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JLG sign CAT telehandler deal

JLG and Caterpillar have agreed a global alliance that involves JLG buying the designs and tooling for CAT's telehandler range, with JLG designing and producing a full CAT branded telehandler product line exclusively for Caterpillar dealers.

JLG will acquire the key assets of CAT's telehandler group. The purchase price for these assets, which includes tooling and intellectual property, is \$51.4 million, with \$46.4 million paid at closing and \$5 million upon transition

We had a record number of responses to the editorial that we ran in our October issue, raising concerns over the monopoly created by the Major Contractors Group in terms of training cards and the poor way in which other training programmes are vetted and co-opted.

While wishing to present a balanced view in these pages, all of the input received so far has condemned the situation and supported the editorial. We would very much appreciate maintaining a level of balance and would welcome letters or emails expressing an alternative view. We publish a letter here that best sums up both the written and verbal responses received.

Dear Sir,

Many congratulations for having the courage to print your editorial "Worse than bureaucracy" in the October issue, highlighting an unsatisfactory situation which has confused, complicated and disgusted most, if not all, of those who believe in the benefits of fair competition in the commercial world.

Whilst it has always been difficult to really comprehend the purpose of the Major Contractors Group (MCG), or why it seeks to support the aims of that complex conglomeration of bodies promoted by CITB under the acronyms CSCS and CPCS, there can be absolutely no valid reason – either on safety or commercial grounds – for either MCG or, indeed, any other body seeking to encourage this incompetent monopoly.

There are already too many examples of perfectly acceptable training bodies having their businesses interfered with or seriously damaged by the bullying tactics of these organisations, whose activities fly in the face of European legislation on human rights, the freedom of the individual and anti-competition legislation, to name but three.

The requirements for operator training, both within and outside of the construction industry, are more than adequately encompassed by UK and EC law and fully explained in the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 and Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 and as you so rightly imply, ISO approval of a training scheme is worth a thousand times more than that of either MCG, CITB, CSCS or CPCS – all of whom need to take a long, hard look at their own operations before they start telling other, better managed organisations what they can and cannot do.

Europe and the UK, in particular, already suffer from an excess of bureaucratic enforcing interference from Government, which is having an ever more restrictive effect on the ability of those with entrepreneurial flair to grow existing and new businesses, on which the country depends for the creation of continuing employment.

No-one needs the interfering bureaucratic and restrictive practices which MCG have sought to promote and we should not forget the horrendous plans of the "3C's" to use their cards as a means of placing responsibility on the construction industry to control illegal immigration – a scheme they attempted to hatch with Tony Blair's "Big Brother" Department.

This distasteful scheme could be the thin end of the wedge, which, hopefully, will ultimately sever its own roots!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul A Adorian".

PAUL A ADORIAN

of Cat branded telehandler sales to JLG.

The transition period is estimated at around 12 months. In addition, JLG expects to invest an additional \$30 million during this period in the development of the North American Caterpillar product line and for capacity improvements in both Belgium and Pennsylvania to accommodate the additional volume.

Under the terms of the 20-year strategic alliance agreement, JLG will provide, Caterpillar dealers with a full line up of Cat branded telehandler

products, these are likely to include the current CAT B-series models along with Cat versions of existing JLG models, (but not Lull or Trak). The Company will support the North American and Latin American markets from its McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania facility, and the markets in Europe and the rest of the world from its Maasmechelen, Belgium facility. First year sales are forecast in the \$325 to \$350 million range and should increase JLG 2006 revenues by 15 to 20 percent.

Full story: see www.vertikal.net

More new crawler cranes

In our last issue we asked if this was the dawning of a new age for crawler cranes, no sooner had the print dried than a new Bendini telescopic crawler popped up, a week later Kobelco announced a new 250 tonner and then Liebherr disclosed details of a new 1,250 tonner, followed by Terex Demag, which unveiled its "Go Maximum" plans for extending its CC-800 series, which include a massive R&D investment in new heavy lift crawler cranes. Here are a few of the details.

New 1,250 tonner from Liebherr

Liebherr has announced a new heavy lift crane, the LR 11250, with a maximum lifting capacity of 1,250 tonnes at a radius of 14 metres and a maximum load moment of 21,714 tonne/metres. Liebherr claim that the LR 11250 is the most powerful crawler crane on the market with a transport width of 3.5 metres.

Liebherr says that the LR11250 will be the largest crawler with transport widths of 3.5m or less.



The new 1250 tonner offers a combination lift height of up to 228 metres with a main boom of 114

metres and a luffing fly jib also 114 metres in length. The LR11250 can, thanks to its conventional A-Frame design, erect main boom lengths of up to 102 metres without a derrick system. When a derrick mast is used, Main boom lengths of as long as 150 metres can be achieved.

