's deputy general manager Xu Zhong leading a customer delegation to Italy in June. The delegation included representatives from 15 Chinese rental companies with the principal purpose of seeing the Platform Basket facilities in Poviglio near Parma in Reggio Emilia.



The tour of the Magni facilities included plenty of demonstration and hands-on time



The visitors check out Platform Basket's new 43 metre Spider 43T

The group also visited the Magni Telehandlers facility in Castelfranco Emilia near Modena, as Dingli is also the exclusive distributor for Magni in China and holds a 20 percent equity stake in the telehandler manufacturer. The Magni facility is also home to the Dingli European (Italy) R&D centre, which has designed the latest range of Dingli's European specification boom lifts.

Jekko ships SPX532

Italian spider and mini crawler crane manufacturer Jekko has started manufacturing and shipping the 3.2 tonne SPX532 spider crane unveiled at Bauma. Maximum tip height is 17.3 metres with jib installed and maximum radius 14.8 metres. The crane has an overall width of 770mm, overall length of 1.96 metres and an overall height of 3.12 metres, with an all up weight of 2,350kg. It also features 360 degree continuous slew and can be operated via a remote controller. The SPX532 is available with a lithium ion battery pack or with dual diesel/AC electric power packs.

Export manager Alberto Franceschini said: "The SPX532 signals a very important change in direction in the design and creation of our new products. While our machines will continue to be innovative and sophisticated they will also be easier to use in order to make them more available to an increasingly wide customer base."

Chief executive Diego Tomasella added: "It is the first mini crane created as part of the project to update the entire range made possible thanks to the use of sophisticated materials and easily controlled electronics. Expectations are high and the numerous orders already received at Bauma confirm that we are moving in the right direction."



Hiab K-505 HiPro

New Hiab drywall crane

Hiab has launched the K-505 HiPro specialist drywall crane for the US and Canadian markets. The company says it is the longest, heaviest and strongest Hiab drywall crane to date with a maximum load moment of 41 tonne/metres and the ability to deliver drywall sheets as high as the ninth floor of a building.

The K-505 HiPro includes remote controls as standard as well as LSS (Load Stability System) for vertical movements, VSLplus (Variable Stability Logic Plus) and ASC (Automatic Speed Control) to improve operator safety and productivity. Future proofing includes network connectivity for Hiab Connected Services such as HiConnect.

Kalmar's first electric reachstacker

Kalmar has begun trials of its first all-electric reachstacker. Powered by a lithium-ion battery pack the reachstacker can lift up to 45 tonnes and is the latest step in Kalmar's aim to have electric versions of every product in its range by 2021. Kalmar has already launched electric powered forklifts, empty container handlers, shuttle and straddle carriers and yard cranes.

The new reachstacker is scheduled for trials at the Venlo logistics hub of transport and logistics company Cabooter in the Netherlands, and if all goes according to plan the first production unit will be delivered to Cabooter in 2021.

Cabooter group president Hans Cabooter said: "The main driver behind our decision to adopt the electric reachstacker solution is the need to reduce the noise and airborne emissions. This is especially important at our Kaldenkirchen terminal because it is located in the centre of the city, where there are clearly defined limits for these emissions. Our goal is to become the industry leader in emission reduction in partnership with Kalmar."



Kalmar's new electric reachstacker

Europe's first Jaso J780PA.64

Jaso has sold the first 64 tonne J780PA.64, luffing jib tower crane, the largest luffer in the Spanish manufacturer's product line to UK tower crane rental company and Jaso dealer Falcon Tower Crane Services. The new crane is due for delivery in October and will be the first to arrive in Europe.



The new crane has been ordered for a project in Birmingham and features a 70 metre jib with a jib tip capacity of 6.2 tonnes. It is the third J780PA.64 produced with both previous models going to customers in Australia.

Jaso sales manager Mikel Iturrioz said: "We are delighted that our UK dealer for more than 20 years has confirmed the order for our largest luffing jib tower crane. With global demand for the bigger lifters increasing, we are sure this will be the first of many in the UK market."

