

3,000 Skyjacks for Boels

Dutch international rental company Boels Rental has ordered 3,000 Skyjack scissor lifts equipped with Skyjack's new Elevate telematics solution.

The order includes DC slab scissors between 19 and 40ft and RT scissors to 50ft. The Elevate telematics will allow Boels to monitor and manage the machines remotely, spot service requirements in advance, provide remote troubleshooting, battery pack management, and verification of the machine's location. The order follows Boels' recent purchase of 740 JLG platforms equipped with the manufacturer's ClearSky telematics system.



Niftylift's new HR12L

New Niftylift HR12L

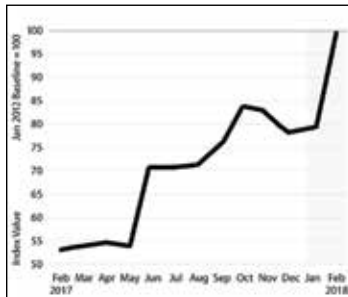
Niftylift has launched a new, lighter weight battery powered version of its popular 33ft HR12 articulated boom lift - the HR12L.

The new machine is available with either a Lithium ion battery pack, or more traditional AGM maintenance free batteries. The machine features new covers, controls and Tough-Cage platform, an overall width of 1.79 metres and an overall weight of 2,500 to 2,540kg - depending on battery choice - allowing it to be transported on a two axle equipment trailer. The lead customer was Hoogwerk, a new venture in the Netherlands and Advanced Access Platforms in the UK.

Crane prices to rise

Donald Trump's threat to impose 25 percent import tariffs on steel, and 10 percent on aluminium, has helped push steel prices to levels not seen for many years. Equipment manufacturers with high steel content products, such as cranes, telehandlers and large aerial lifts, are struggling to absorb the higher prices and are drawing up plans to pass on the increases to customers.

Terex Cranes was the first to publicly state its plans, in the form of a steel surcharge which is transparent and separate from the base cost of the crane. Chief executive John Garrison sent a letter to customers earlier this month outlining this plan. This was followed by a letter from Steve Filipov confirming that a 3.5 percent steel surcharge will be immediately applied to US built Terex cranes, while prices for Demag cranes built in Germany will increase between two and seven percent due to the higher steel and component prices. The increases will not apply to firm orders already placed and in its backlog.

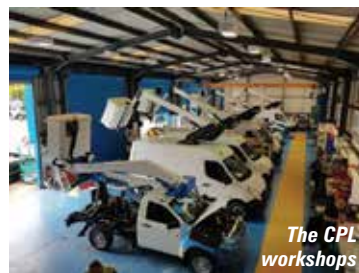


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Klubb acquires CPL

French vehicle mounted lift manufacturer Klubb has acquired CPL (Cumberland Platforms Ltd), its UK dealer for van mounted platforms since 2016.

CPL owners Paul and Michela Murphy retain a minority stake in the business and will continue to manage the company while serving as directors. CPL also builds special custom designed platforms and distributes spider and truck mounted lifts from Palfinger Platforms Italy. Klubb claims to have produced 1,200 platforms in 2017 and is forecasting 1,400 units for this year.



The CPL workshops



(L-R) Michela and Paul Murphy with Julien Bourrellis

New 300t Grove

Grove is to launch a new version of its six axle 300 tonne GMK6300L, the GMK6300L-1. Improvements include two new Mercedes Euromot 4/EPA Tier 4 final diesels with improved fuel economy and redesigned structural elements which are said to provide an average capacity improvement of seven percent.

The capacity gains rise to 16 percent for boom lengths of between 70 and 80 metres, with 14 tonnes available on full boom at up to 28 metres radius. Maximum tip height is 120 metres with boom fully extended and 37 metre extension fitted. Steering and suspension systems remain unchanged. The counterweight slabs and auxiliary hoist are interchangeable with the GMK5180-1, GMK5200-1, GMK5250L and GMK6300L.

Capacities are up to 16 percent higher.



The new 300 tonne Grove GMK 6300L-1.