A counterweight trolley with hydraulically continuous radius adjustment is available for the derrick mast, with up to 600 tonnes of counterweight. A fully suspended derrick counterweight system is available as an alternative.

Liebherr has spent a great deal of time at the design phase of the LR 11250, on cost-effective, easy transportation. The result is that no parts of the crane exceed a transport width of 3.5 metres or maximum transport weight of 45 tonnes.

The intermediate jib sections can be inserted into the intermediate sections of the main boom with the aid of rollers, while the cranes drive unit, with engine, hydraulics, electrics and crane cab can be transported as a complete unit.

The first unit out of production is currently being tested at the Liebherr plant in Ehingen. It is expected to ship in early 2006 to China where it will be used in the construction of chemical plants.

Liebherr ships first units from new plant

A heavy backlog has caused Liebherr to ship the first units from the additional production facility it has established for maritime cranes in the Rostock harbour area, on the Baltic Sea.

The first cranes off the line are three rail-mounted slewing cranes type TCC CBS 3100-60, mounted on travelling gantries with a maximum lifting capacity of 60 tonnes at a radius of 18 metres and 20 tonnes at 40 metres.

The three cranes are heading for the Dianca Shipyard in Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. The gantry design on these units has been modified to enable them to travel round curves and carry out tandem lifts of up to 120 tonnes.

The new plant has a total area of 220,000 square metres, fabrication, assembly and painting are currently carried out in a single building. A large assembly shop and the administration building are under construction and are due for completion by the end of the year. A total of 214 employees are already at work in Rostock, with additional staff undergoing training in Nenzing/Austria.



First cranes from the New Liebherr plant in Rostock.



The new CKE2500-2 offers improvements all round.

Kobelco overhaul the CKE 2500

Kobelco Cranes has launched a new version of its 250 tonne CKE2500 designated the CKE2500-2; the first units will be available in Europe and North America during the first quarter of 2006.

The key benefit of the new model is a 15 percent improvement in lifting capability to 1,177 tonne/metres, thanks to a number of structural changes and 10 percent more counterweight.

The increased capacity flows through most of the load chart and thanks to weight savings in the undercarriage and other areas, comes without an increase in weight. In fact the new model is easier to transport than the model it replaces.

The changes include:

- A modified superstructure frame with a higher capacity slew ring.
- A new counterweight system, increased from 100 tonnes to 110 tonnes with identical universal slabs.
- A reduced transport width, now 3.4 metres compared to 3.5m metres on the current model. The gain comes without the need for a swing away cab.
- Longer crawler frames with a considerably increased square foot print.
- Lighter weight crawler frames, reduced from 23.5 tonnes to 20.7 tonnes.
- A new, stronger, luffing jib.
- The Introduction of a tapered jib section, so that the luffing jib can also be used for long boom configurations, increasing versatility;
- Greatly increased boom and jib combinations, the maximum 'long' main boom length is 91.4metres. The maximum standard crane boom plus fixed jib is 76 + 30 metres, and the maximum luffing jib combination is 61+61metres, with a supplementary mid-support strut.
- The cranes power unit has been upgraded by five percent with a new engine that complies with stage 3 emission standards. Refinements to the hydraulic system, include independent winch-pump drives, and 'super-fine' filtration with 1,000-hour service intervals.

Over 200 units of the CKE2500/CK2500 and related models have been sold since its introduction in 2000.

New Telescopic crawler

Terex-Bendini the Italian producer of Rough Terrain cranes, is launching a new 45 tonne telescopic crawler crane (see SAIE report) with 37 metre main boom. The new unit will begin production next year and is only three metres wide when the undercarriage is retracted.

Terex unveil major big crawler crane programme

The new
1,000 tonne
CC5800

Terex has announced a massive programme to develop its 1,000 tonne plus crawler crane range.



Swing out legs attach the slewing tub to track frames

On display at the event was the first Terex-Demag CC5800, 1,000 tonner which was officially handed over to its Chinese owners. The CC5800 was covered in the last issue of *Cranes&Access*, the new model features Quadro drive, which thanks to its four motor drive system provides up to 526 tonnes pulling force. It also features a new "starfish carbody design with pin on, fold out legs, which connect the slewing bearing tub to the crawler side frames. Alternatively, the tracks can be substituted with telescopic outriggers to provide a pedestal base.

Terex believes that with current energy shortages, demand for big crawler cranes over the next few years will be strong, particularly for construction of ever larger windmills, new oil refining capacity, and new nuclear power

stations, 40 of which are already planned around the world, with a further 79 proposed.