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First new Maedas for UK

Maeda dealer Kranlyft has delivered the first 2.82 tonne Maeda MC285CRM-E-3 spider crane to Cobra Lifting in the UK. The MC285CRM features a five section 8.6 metre boom giving a maximum tip height of 9.7 metres. It has a stowed width of 750mm, 2.8 metres long and less than 1.5 metres high while weighing below 2,000kg. The winch has a high rope storage capacity allowing the crane to lower loads on a single line to 100 metres below ground level. Powered by a Yanmar diesel, it has the option to add a quickly removable self-contained AC electric power pack for working indoors or in areas where noise or emissions are restricted.



Clint Price of Cobra Lifting (L) with Andy Crane of Kranlyft UK

Kranlyft has also sold the first 3.83 tonne Maeda MC405CRM-E-3 spider crane to UK-based rental company Coppard Plant Hire. The MC405CRM can lift its maximum capacity at a radius of 2.7 metres, while its maximum radius is 16 metres, with power coming from an EU Stage V compliant diesel.



Coppard's new Maeda MC405CRM-E-3



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14 new cranes have been added to Hyva's Edge range

Hyva expands Edge range

Dutch international loader crane manufacturer Hyva has added 14 new models to its Edge articulated loader crane range. The latest cranes range from 19 to 21 tonne/metres and are available with five different boom configurations. They include two new HT telescopic boom models, two HB articulated booms, six HC double linkage articulated booms featuring Hyva's Liftrod Articulated System (LAS) allowing for easier operation in confined or restricted spaces, two HC-K double linkage booms and two HC-e double linkage booms. Depending on the crane model there are up to eight extensions available along with a choice of jibs, winches and accessories.

Director for cranes Davide Catellani said: "With our new Edge line of cranes, we now offer a first class lifting experience and the best available warranty. Our cranes deliver excellent capabilities across the truck mounted crane range, in a variety of configurations. And, with state of the art design, new hydraulics and electronics we are delivering choice, performance, safety and ease of use throughout our new range."

IPAF looks for new CEO

Earlier this month Tim Whiteman, the chief executive of the International Powered Access Federation, resigned from his position and left the association/company. Past president Andy Studdert - previously the chief executive of NES - has taken over as chief executive on an interim basis while a replacement is found.

Whiteman was recruited by IPAF in 2003 to take over from Paul Adorian, an active participant in its establishment in 1983 and its first managing director. Today the organisation is a far more international operation with a total of 1,372 members in 68 countries.

Whiteman issued the following statement regarding his sudden departure: "It has been a privilege to work with the dedicated IPAF members and team members around the world - the passion to deliver the safe and effective use of powered access motivates so many people and IPAF shares their knowledge and experience to keep people safe. However after 15 years, I am looking forward to a change and thank the board for its support in making this happen."



Tim Whiteman



The fleet is topped off by a Palfinger P570

New UK access rental company

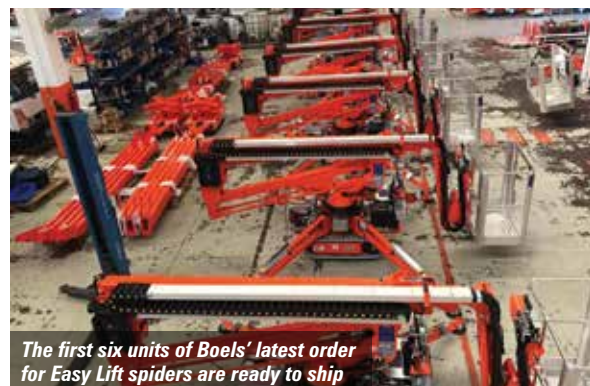
Access industry veteran Ray Tye has opened a new access rental company - A1 Access (NE) - based in Sunderland, north east England. The company's fleet comprises brand new 57 metre Palfinger P570 and 30 metre Palfinger P300 KS truck mounted platforms, with a 26 metre Ascendant Access truck mounted platform due to be delivered by the end of the month. The fleet also includes a 20 metre Hinowa Lightlift 20.10 MK2 spider lift. Tye formed the company in May in partnership with Steven McHaffie and Iain Hawthorne of Scotia Access Services of Aberdeen. The company has a team of five and will cover the greater Tyneside region.