Icahn sells before Manitowoc share drop

Investor Carl Icahn caused a good deal of public comment when he was found to have sold \$31.3 million of Manitowoc shares shortly before Donald Trump announced plans to impose a 25 percent tariff on imported steel, causing equipment company shares such as Manitowoc to plummet.

Icahn, a special advisor to Trump and a keen supporter, is reported to have sold at between \$32 and \$34 a share. After the announcement the shares slumped to \$26 but have recovered to just over \$28 as C&A went to press. Icahn was instrumental in the break-up of Manitowoc when he acquired a 7.7 percent stake in the company at the end of 2014.

JCB lithium option

JCB has introduced a lithium ion battery option for five of its slab electric scissor lifts - the 15ft S1530E, 19ft S1930E, 20ft S2032E, and 26ft S2646E and the S2646E.

JCB claims 40 percent longer run times with the lithium batteries, which are virtually maintenance free and offer 2,000 recharge cycles. The lithium battery pack includes a JCB Battery Management System (BMS) that allows customers to monitor and adjust the load on each cell to ensure they perform at the optimum level. A Smartphone app with wireless connectivity also allows real-time battery condition checks. The option came about as a result of a request from Dutch rental company start up Hoogwerkt, which has ordered 420 units for its new 'green' rental business. The first units have been delivered, with the remainder shipping at a rate of around 25 a month.

JCB Access managing director Jonathan Garnham - who has taken over from Richard Butler said: "We are delighted to be offering innovative new solutions to the industry so early into JCB's entry into the sector."



The 20ft JCB S2032E with lithium ion batteries

All lithium rental company

Two Dutch businessmen, Arnold Grootveld and Jan Vriesinga, have set up a new rental company in the Netherlands - Hoogwerkt - with the support of ABN Amro Lease. The new company will offer a range of booms, scissor lifts, trailer lifts and spider lifts all with lithium ion battery packs and an overall weight that allows them to be towed on a two axle equipment trailer.



Hoogwerkt machines

The first units include the new 33ft Nifty HR12L articulated boom, JCB scissor lifts, Hinowa lithium spider lifts and Niftylift trailer lifts. The company says that it will offer low prices and rental by the hour, with customers picking up and returning the machines from a projected 80 locations. It also claims to have placed initial orders for 800 new lifts. Grootveld and Vriesinga have 15 years' experience in the finance and leasing industry.



New Manitou articulated booms

Manitou is set to launch updated versions of its popular 46ft 160 ATJ and 52ft 180 ATJ Rough Terrain articulated boom lifts.

The new 'mark three' models have smaller StageV diesels, coupled to the company's load sensing hydraulic system and lighter lift mechanisms, rather than sharing the heavy structures from the high capacity Plus/+ models. Other changes include a new platform, additional lifting lugs and tie downs and a simpler standard specification. The ANSI version of the new booms was unveiled at the recent Rental show in New Orleans in the form of the ATJ46. (See page 49)



Summit and IAPA Awards

Dan Kaplan accepts his Lifetime Achievement Award



The IPAF Summit was held in Miami, Florida this year, and was followed by the annual IAPA Awards dinner. Dan Kaplan - a past president of Hertz Rental and long time rental industry consultant - received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Other awards included:

Access Rental Company of the Year: United Rentals, USA

Contribution to Safe Working at Height: Haulotte, France - for its ACTIV Lighting System

The IAPA Innovative Technology Prize: Controls Dynamics (CTI), USA for its Piranha Lox System

IPAF Training Centre of the Year: A-Plant, UK

IPAF Training Instructor of the Year: Peter Wallace of NIS Training, UK

Powered Access Pioneer: Shanghai Horizon Equipment & Engineering, China

Product of the Year - Mast Climbing Work Platforms & Hoists: Scanclimber, Finland/Poland for its Counter Balanced Extension

Product of the Year - Self Propelled Booms & Atrium Lifts: Niftylift, UK for the HR21 4x4 (MKII) boom lift

Product of the Year - Scissor Lifts & Vertical Masts: Hematec Arbeitsbühnen, Germany for the Helix 1205 mast boom

Product of the Year - Vehicle and Trailer Mounted: Ruthmann, Germany for the T650 HF truck mounted lift

Project of the Year: UP Makine for the Istanbul Airport project, Turkey

Next year's Summit will be held on March 6th in Dubai.