The development programme which will expand what Terex is calling its 800 series will include:

- A CC6800 which is based on the new CC5800, but with a 3.5 metre wide boom, which the company says will increase some capacities by as much as 100 percent. It will have a nominal capacity of 1,250 tonnes and a load moment of 13,800 tonne/metres.
- The CC8800 will be re-engineered to increase its lift capacities, with the maximum rating rising to 1,600 tonnes and maximum load moment to 23,500 tonne/metres
- The CC12800 will be developed from the CC12600 with a 2,000 tonne maximum capacity and massive 40,000 tonne/metres load moment.

Finally topping out the 800 range in terms of its maximum lift capacity will

- be a CC8800 Twin with 2,500 tonnes lift capacity and 34,000 tonne metre load moment. It will be capable of lifting 1,500 tonnes to a height of 100 metres. The 8800Twin has been designed to allow an existing CC8800 to be upgraded into the Twin. The new model will add a second boom, it uses the same tracks with 3.5metre inserts to extend their length. A new carbody will retain the current cranes centre section and it will use the existing upper components which will fit into a new extended superstructure frame. A second counterweight trolley will be added, on a modular basis.



The new
1,000 tonne
CC5800

In addition to its impressive plans for the larger models in the 800 series, Terex is also planning some developments to its smaller models, with a Narrow track (NT) version of its 600 tonne CC2800-1 and a "power kit" for the boom which adds stronger boom sections near the base.

The unit which is designed for the narrow roads found on wind farms, will have an overall track width of 3.8metres with 1.2metre track shoes. A clever outrigger design uses the carbody as part of the outrigger structure to the front and rear, while two stubby outriggers fold down on each side. With power kit fitted the CC2800-1NT will feature a 125 tonne lift capacity at 90 metres height.

80 tonne Ormig for rigging

Franz Bracht of Erwitte, Germany, has taken delivery of a new 80 tonne capacity Ormig 804AC, crane mounted on a MAN TGA 41.4H0 four axle 8x4x4 commercial tractor unit. The total weight of the tractor unit complete with its fully equipped 80 tonne crane is only 32 tonnes. The benefits of the crane is that it can tow a four axle trailer to site with boom or jib sections and counterweight, and then once there be used as the erection crane. Its towing capability is not just a sideline job, Ormig says that it will pull up to 140 tonnes!

The 80tonne Ormig 804C is fast, light and ideal for rigging big cranes.



Terex sell 300th IHI

On October 24th representatives from Terex Cranes and IHI Construction Machinery Limited gathered in Tokyo to celebrate the completion of the 300th crawler crane produced and sold to Terex cranes. Discussions regarding the purchase of crawler cranes began in 1998 with the first unit a prototype HC 80 Luffer for display at ConExpo 1999, shipping from IHI in 1999.

The product line has been extended to the HC 110, HC 50, HC 60 and HC 275, and then in late 2003 the HC 165 was introduced to the North American market.

The 300th unit produced for Terex is an HC 110. This crane was sold to RTL Equipment of Des Moines, Iowa.

Terex is currently working with IHI on the development of a new model with a lifting capacity between the HC 165 and the HC 275.

The 300th Terex branded IHI crawler crane.



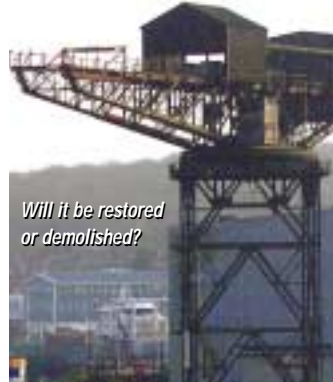
A 95 year old giant may be restored

The Giant cantilever crane, which towers above Cowes, on the Isle of Wight could soon be restored at a cost of £750,000, but only if a planning application for an adjoining £80 million development goes ahead. The crane, designed by Babcock and Wilcox and built in its Renfrew plant in 1911, can lift up to 80 tonnes and was located on the fitting-out quay at the J S. White shipyard. It is the only Giant Cantilever (hammerhead) crane ever built by Babcock's.

The Peter Harrison Family Trust, which owns the site, has applied for listed building consent to carry out work on the crane while also looking at de-listing it so that it can be demolished.

The Trust wants to build 386 houses, a riverside walkway, with the crane as a

centrepiece, a pub, restaurant and small hotel. The development would provide around 100 jobs. However, the Isle of White council says that this is contrary to planning guidance for the site which is zoned for marine employment, not a mixed development.



Will it be restored or demolished?

First Bison-Palfinger in Scotland

All Terrain Access has bought a TKA28KS, the first Bison Palfinger in Scotland.