Tye began his access career in 1985 with Instant Zip Up - later Instant Access - initially as a driver before moving into sales. In 1996 he joined Nationwide Access - now Nationwide Platforms/Loxam - moving to The Platform Company in 2001 and then ES Access Platforms a year later. When ES Platforms closed in 2010 he joined Facelift as its Newcastle depot manager, leaving in 2013 for Outreach Access.

Boels adds another 28 Easy Lift spiders

Italian manufacturer Easy Lift has shipped the first six spider lifts of a 28 unit order to Netherlands-based Boels Rental.

The initial 26 machine order was placed at Bauma in April, however two additional machines have since been added which now comprises 12.2 metre R130s, 15.6 metre R160s and 18.5 metre R190s, duplicating an order placed by Boels at the start of 2018. 30 similar units were ordered in 2016. When delivered it will bring the total units of these three Easy Lift models purchased by Boels to more than 170.



The first six units of Boels' latest order for Easy Lift spiders are ready to ship



JCB's plant in Brazil

JCB invests in Brazil

JCB is to invest \$25 million in its Brazilian manufacturing operations. It opened its production plant in Sorocaba, São Paulo in 2001 and invested a further \$100 million in a new facility in the city in 2012. The investment is part of a plan to launch a number of new products for the Brazilian and neighbouring South American markets.

UK's first Ommelift 18.40

UK rental company Instant Access has taken delivery of an 18.3 metre Ommelift 18.40 RXJ spider lift, the first to arrive in the country.

Delivered by UK distributor Access Platform Sales (APS), the lift has been already gone out on its first job, inspecting new build houses. The 18.40 has a 10.5 metre outreach and 200kg capacity. It is 4.85 metres long, 790mm wide and just under two metres high. In the hybrid version it weighs 2,900kg.



The UK's first Ommelift 18.40

MEC Leak Containment System

Californian aerial lift manufacturer MEC has launched a new Leak Containment System (LCS) for its scissor lift range. A study of leak reports data found the majority came from the hydraulic motors on the front wheels where the hoses are constantly stressed by the steering function. MEC says that its entire slab scissor line has now been switched to direct electric drive, eliminating the drive wheels as a source of oil leaks. The LCS employs a system of trays integrated into its scissor lifts that will contain leaks, vital for machines operating on sensitive surfaces or 'clean rooms'.

On electric drive scissor lifts the entire hydraulic system apart from the steering cylinder is contained in a single slide out tray which is integrated into the machine to avoid any potential interference with critical machine functions. It also uses pre-cut absorbent pads in the bottom of the trays for quick replacement, while strategically placed inspection holes help detect a leak before it becomes too serious.



A tray and under the steering cylinder

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Double digit growth continues at Ashtead

Ashtead, owner of Sunbelt in North America and A-Plant in the UK, has reported full year revenues to the end of March of £4.14 billion - up 18 percent on last year - with positive contributions from all three businesses. Pre-tax profits improved 20 percent to £1.01 billion.



Sunbelt USA achieved revenues 19 percent higher at \$4.99 billion, five percent of it due to acquisitions and the rest from organic growth. Operating profits were 19.5 percent higher at \$1.54 billion.

In Canada Sunbelt Canada's revenues increased 54 percent to \$344 million, with 18 percent of the improvement due to organic growth and the balance due to acquisitions. Operating profits almost doubled to \$54.8 million.



In the UK **A-Plant** revenues were just over one percent higher at £475.1 million, but operating profits were lower at £62.3 million compared to £70.2 million, this in spite of a one percent improvement in rate yield thanks to a better product mix.