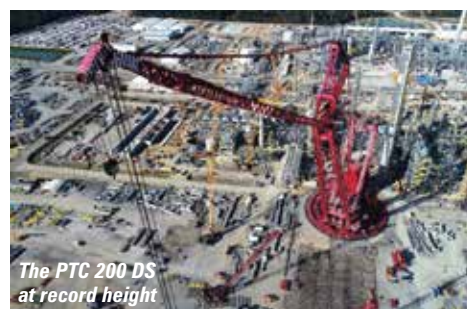
Mammoet hits record height

Mammoet has set a record lift height for its PTC 200 DS heavy lift crane of 217 metres.

The record lift was made at Lotte Chemical's Mono-Ethylene Glycol project in Louisiana, USA, where the crane had a series of loads to handle ranging from 30 tonnes to a 1,450 tonne wash tower. The PTC 200 DS lifted the wash tower to a hook height of 100 metres as part of the tilt up process. It was then rigged with an additional 67 metres of boom/jib, bringing the total lift height to 217 metres. The additional height allowed the crane to carry out all of the remaining lifts from the one location, including modules located outside of the original lifting radius.



Mammoet executing the wash tower lift



The PTC 200 DS at record height

750 tonner for Ireland

Irish rental company East Cork Crane Hire has taken delivery of a 750 tonne Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1 All Terrain crane.



East Cork's Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1

The nine axle LTM 1750-9.1 is rated at three metres and features a 52 metre main boom topped by up to 91 metres of lattice jib. Established in 1987, family run East Cork Crane Hire was founded by Tom and Catherine Kelleher and is now run by Aidan Kelleher. The company has a crane fleet ranging from a 13 tonne Kato City type crane to a 1,200 tonne Liebherr All Terrain crane.

Multitel hybrid in production

Italian truck mount and spider lift manufacturer Multitel Pagliero has begun production of a new 16 metre Multitel 160 Hybrid truck mounted platform. The new aerial lift - mounted on a 3.5 tonne Iveco Daily chassis - provides 10 metres of outreach and a maximum platform capacity of 200kg.

The lift will normally be operated from the battery powered electric motor driven hydraulic pump but can also be operated by the vehicle's Power Take Off hydraulic pump.

As the vehicle moves from one job site to another, or is operating from the PTO, the batteries are recharged by an extra alternator - while the main alternator charges the vehicle battery as normal. The company says the battery pack can be charged from empty to full in less than four hours. Multitel says it plans to add more models to its Eco Hybrid range soon.



Multitel 160 Hybrid

New UK rental company

A new truck mounted platform rental company has opened in the UK, Mobile Platform Hire UK. Established by managing director Adam Tucker, the company is based in St Albans, Hertfordshire and has a fleet of five machines from Palfinger, Ascendant and Bronto Skylift topped by a 46 metre Bronto XDT which offers up to 24.5 metres of outreach and 600kg platform capacity.

The company is already looking for larger premises in Milton Keynes, an area where Tucker sees most potential for the business.



Mobile Platform Hire UK's 46m Bronto

Euro 6 Versalift pick-up



Versalift UK has launched a Euro 6 version of its 13.3 metre LAT135-H pick-up mounted platform, complete with LV insulation.

The new Euro 6 Versalift LAT135-H

Mounted on a Toyota Hilux chassis, the LAT135-H E6 has a working height of 13.3 metres, an outreach of 6.1 metres and 230kg platform capacity. The new model also features a stronger, lighter boom structure manufactured from high strength steel, a re-engineered pedestal and double A-frame outriggers. It also qualifies for National Small Series Approval allowing it to be self-certified by the manufacturer.

First 300 tonne Kobelco delivered

Kobelco has handed over the first two export units of its new 300/350 tonne CKS3000 lattice boom crawler crane to Indonesian contractor Guna Teguh Abadi (GTA) Construction.