Outreach Plc has sold and delivered its first Bison Palfinger truck mounted lift to All Terrain Access of Fortrose, near Inverness. Outreach is the Palfinger dealer for Scotland for both loader cranes and Bison aerial lifts. The unit supplied is a TKA 28KS a 28 metre truck mounted lift with 20 metres of outreach, featuring the unique Bison counter rotating slewing mechanism. Bill Taylor, managing director of All Terrain Access, said that he bought the TKA28 for its compact design, Palfinger's build quality and the fact that Falkirk based Outreach can provide local after sales support.

Manitou boom lifts selling fast

Manitou has had a record six months in the UK with a number of significant orders, including a follow up order from the Platform Company, making it well over 70 this year and further orders from AFI and the first units to Hird Higher Platforms.

Peter Hird with two of his new Manitou's.



CTE Confirm Effer/Bizzochi Purchase

Mr Giampaolo Piovani, commercial director CTE, Lorenzo Cippriani CEO of CTE, Roberto Meneghinello CFO of Effer and Kelly Furlan communications manager CTE at the Announcement in Bologna.

As we predicted in the last issue of Cranes&Access CTE has purchased the assets and ongoing business of the Effer group. The purchase has been made through a new company, SOL.GE, which is 80 percent owned by CTE and 20 percent by Altri partners, a consortium of investors which includes the chief financial officer of Effer-holding Roberto Meneghinello.

SOL.GE paid €30 million for the assets, which includes designs, tools, fixtures and brand names etc. It includes a payment of €25 million to the receivers of Effer Holding, plus €5 million in further tooling investments. The old debts will remain with Effer Holding, which will go into liquidation.

Effer failed, due to its inability to meet a repayment deadline on a capital investment debt. Heavy losses on deals in the UK, Germany and Switzerland caused a cash crisis, which prevented it re-financing the loan without an increase in share capital. Something the shareholders were unwilling to do. Meneghinello stressed that Effer still had a positive EBITDA and was trading profitably at the operational level.

The purchase includes Effer USA, but not Effer Denmark or Effer Greece, discussions will be held with those entities regarding distribution potential.

The group will be restructured into four divisions, Self Propelled aerial lifts; Truck mounted lifts and fire fighting, Loader and marine cranes and Material handling elevators.

Lionlift appoints UK Distributor

Lionlift, the Italian manufacturer of Galaxy branded truck and track mounted boom lifts has appointed a new company, IJ access as its sole distributor for the UK and Ireland. IJ Access is jointly owned by Mike Jones of Forklift & Access Sales and Keith Irvine owner of K.Irvine Plant, a distributor of forestry products. The new venture will both hire and sell the Lion lift range, which includes truck mounted boom lifts to 22 metres and crawler mounted boom lifts from 12 metres up arrive at IJ Access.



The new 15m Lionlift self propelled crawler boom is the first unit to arrive.

Manitou buy Chinese Forktruck producer

Manitou has acquired a 90 percent interest in Hangzhou Irisman MH Equipment Corp, which specialises in the manufacture and distribution of industrial, IC forklift trucks and is established in Hangzhou, in Zhejiang province, one of China's most dynamic regions, 150 km south of Shanghai.

It manufactures and markets a range of diesel and Petrol/LPG powered forklifts with capacities of 1.5 to 3.5 tonnes. Complementing Manitou's existing range of mast forklifts. The "Irisman" brand trucks will be converted to Manitou livery and branding for all countries where Manitou is not already linked with other manufacturers.

This acquisition includes a 6,800 square metre factory on a 21 hectare site and a supply base for sourcing local

components. The company also plans to establish a commercial entity, in order to accelerate the sales of Manitou products in China. The current managing director will retain a 10 percent holding, and the company will be renamed Manitou Hangzhou Material Handling Co Ltd.



Manitou is looking to expand its fork truck sales in China.

The new SED site taken from the Grandstand in November the Cranes&Access area is in the left hand foreground.



SED announces new site

SED the UK's largest construction equipment show, Has announced that its new home will be Rockingham Speedway (now Rockingham Performance Park) located north east of Corby, Northamptonshire, some 45 miles from the Fen Farm site.

The new ground, is slightly larger than Fen farm, and is being developed for the long term with tarmac paths and roads, and a heavy duty hard-standing for cranes. The area is subject to an aggressive development plan which includes a new dual carriageway to connect the site with the A14; it offers significant potential for expansion and has some impressive facilities.

The first show will be the 40th in May 2006. Parking for over 8,000 cars a day has been reserved for SED. With up to 50,000 visitors a day, for some events at the site, the traffic problems seen at Fen farm should be eliminated.

The Organisers say that the inside space costs will remain at last years levels with a one percent increase outside. The sites hardcore surface should save on stand preparation costs, while the tarmac paths, should reduce the dust problems experienced at Fen farm.