Capital expenditure for the year totalled £1.587 billion, more than 28 percent higher than in the previous year, while the company sold £202 million of used equipment from the fleet compared to £158 million last year. In spite of the additional investment the average age of the fleet increased from 32 months to 34 months this year. Net debt at the end of the fiscal year was £3.75 billion, compared to £2.7 billion last year, partially due to dollar-based debt transferring to a Sterling amount, plus the cost of acquisitions and capital expenditure.



BrandSafway acquires Sheedy Hoist

The **SafwayAtlantic** division of suspended platform and scaffold company BrandSafway has acquired the assets and ongoing hoist business of Crane and heavy haulage company **Sheedy Drayage**. Sheedy Hoist runs a fleet of single and dual car hoists with capacities from one to 3.3 tonnes from Alimak, Champion, Avro and Raxtar and operates throughout the San Francisco Bay area but has also carried out major projects in Nevada and Southern California.



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British heavy lift specialist **ALE** and Dutch international heavy lift group **Mammoet** have confirmed that they are at an advanced stage of agreeing a deal in which Mammoet will acquire the British company.



Kiloutou acquires Germany's M+S

French international rental group **Kiloutou** has acquired German rental company **M+S Arbeitsbühnen** from owner Frank Schniedermeier.

M+S is based near Paderborn in North Rhine Westphalia, where it operates from a new facility with plenty of room for further expansion. The



company is a member of the **System Lift** association of independent rental companies, employs 11 staff and runs a fleet of 110 aerial work platforms, telehandlers and trailer cranes including boom lifts, scissor lifts, trailer lifts and truck mounts with working heights to 35 metres.



The move is part of the Kiloutou's ongoing expansion in Germany which began in 2016 with the acquisition of Hamburg based **Starlift**, followed by the purchase of the Baden-Württemberg based **Butsch-Meier** group in May 2018 and Cologne based **GL-Rental** in July 2018.

Briggs/Baloo acquires Highway Plant

Briggs Equipment has made another acquisition in Northern Ireland, acquiring the assets and ongoing trade of Belfast-based Highway Plant from the Houston family. The transaction has been carried out through **Baloo Hire Centres** which Briggs acquired in March and which reports into Briggs Ireland in Lisburn. Highway had assets in the region of £1.75 million according to the latest accounts on file. The company was founded by David Houston in 1983 and is managed by his daughter Julie Houston Smythe. We understand that the business will be absorbed into Baloo, while retaining key staff.



The company is based on a one acre site in Dunmurry from which the company runs an aerial work platform fleet from Boss push around lifts to the 125ft Genie S-125 and includes scissors, booms, spider lifts and AWP push around mast lifts.

Haulotte UK opens new premises

Haulotte officially opened its new 3,500 square metre UK premises in Wolverhampton in late June with a series of events culminating with an open day.



For the full reports on all these stories check out Vertikal.net

New Modulift products



Adjustable Modular Lifting Beam.

Spreader beam manufacturer Modulift has launched two new products, the Adjustable Modular Lifting Beam and the Trunnion Drop Link. The adjustable lifting beam offers the same flexibility and benefits as existing Modulift spreader beams but features multiple pad eyes so that the beam can be adapted to lift various weights and sizes. Three models are available - light up to 50 tonnes, medium up to 170 tonnes and heavy up to 240 tonnes. It has a maximum span of 19 metres and can be used either as a lifting beam or a semi spreader beam.

The Trunnion Drop Link is an alternative trunnion option that can be quickly attached to a sling. It requires one top shackle instead of two, allowing for safer and quicker sling attachment and is compatible with Modulift spreader beams from the MOD6 up to MOD110 with a capacity of up to 55 tonnes. It also works with flat webbing slings up to the MOD50 and wire rope and synthetic slings up to the MOD110.



Trunnion Drop Link.

Sinoboom France launched

Sinoboom officially opened its wholly-owned subsidiary Sinoboom France last month with an Open Day at its premises in Tonneins in the south west of the country. The operation is headed by Daniel Duclos who has more than 30 years experience in the access industry starting with Delta where he developed and built one of the first mast booms in the late 1980s, selling out to Grove in 1998 before founding rental company Access Industrie, manufacturer ATN and more recently High-Rent rental company.