Announced at the end of last year, the first CKS3000 is due to start work in Indonesia in April. The crane has a maximum capacity of 300 tonnes in standard format, and 350 tonnes in SHL specification. The CKS3000 is the standard model for the rest of the world with the CKE3000G primarily aimed at the European market and the CK3300G-2 for North America.



Shinsuke Izumi of Kobelco (L) and Kaoru Hirota of GTA at the hand over

25m Cela Spyder goes electric

Italian truck and spider lift manufacturer Cela has launched an electric version of its 25 metre DT25 Spyder articulated boom tracked spider lift.

The lift mechanism and working envelope is identical to the original diesel version, with an outreach of 12 metres, an up and over height of 14 metres and a platform capacity of 230kg. The company says that a fully charged battery pack is sufficient for an average full days work and can also be charged during operation when the machine is working close to an AC outlet.



The Cela DT25 Spyder



(L-R) Jan Sarens of Sarens, Thomas Schramm of Demag, Marc Sarens and Ludo Sarens of Sarens and Steve Filipov of Demag/Terex

44 Demags for Sarens

Belgian crane and heavy lifting specialist Sarens has ordered 44 Demag All Terrain cranes including six 55 tonne AC 55-3s, seven 60 tonne AC 60-3s, 12, 100 tonne AC 100-4Ls, 10, 130 tonne AC 130-5s, two 160 tonne AC 160-5s and seven 220 tonne AC 220-5s. The cranes will be delivered throughout the year with the final deliveries taking place next year.

AA/High Access acquires Outreach Access

UK truck mounted rental company AA Access - now part of the High Access Maintenance group - has acquired Scotland's Outreach Access to expand its operations north of the border.

Outreach Access - a division of Palfinger dealer and offshore equipment specialist Outreach - offers a range of truck and van mounted aerial lifts from its main location in Falkirk, with a branch in Birtley, north east England. The deal significantly bolsters the AA fleet, as well as adding 13 new employees including an operations manager, sales manager and in-house service engineer.



A truck mounted lift from the Outreach Access fleet

Elebia launches NEO hook

Spanish lifting gear company Elebia has launched a 20 tonne capacity NEO automatic hook designed for lifting bell furnaces and suited to environments with extreme temperatures. It can also be used for lifting and manoeuvring loads that have an oversized lifting point - up to 100mm diameter.

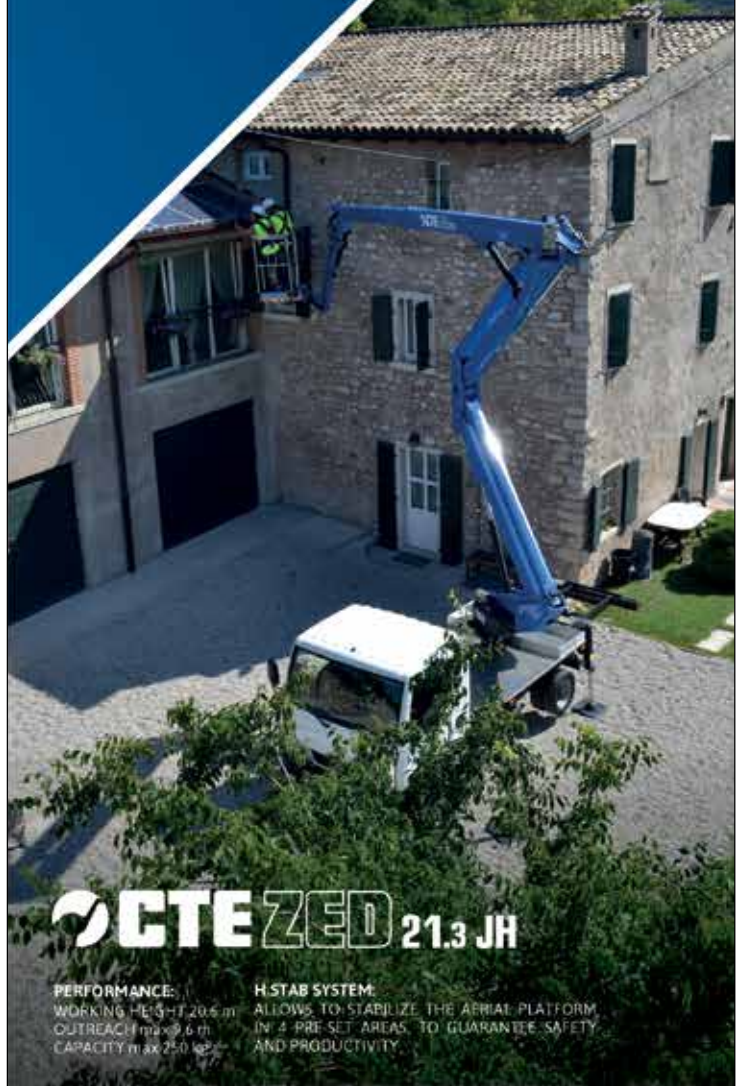
A colour coded LED status indicator displays green when the hook is open, blue when closed and red when in between. It will only lift the load once the closure mechanism is locked, and the LED status indicator is blue. The optional eMax remote control includes a full colour LCD screen and offers the user a variety of information, including weight, hook status and overload or unbalanced alarms.