The Cranes and Access village, for which the Vertikal Press is the official publication, is extremely well located close to a main entrance, the main road into the facility and the grandstand facilities.

Rami buy Alimak-Hek Poland

Ramirent S.A, the Polish wholly-owned subsidiary of Finnish based Ramirent, has purchased the rental business of Alimak Hek Polska. The deal includes all contracts and rental assets. The company is estimated have annual revenues of around a million euros, and is a subsidiary of the Alimak Hek Group AB, mast climber/ hoist manufacturer

Ownership changes at King

The King Group has announced that managing director Mark Carrington and finance director, Vinod Thakar have acquired the shares in King held by venture capital company, 3i and other directors, and now own 100% of the company between them. The King Group comprises, King trailer, Traiload, Skyking and Kingrail.

The company is also investing in after sales services with the following appointments:

Andy Madeley has joined from Faun UK Ltd as group service manager, Mathew Pell also from Faun as a field service engineer and Gary Perkins rejoins as a field service engineer.

Full story see www.vertikal.net

Hewden spend £15 million on new IT system

Hewden, Europe's largest equipment rental company, has announced that it is investing £14.8 million in a new IT, broadband and intranet system to improve customer service. The investment, largely with Intenia, is claimed to set a new record for spending on customer service systems within the UK construction hire sector and is intended to significantly improve the quality of customer information and services, while reducing transaction costs.



Doug Sprout of Hewden (left) and Tom Slavin Account Manager Intenia

Crane Ladies

Once again Ainscough has supported the 'ladies Driving Challenge' in aid of 'Marie Curie Cancer Care' where ladies have the opportunity to drive various machines and trucks. Ainscough provided a crane, for the participants to drive "under supervision" around a test track.

This year the crane was the most popular vehicle, 49 ladies took up the challenge, each of them sponsored. So far over £434,000 has been raised from driving challenges in the Northern Region.

Snorkel buys facility

Snorkel has completed the purchase of its main manufacturing facilities in Elwood Kansas from previous owner Textron. The acquisition includes offices and the assembly and parts buildings. "This has been our long-term plan since restarting the company," said Frank Scarborough, executive vice president and COO. "It's just another stage of our comeback as we revitalize the company. This investment also indicates the confidence our investors have in the future of the company and the management team."

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K-Lift has purchased six Spierings tower cranes.

K-Lift add more Spierings

K-Lift the fast growing Manchester based crane hirer, is expanding its fleet of mobile self erecting tower cranes. The company says that the units have proven a major hit with its roofing customers. So far three out of six units ordered have been delivered, a six axle 1265-AT6, a four axle 488-AT4 and a five axle SK599-AT5. A second six axle unit is due for delivery in February, with two more later in the year.

Work at Height abuse costs builder £21,000

A Peterborough based builder was fined a total of £8,000 and ordered to pay costs of £13,151 at Peterborough Magistrates' Court for unsafe work at height practices. Optima (Cambridge) Ltd of 62 Park Road, Peterborough, pleaded not guilty to three charges of breaching health and safety regulations. The case followed an investigation, prompted by an anonymous complaint.

An HSE inspector visited the site and found unsafe working at height with a

significant risk of persons being injured. The inspector observed mobile access towers bridged by scaffold boards and unsecured ladder accesses. Key health and safety documentation was not displayed on site and could not be produced.

Magistrates found the three charges proved beyond all reasonable doubt and convicted the company. HSE inspector Stephen Hartley, said: "Contractors are expected to organise and plan work at height effectively, and take appropriate measures to prevent people falling. Where standards are poor HSE will prosecute those responsible, even if there has been no injury as in this case."

Chinese crane maker sold

The Carlyle Group has agreed to purchase an 85 percent shareholding in Xugong Group Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. (XCMC), the largest construction machinery manufacturer and distributor in China, for \$375 million in cash.

XCMC is currently owned by Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group (XCMG), a wholly owned company of the city government of Xuzhou, it will retain a 15 percent holding in the business.

The agreement follows an auction, with two rounds and six international bidders. XCMC the worlds, largest manufacturer of truck cranes, which confusingly carry the XCMG brand, produced around 4,500 units last year, more than double that of its nearest rival. It also has joint ventures with Caterpillar for excavators and Liebherr for concrete mixer trucks. Its 2004 sales were RMB 17 billion, approximately \$2 billion. XCMC also manufactured three Liebherr All Terrain models under a 1995 license.



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Boss found guilty of Manslaughter

Wayne Davies, 36, of The Meadows, Leominster, who owns Knighton based A&E Buildings Ltd, was found guilty of unlawfully killing Mark Jones, 40, who fell around seven metres from a makeshift work platform attached to a telescopic handler on February 28th 2004. The court heard that the telehandler Davies used to support the platform had a string of faults, including a brake which did not work properly.