Daniel Duclos

The 2,000 square metre facility includes a showroom, paint shop and maintenance/service area with offices located nearby. The company has started with seven employees. Eight Sinoboom electric scissor models ranging from 12 to 46ft will initially be available in France, with additional models added in the near future including a mast boom.



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1,100 new telehandlers for Ardent

UK rental company Ardent has ordered 1,100 JCB telehandlers for delivery over the next two years.

The order - worth £75 million - is the largest UK telehandler deal ever received by JCB and includes units from the 2,500kg/six metre 525-60 to the 5,500kg eight metre 550-80. Ardent is also adding more backhoe loaders, Rough Terrain forklifts and dumpers - all equipped with JCB's latest LiveLink telematics fleet management system. The company operates from 11 locations with a fleet of around 5,000 units and an average age of less than two years.



(L-R) Richard Telfer of dealer Watling JCB, Jeremy Fish of Ardent and Yvette Henshall-Bell of JCB

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Wacker Neuson has appointed **Gert Reichetseder** as chief executive North America.



Gert Reichetseder

Holger Haber has been appointed area sales manager for **Grove** All Terrain cranes in northern Germany.

German sales and rental company **CT Kranservice** has taken delivery of a 220 tonne Demag AC 220-5 All Terrain crane.

Haulotte has started building new headquarter premises in Dandenong South, Australia, near Melbourne, Victoria.

US-based **Sims Crane** has appointed **Thomas Baldree** as vice president of operations for its utility division.



Thomas Baldree

Irish crane rental company **Wm. O'Brien** has become one of the first companies to gain ISO 45001 accreditation.

WernerCo has invested £1.1 million in robotics for its **BoSS** scaffold tower production at its facility in Maldon, UK.

Haulotte USA has appointed **Sean Ward** as South Eastern regional sales manager.



Sean Ward

Irish rental company **GPT** (Galway Plant & Toot) has placed an order for a large number of **Genie** boom lifts.

Manitex has appointed **Justin Wolfe** as South Central regional business manager for PM loader cranes.



Justin Wolfe

Spanish rental company **Transportes y Grúas Aguado** has taken delivery of four **Grove** GMK4100L-1 All Terrain cranes.

German rental company **Richard Rank Kran + Logistik** has taken delivery of a 100 tonne **Tadano** ATF 100G-4 All Terrain crane.



Henrik Norrbom

Cramo has appointed **Henrik Norrbom** as executive vice president, Scandinavia.

German rental company **Biberger Arbeitsbühnen** has taken delivery of three Magni 360 degree telehandlers.

Dinolift managing director **Petri Paavolainen** has left the company, chairman **Karin Nars** has taken over the role.



Petri Paavolainen



Karin Nars

Brian Parker of UK rental group **AFI** will cycle 326 miles from London to Compiègne to raise money for **Action Medical Research**.

Indonesian distributor **Metron** held an open day in Palembang, Indonesia, last week, with sister company **Probesco Kanamoto**.

UK rental company **JMS Powered Access** has taken delivery of six 43ft **Genie** GS-4390 propane powered scissor lifts.

US distributor **Walter Payton** has appointed **Vince Voetberg** sales manager Michigan.



Vincent Voetberg

Doosan Bobcat has appointed **Gustavo Otero** as president for Europe, the Middle East and Africa replacing **Alvaro Pacini** who moves to a global procurement role.



Gustavo Otero



Alvaro Pacini

Mike Ballweber has been appointed as North American president.



Mike Ballweber

German rental company **Scheurer Arbeitsbühnen** has taken delivery of a 33ft **Almac** Jibbi 1250 Evo self-levelling telescopic boom lift.

German rental company **Scholpp Kran & Transport** has taken delivery of two Demag All Terrain cranes.

Manitowoc has appointed **Select Fluid Power** and **Ring Power Crane** as new ENCORE partners for North America.

UK rental company **Upward Powered Access** has opened in the East Midlands.