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Manitou opens test centre

Manitou has opened a new €1.5 million Research & Development test centre at its headquarters Ancenis, western France.

The facility will be used to stress and test prototypes of new models, subjecting them to a series of test cycles to analyse the resistance of the major parts and other components and measure long-term endurance and durability. Work began on the new facility - which includes a driving circuit and an RT 2012 certified building - in May last year and will be home to 16 employees.



Manitou's new R&D test centre

Advanced low emission depot

UK rental company Advanced Access Platforms has opened a new low emission depot opposite the O2 Arena/Millennium Dome in central London.

The new fleet is aimed at exceeding London's environmental initiatives such as the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). It includes the new 33ft Niftylift HR12L low weight battery electric boom lift, with maintenance free AGM batteries, along with Nifty HR17, HR21 and HR28 Hybrid booms, Skyjack battery electric scissor lifts, and Euro 5 compliant boom lifts and Hinowa lithium ion spider lifts.



Advanced Access Low emission depot

Ahern companies to distribute Bluelift

Ruthmann Italia has appointed two Ahern group companies to distribute its Bluelift spider lift range. Ahern Australia will sell Bluelift in Australia on an exclusive basis, while also providing parts sales and service across the country from its locations in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane and existing network of field service engineers all of whom have already been factory trained. The Ruthmann range of truck mounted lifts are already handled by local manufacturer Nifty-Lift.

Managing director Glenn Martin said: "There is strong demand for tracked spider lifts in this market, and they are complementary to the Snorkel and Xtreme product lines that we already offer."

The move follows the appointment last month of sister company Snorkel UK to distribute Bluelift spider lifts in the UK and Ireland.



A Bluelift spider lift



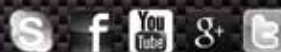
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Ruthmann launches secondary guarding

Ruthmann has developed a secondary guarding system for its truck mounted lifts that uses a pressure sensitive rubber bar in front of the control panel. When depressed it stops all movement of the platform allowing the operator to only retrace previous movements.

If the bar remains pressed an alarm sounds to alert others that the operator might be trapped. A similar system has been developed for the Bluelift spider lifts. The system is optional on all Ruthmann T, TB and TBR series lifts and can be retrofitted to older units.



The system uses a pressure sensitive rubber bar in front of the control panel

New products at the ARA

This year's Rental Show in New Orleans featured several new products. (Full report see page 49).

Skyjack unveiled a new North American style 2.5 tonne/six metre SJ519 TH compact telehandler which can take 2,000kg to its full 5.9 metre lift height and boasts a full size operator's cab.



The Skyjack SJ519 TH

Snorkel launched its entry into the telehandler market with the 2.6 tonne/six metre SR5719 - a Faresin-built machine, part of a deal in which Snorkel will sell and support Faresin products to the construction and rental market under the Snorkel brand. The agreement is worldwide, but will initially be limited to North America.



The Faresin-built Snorkel SR5719

MEC has launched two new models, a new compact 19ft slab scissor lift - the Micro 19 - with direct electric drive, active pothole protection and roll-out deck extension, 226kg platform capacity, an overall length of 1.5 metres and an overall weight of 1,220kg.