During the trial it emerged that Davies also ignored concerns expressed by Jones's wife about his working conditions. "Wayne Davis

showed total contempt for the safety of his employees and ignored health and safety guidelines," said Detective Inspector Bob Tittley, who led the inquiry into the tragedy.

Davies claimed that Jones and other employees were working without his consent on the day of the accident. He admitted failing to maintain the handler and was convicted of two health and safety offences and cleared of a third.

Davies is out on bail while pre-sentence reports are prepared and he is due to be sentenced in mid December.

Ainscough bailed following arrest

Yes it is true, James Ainscough was reported to Manchester police by those working with him for abusive behaviour, including excessive door slamming, loud swearing, mumbling and messing up Barbara's desk.



James Ainscough in the dock wearing his favourite Elvis suit

The arrest was made on Friday October 7th he was then taken in and finger printed, before appearing at Manchester Police Museum's Magistrates Court.

After which he was held in the "slammer" with a phone until he had raised his bail money from friends and supporters. The event was part of the "Lock up your boss day" to raise money for St Anne's Hospice; Ainscough was one of nine participants. He raised over £3,000 which goes towards the cost of running the hospice. It is still possible to add to James efforts by going on line and making a donation to this worthy cause www.st-anns-hospice.org.uk/luyb/suspects.htm

Data company hit for £47,000

The UK arm of Iron Mountain, the global data company, was fined £40,000 plus £7,400 costs at the City of London Magistrates Court, after an employee suffered serious injuries from a 3.5 m fall from a makeshift work platform, at the company's premises on North Woolwich Road, Silvertown.

Tristan Arkless, 22, was seriously injured with crushed vertebrae and a fractured pelvis after he fell 3.5 metres from a temporary platform, erected between two racking units in a warehouse on 27 July 2003. Arkless and three temporary workers were attempting to remove archive boxes from the higher shelves in the warehouse, with no effective measures to prevent the fall.

HSE Inspector John Crookes, said: "This is an example of what can happen when work at height is not properly planned and when young, inexperienced workers are not supervised. It highlights the need for companies to make sure safety procedures are in place whenever their employees are at work, not just during normal hours.

"The company should have made a proper risk assessment prior to commencing the job and provided a system of work incorporating a safe means of access, such as a tower scaffold, order picker or cherry picker, together with appropriate training tailored to the equipment chosen. At no stage should employees have been required to climb the racking itself.

IPAF announce Summit dates

The International Powered Access Federation has announced that its 2006 Summit will be held on Tuesday April 4th, at Whittlebury Hall, adjoining the Silverstone formula one racetrack.



Unsafe access costs developer £20,000

Bedfordshire company, Cowlgrove Developers Ltd of Aragon Lodge, 1 The Avenue, Flitwick, was fined a total of £16,000 with costs of £4,000 at Bedford Magistrates' Court, after admitting ten breaches of health and safety regulations by using unsafe methods to gain access to work at height. A roofing contractor, H. McIntyre & Sons Ltd, of 4A Heron Business Park, Whitfield Avenue, Sundown Park, Luton, the workmen's employer, was also charged over £5,000.

Cowlgrove was the client and principal contractor involved and had instructed

roofing sub-contractor McIntyres to install the roof of a bay window. On 17th March 2005, an HSE inspector observed two men working unsafely inside a scaffold, provided by Cowlgrove.

The absence of suitable handrails meant there was an inadequately controlled risk of the individuals falling about five metres. The two workmen had gained access using an unsecured, extending ladder. The inspector also saw one of the roofers balance on scaffold tubes with nothing to stop him falling.



An HSE inspector spotted this unsafe scaffolding and it cost the developer £20,000

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New company enters Self-Erector market

E F Weaving Machinery of Chadbury, near Evesham has entered the self erecting tower crane market as sole UK distributor for the Cattaneo range of self-erecting tower cranes. Weavings managing director, Edward Weaving, told C&A that he has ordered an initial 20 units for the UK, 12 units of which are already sold or allocated to the company's rental fleet. The cranes are produced by Luigi Cattaneo S.p.A. of Magnago near Milan, the company was founded in 1954 and produces a wide range of small tower cranes. Weaving has decided to offer just one model, the top of the range CM90S4.



Edward Weaving of EF Weaving machinery

Italy serves withdrawal notices on two manufacturers

The Italian authorities have published withdrawal notices against two manufacturers of aerial lifts. The first against Zelig SpA of 9 via Monte San Genesio, 20158 Milan, for its F800EN and F800 ES scissor lifts, on the basis that they do not meet the Essential Health and Safety Requirements of the machinery directive.