Skyjack national account manager **David 'Dave' Arthur Lillquist** passed away on June 8th - he was 57.



Dave Lillquist

French electronic systems manufacturer **AMCS** technologies has teamed up with **Jaso** tower cranes on the construction of Amazon headquarters in Canada.

Genie has appointed Middlesbrough-based **MACS** (Mewps And Cherry Picker Services) as an Authorised Service Provider.

UK rental company **JMS** has taken delivery of the first lithium battery powered 32.6 metre **Hinowa** Lightlift 33.17 spider lift.

Holland Lift has appointed **Chris Kochheim** as managing director taking over from **Rik van Sonsbeek**.



Chris Kochheim

Poland's **HES Gdynia** has ordered a **Konecranes Gottwald G HMK 6508 B** Model 6 mobile harbour crane.

US-based **Empire Crane Company** has taken delivery of three 60 tonne **Demag AC 60-3** All Terrain cranes.

The international distribution arm of the **Ahern** group has officially opened its new operation in Ireland - **Ahern Ireland**.

Niftylift has appointed **JS-Multi Service** as its distributor for Finland.

An old harbour crane from the port of Avonmouth, UK, has found a new lease of life at the **Glastonbury Festival**.

Genoa's **Ponte Morandi bridge** has been demolished by explosives with the help of several 180 and 185ft booms.

Spierings has appointed **David Colombat** as sales manager for France.



David Colombat

The **Unic Spider Mini Cranes** division of South Africa's **B&B Group** has officially opened its new location in Edenvale, Johannesburg.

Riwal UK has opened its new state of the art depot in Hemel Hempstead, north of London.

UK access industry veteran **Jim Daintith** founder of **APS** has finally retired, leaving the company after an extended transition period.



Jim Daintith

China's **LGMG** has formally opened its N. American distribution facility in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Ocean Maple, the **Jekko** spider and mini crawler crane dealer for China, has purchased 17 new spider cranes.

Italian rental company **Lombarda Noleggi** has taken delivery of a 52 metre **Palazzani XTJ 52+** spider lift.

Chilean sales and rental company **Trex** has taken delivery of six **Demag** All Terrain cranes.

UK rental company **L&N Platforms** has taken delivery of a 37 metre **Palfinger WT370** truck mounted platform.



Christian Rheault

US synthetic rope manufacturer **Samson** has appointed **Christian Rheault** as chief executive.

Aircraft maintenance and repair company **Turkish Technic** has taken delivery of 26 **Haulotte** aerial lifts.

UK rental company **Cannon Access** has taken the first six 13ft **Genie** GS-1330m electric micro scissor lifts to be delivered in the UK.



Art Moore

Access industry veteran and **Snorkel** founder **Art Moore** passed away on June 19th. He was 94.

US heavy trailer and crane dolly manufacturer **Talbert** has expanded its facility in Liberty, North Carolina.

Canadian rental company **Modern Crane** has taken delivery of a 300 tonne **Demag AC 300-6** All Terrain crane, the first in Canada.

Liebherr Maritime has launched the LiUP crane operator elevator for mobile harbour cranes.



Pedro Torres

Dutch international rental group **Riwal** has promoted **Pedro Torres** to chief executive.

German crane rental and heavy haulage company **Viktor Baumann** has taken a **Demag AC 45** City crane.

Manitou España opened its new headquarters facility in Alcalá de Henares, on the east side of Madrid.

Terex Cranes has appointed **Chris Johnson** as director for Rough Terrain and tower crane sales for North America, while **Manuel Vicuña Galarreta** will be responsible for the products in Central and South America.

Philippine utility company **Siemens Power Operations** has taken delivery of a 59ft **Haulotte HA20 RTJ** articulated boom lift.

UK rental company **Advanced Access Platforms** takes has ordered 26 **Niftylift** hybrid and bi-energy boom lifts.



Andrew Fishburn

Snorkel has promoted Snorkel UK managing director **Andrew Fishburn** to VP strategic accounts - Europe.

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