The second new model is a 45ft articulated boom lift - the 45-AJ - with 7.6 metres of outreach at an up & over height of 7.5 metres. The one metre deep by 1.8 metre wide platform has a 227kg capacity. 360 degree continuous slew is standard.



MEC Micro 19



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The rental division of Brazilian company **Mills** has reported full year revenues down 15 percent to R181.3 million (\$55.6 million) with an operating loss before depreciation of R3.5 million (\$1.1 million) compared to a loss last year of R11.6 million (\$3.6 million). Rental revenues declined 13.6 percent to R150.6 million (\$46.2 million) and used equipment sales 22 percent to R20.4 million (\$6.3 million). Following the publication of the results CFO Gustavo Zeno resigned.



US sales and rental company **H&E Equipment Services** has reported full year revenues 5.3 percent higher at \$1.03 billion, with improvements in both new and used equipment sales, rental and services. Pre-tax profits were only marginally higher though at \$59.3 million due mostly to fees for early termination of long-term debt and merger break-up costs.



Ashtead, owner of Sunbelt Rentals in the USA and A-Plant in the UK, has announced its nine month revenues up 20 percent at £2.81 billion, of which around 15 percent came from organic growth and five percent due to acquisitions. Pre-tax profits for the period were 18 percent higher at £687.4 million. In the fourth quarter revenues increased 22 percent to £916.1 million with pre-tax profits rising 24 percent to £194.3 million.



French telehandler and aerial lift manufacturer **Manitou** has reported pre-tax profits for 2017 of €87.48 million - up 36 percent - on revenues (reported last month) 19 percent higher at €1.59 billion.



Sunbelt had revenues of \$3.1 billion, 18 percent up on last year, while operating profits increased almost 20 percent to just over one billion dollars. In Canada, the fledgling business almost tripled its revenues to c\$161,000, thanks to acquisitions, while operating profits more than quadrupled to more than c\$33 million.



Skyjack - Linamar Industrial Division - reported full year revenues of c\$1.12 billion up 29 percent on 2016. The result was due to strong market share gains and volumes for boom lifts in North America, Europe and Asia, plus increased volumes for telehandlers in North America and higher scissor lift sales in both North America and Europe. The gains were partially offset by unfavourable changes in exchange rates. Operating profits for the year increased by a more modest 12 percent to c\$162.4 million.



In the UK, **A-Plant** revenues were 17 percent higher at £354 million, with operating profits up 12.5 percent to £56.8 million. Group capital expenditure was £859 million with a full year projection of £1.26 billion.



Telehandler manufacturer **Wacker Neuson** has published full year revenues 13 percent higher at €1.53 billion, thanks to strong growth in both Europe - where sales increased 11 percent to €1.13 billion - and the Americas where revenues climbed 23 percent to €357.5 million. Sales in Asia Pacific declined five percent to €46.6 million. Compact Equipment revenues, which include the telescopic handler product line, were 15 percent higher at €817.6 million. Pre-tax profits jumped 54 percent in the year to €125.4 million.



Loxam has reported full year revenues for 2017 of €1.37 billion - 47.6 percent up on 2016 - much of it due to acquisitions including Lavendon and Hune. Like for like growth was still respectable at 8.5 percent. Revenues in France were €835.4 million, 14 percent up on the year, boosted by the addition of Lavendon France. Overseas revenues almost tripled to €532.3 million. Pre-tax profits for the year more than doubled to €103.2 million in spite of extra costs involved with the Lavendon acquisition. Capital expenditure for the year was €400 million compared with €198 million last year, while disposals of used equipment totalled €246 million. Net debt increased from €1.4 to €2.12 billion.



Haulotte has reported pre-tax profits 19 percent lower at €21.1 million, on revenues (reported last month) 11 percent higher at €510 million. The profit dip is due to finance related costs including the extension of its main credit line to late 2019, and setting up an additional €5 million line of credit. Margins and operating profits were all substantial higher.