The reason given is that the machines have no form of load control, and the manufacturers technical documentation does not indicate that the lifts are safe throughout the lift cycle. The products are also for indoor use only yet this fact is not posted on the machine.

The second lift to be withdrawn from use is the 26 metre, K260 truck mounted platform built by Scala Universal Pistoia (SUP) Piattaforme Aeree S.r.l., 51/53 via Provinciale Lucchese, 51030 Serravalle Pistoiese

In the case of the SUP K260, the recall notice states that units were found with cracks and fractures on the jib, and suggests that the units are liable to fail in normal use. Further more, the notice states that the platform has a fraudulent EC declaration of conformity. See www.vertikal.net for full story

Follow up note: a company called SUP Elevant SRL, at the same address and with similar contact details, has written to us, stating that SUP is in liquidation, and that it has "absolutely nothing to do with that manufacturer" The K260 was built before 2003.

Light Hire sells non access business

Brandon Hire has purchased the tool hire assets of Light Hire; the Devon based company owned by Brian Light. The purchase is a cash deal worth £500,000. Light hire operated from branches in Exeter, Exmouth and Okehampton.

The deal does not include the powered access rental business, this will remain with Light hire and will relocate to a new site close by. Brian Light and Richard Philpott will stay with the access business, which they now intend to expand from a single location.

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Thomas buy into telehandler market...

Thomas Equipment Inc. the Canadian based skid steer producer has announced that it is acquiring the assets of Tovel manufacturing, a Canadian producer of rough terrain forklifts, including "Tovelazer" telehandlers.

Thomas has also agreed to expand its strategic OEM agreement with Hyundai Heavy Industries, Ltd, to include the Tovel line of products. Hyundai purchases Thomas products to market under its own brand. Tovel, which is based in Concord near Toronto, was founded in 1970 to build 4x4 Rough Terrain masted forklifts and entered the telehandler market in 1990.



A Tovelazer telehandler

... and opens a European base

Thomas also announced that it will open a new European sales and logistics centre in a suburb of Brussels. The new 7,000 square metre facility will have showrooms and a demonstration area where customers can test drive the full line of Thomas products, including the Telehandlers.

SGB Holland pay £3.7 million to injured man

A UK High court has awarded compensation of £3.7 million, to Wayne Ashley Moore, 38 from Norfolk for the "very severe brain injury" he suffered after falling around 12 metres, while working at the Corus steel plant in Ijmuiden, Holland, in 2000. A hand rail on the scaffolding platform had come out its socket, causing the accident. SGB Holland BV, which supplied the scaffolding, agreed to pay the £3.7m

Manitowoc sells fridge maker

Manitowoc Company, Inc has sold the assets of its Diversified Refrigeration Inc. subsidiary to Monogram Refrigeration, LLC, part of General Electric.

The transaction will close at year end. No details have been disclosed, but Manitowoc expects to realise a gain on the sale of the assets in its fourth quarter.

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- **Bob Elcome has joined Panther Platforms Rentals** to head up the company's sales efforts.
- **Nationwide Access has appointed David Roebuck** as business director based at group headquarters in Lutterworth, Leicestershire.
- The **2007 ARA convention and Rental show** will go ahead in New Orleans as originally planned.
- **Martin Davies Departs:** Martin Davies, European sales director for Skyjack, has decided to make a career change in 2006 and will leave the company in January. His departure is an amicable one on both sides. In more than 10 years with the company, Davies has helped Skyjack take a significant share of the scissor lift market in a good number of European countries.