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High capacity counterweight beam

UK crane and glass handling specialist GGR has launched a high capacity counterweighted lifting beam, the eight tonne Libro 8000. Designed for use with all types of cranes, it can be used for glass, cladding and curtain walling installation below overhangs of up to three metres deep. It is fitted with a rechargeable battery pack to power the remote controlled rack and pinion counterweight saddle, which travels along the beam to balance the load being lifted on the other end. An automatic cut out prevents the beam from tilting more than 10 degrees above or below horizontal.



The Libro 8000 can handle eight tonnes.

Humma 55-25 GETS Hydropneumatic suspension

Australia's Humma Cranes has launched a new chassis with hydro-pneumatic levelling suspension for its 55 tonne Humma 55-25 pick & carry crane.

The suspension was developed in partnership with specialist German suspension company Hemscheidt Fahrwerktechnik, and enables the crane to level up on side slopes of up to five degrees at which point it can pick & carry its full load chart. Maximum road travel speed is 85kph.



Humma Cranes has launched a new chassis for its 55 tonne Humma 55-25

Airo variable platform

The variable sized platform for Airo push around lifts, prototyped last year, is now in production. Originally designed as a special by UK dealer - Aerial and Handling Services - it has been adopted by Airo as a regular option for worldwide sale.

The guardrail length on the variable platform can be reduced from just over a metre to 520mm, creating a 520mm square 'basket', allowing movement through suspended ceiling openings etc. The platform has saloon type entrance gates and is available across the Airo PAV range with working heights from three to 5.3 metres. It can also be retrofitted to existing platforms and may be available on larger scissor lifts in the future.



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Genie has appointed **Mike Davis** as vice president, product management and Terex business systems.



Mike Davis

Nigeria **Liquid Natural Gas** has taken two 130t **Grove** GMK5130-2 All Terrain cranes.

Saudi Arabia's **Bin Quraya** has taken 10, 125ft **Genie** SX-125 XC telescopic booms.

Klubb has appointed **Gemini** as its distributor for India.

United Rentals chief operating officer **Matthew Flannery** is now president.



Matthew Flannery

UK-based **Advanced Access Platforms** has opened a new London depot with new **Niftylift** booms.

UK's **Oak on Oak** has taken a 21m **Teupen** Leo 21GT spider lift.

Germany's **Wiesecker Werkzeugvermietung** has taken a 29m **Ruthmann** TB290.

JLG has appointed **Kale Makina Pazarlama** as distributor for Turkey.

China's **Tianjin Prosperity Bai-Li** has taken 19ft **Skyjack** SJIII 3219 DCs.

Germany's **Engel Krane** has taken a 220t **Tadano** ATF 220G-5 All Terrain crane.

Genie has appointed **Christine Zeznick** business manager, telematics and **Zach Gilmore** product manager.



Christine Zeznick



Zach Gilmore

Saudi Arabia's **ACT Crane & Heavy Equipment** has ordered 10 **Terex** and **Demag** cranes.

UK's **Lincs Lifts** has taken delivery of 25 **Niftylifts**.

Marsh Plant Hire UK has taken five **Liebherr** All Terrain cranes.

US-based **Custom Truck & Equipment** has ordered 14 **Terex** cranes.

Palazzani delivered two 32m spider lifts to **O.Mec** in Italy.

Indonesia's **PT Saranabaja Perkasa** has taken three **Grove** All Terrain cranes.

Dubai's **AJI Heavy Equipment Rentals** has taken **Skyjack** scissor lifts.

JCB has appointed **Jonathan Garnham** as managing director **JCB Access**.



Jonathan Garnham

Irish access industry veteran **Ciaran Gillespie** has died following a battle with cancer.

Isoli has appointed **Skyking** as its new UK distributor.

Germany's **Wittrock** has ordered two 250t **Demag** AC 250-5 All Terrain cranes.

Germany's **Autokran-Dienst Jaromin** has taken a 15.5t **Jekko** JF545 spider crane.

Germany's **SHK** has taken 14 **Skyjack** boom lifts.

UK distributor **T H White** is providing a free extended warranty on Epsilon cranes.



Kevin Fox

Kevin Fox of **Skyjack** is retiring after 40 years in the access industry.