Martin Davies

- **Terex has obtained a waiver from its principle senior lenders** to delay the filing of its 2004 year end and interim 2005 accounts until February 15, 2006.
- **Terex launch new telehandlers.** Terex has unveiled a range of new telehandlers, including three new 360 degree models and one fixed chassis model. See SAIE review.
- **H&E sell shares:** H&E Equipment Services, the crane and access rental company from Baton Rouge Louisiana, is planning an IPO to raise over \$200 million.
- **ABB win Rotterdam contract:** ABB has won the contract to supply automation and electrical systems for 76 terminal cranes at the new Euromax container terminal in Rotterdam
- **Bigge Crane and Rigging has acquired American Heavy Rigging & Hauling Co** of Richmond, Virginia.
- **Sunbelt, the American subsidiary of the Ashtead Group has acquired Northridge Equipment,** with five locations in California.
- **Tony Havercroft joins UpLift:** Tony Havercroft is to leave Genie at the end of November, and join UpLift, the Wakefield based access rental company, as sales director.
- **Cramo of Sweden and RK of Finland are to merge,** creating Europe's fifth largest rental company. Cramo shareholder PON will be the largest single shareholder in combined business while Caterpillar are exiting.
- **Kiloutou sold:** Franky Mulliez, the founder of Kiloutou, France's second largest rental company, has sold 51% of the business to Sagard for €170 million.
- **All change at Haulotte USA:** Tom Stachurski who until recently headed the Haulotte team in North America, has departed along with a number of other members of the sales team.
- **Peiner move to Wilmington:** Production of Terex-Peiner tower cranes is being moved from Germany to the Terex plant in Wilmington, Delaware in the USA.
- **Parker Hannifin,** has announced that it has acquired UK based **Sterling Hydraulics,** for an undisclosed cash sum.
- **Glyn Goodwin has joined Genie** as a UK regional sales manager, he was previously with AJ Access
- **JLG and Genie to increase prices:** Both JLG and Genie have said that they will increase prices in the new year, JLG by two percent and Genie by four percent.
- **George Brumwell,** chair of **CSCS** and former general secretary of the UK construction union Ucat, died suddenly on Nov/8th, aged 66 following a short illness.
- **Terex has announced the promotion of Colin Robertson** to the position of executive vice president - operations, effective January 1, 2006
- **Caterpillar** has opened its first European engine remanufacturing plant in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- **VP (Vibroplant)** has paid up to £19.5 million for **Trax Portable Access Ltd,** the temporary roadway and barrier specialist.
- **A-Plant,** the UK rental division of **Ashtead,** has agreed a five year sole supply deal with the **Birse group.**
- Gantry crane maker, **Morris Material Handling and Bacou-Dalloz** have concluded a strategic partnership in the UK Morris will promote **Söll Fall Protection Systems** and **Miller PPE** products through its Morris Institute and nationwide network of Service Centres.
- **Unic Cranes Europe** has appointed **B&B Plant and Equipment** as its distributor in South Africa. For its full range of mini crawler cranes.
- An employee at the **JCB** plant in Cheadle Staffordshire, was killed in an accident at the facility in November.
- **IPAF** has appointed **Hans Aarse** as its representative for the Benelux.
- **Kurt Ospeth,** managing director of **Bautas,** Norway's largest rental company, owned by **Ramirent,** is leaving at the end of the year. **Eivind Bøe,** 39, will take over.
- **Dino Lift,** the Finnish based aerial lift producer has appointed **Mikael Paulin,** 43, to the new post of marketing and sales director for the Dino Lift Group.
- **David Smith** of **Kier Construction** has joined **Empower training services** as construction training consultant.
- **Ashtead** group's US subsidiary, **Sunbelt** has accepted a \$20 million settlement from **Head & Engquist,** ending a long standing legal battle over the large scale poaching of staff.
- **VP,** the rental company that owns **UK Forks,** has purchased the business and assets of the **Dudley Vale Piling** division of **GE equipment** services
- The **Griffin group** has sold **Instant Access Australia,** its Australian sales and rental business to RMB ventures and its management for A\$40 million.
- **Tutt Bryant Crane hire,** one of Australia's largest crawler crane hirers, has launched the prospectus for its Initial Public Offering of its shares.
- **Tadano to invest £36/\$68 million** to upgrade and realign its production facilities in Japan, to boost capacity by 30 percent.
- **Tadano pays \$10 million** to increase its stake in Chinese joint venture to 50 percent.
- **Haulotte launch Dakar 2006 bid,** and are entering a three vehicle team, which includes a Mercedes Unimog and Mercedes 6x6 support truck.
- **China Joint venture for Aerial:** The **Tanfield group** has signed an agreement, to set up a joint venture company with a Chinese access equipment producer, to produce Aerial access models in China for the local market.
- **Winterlift open depot in Gateshead.** The fast growing crane hirer Winterlift, which would have been 16th in this years Top 20 crane UK/Ireland crane hirers, if we hadn't missed them, has opened a new Newcastle region depot, at a location recently vacated by Duncan aka Cox, crane hire
- **Easy UpLifts,** has ordered four new **Bronto** truck mounted lifts, including the first 70 metre S70XDT and three more 46 metre, S46XDT from UK/Ireland distributor **BlueLine access**
- **Gulliver Truck hire Ltd** of Bristol, has opened a new access division with 15 **SkyKing** 12.5 metre 125RA van mounts.
- **Independent Parts and Service (IPS)** has launched a new website, **www.ips-ltd.biz** which includes an on-line parts ordering from over 30,000 parts references.
- **Correction:** on page 10 of the October issue we reported that each Geda suspended platform needed 26 tonnes of water ballast! We meant of course that the 26 tonnes was for all six platforms.
- **Late news:** **Arcomet** will take over the UK distribution of **Potain Tower Cranes** from January 1st 2006 with two new companies: **Midland Cranes** for self-erectors and **Arcomet Tower Cranes** for top slewers.



Mikael Paulin



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