US-based **Empire Crane Company** has ordered 14 new **Demag** All Terrain cranes.

Germany's **HKL Baumaschinen** has opened a new location in Aachen.

Link-Belt has appointed **Doug Newcomer** and **Kirk Erlinger** as district managers.



Doug Newcomer

Germany's **Wiesbauer** has ordered two **Demag** All Terrain cranes.

Dubai's **Precision Machinery** has ordered five 23.8m **CMC** TB240 truck mounted platforms.

Germany's **Dornseiff** has taken a 250t **Liebherr** LR 1250 crawler crane.

JLG has appointed **Sudhir Power** as its distributor for North and West India.

UK transport operator **James Kembhall** has ordered two 45t **Kalmar** DRG450-65S5 Gloria reachstackers.



Suzanne Wood

Ashtead finance director **Suzanne Wood** will step down and be succeeded by **Michael Pratt**.

UK's **NMT Crane Hire** has taken four new **Böcker** truck cranes.

United Rentals has acquired **Industrial Rental Services**.

Paul Evans of **Liebherr** Great Britain has passed away at home.

UK's **Ainscough** is to take two 450t **Liebherr** LTM 1450-8.1 All-Terrain cranes.

Kiloutou has appointed **Olivier Colleau** as chief executive, replacing **Xavier du Boÿs**.



Olivier Colleau

Mammoet Middle East has added 35 new cranes to its fleet.

The UK **Access Alliance** held a service managers meeting at **TVH** in Belgium.

UK's **Hampshire Plant & Access** has taken four **Manitou** telehandlers and nine **Skyjack** scissor cranes.

UK crane and access industry veteran **David James** has died.

Japan's **Komatsu**, has acquired New York-based **PBE group**.



Ralph Rohmann

Italy's **Gefran** has appointed **Ralph Rohmann** to its German team.

Contractor **BYGG** has taken the first **Potain** Hup 32-27 in Iceland.

Germany's **Scholpp Kran & Transport** has taken three **Demag** All Terrain cranes.

UK's **M&M Mobile Crane Hire** is adding 10 new cranes to its fleet.

Time Versalift France has delivered 100 platforms in its first year.



Chelsea Myrick Long

US **Acme Lift** has promoted **Chelsea Myrick Long** to senior VP national accounts.

Ireland's **Height for Hire** has taken three 33m **TCA Falcon** FS330Z spider lifts.

Chile's **Burger Crane Company** has taken a 120t **Grove** GHC130 crawler crane.

Germany's **Geo4mation** has taken a 22.6m **Oil & Steel** Scorpion 2313.

Düsseldorf Airport has purchased an 80t **Grove** GMK 4080-1 All Terrain crane.



Brent Hagedorn

Brent Hagedorn ex marketing director of **BilJax/Haulotte** N.America has died suddenly.

Germany's **Mateco** has taken added **Palfinger** and **Ruthmann** lifts to its fleet.

Unic Cranes Europe has appointed **Thomas Meheust** as European sales manager.



Thomas Meheust

Versalift UK has launched a Euro 6 version of its LAT135-H pick-up.

UK's **Cannon Access** added new **Airo** X14 EN and X16 EW scissor lifts.

Sweden's **Kranpunkten** has taken 143 **Genie** aerial lifts and telehandlers.

US **RTL Equipment** has ordered **Demag** and **Terex** cranes.



'Bobby' Mazumder

Avijit 'Bobby' Mazumder of Indian crane company **TIL** has died.

Möller Manlift has taken the first 46ft **Airo** X16 EW scissor in Germany.

Australia's **Monitor Lifts** has taken a 27m **Platform Basket Spider** 27.14.

UK's **Q Crane & Plant Hire** has ordered five new **Kobelco** crawler cranes.

Germany's **Schickling** has taken two **Helix** 1205 mast booms and a **Dino** 160XT II trailer lift.

UK's **Hird** has taken a 26m **Hinowa** Lightlift 26.14 lithium.

France's **Merdrignac Leverage Développement** has taken two **Genie** booms.

Acme Lift has appointed **Tyler Brown** as senior vice president western operations.



Tyler Brown

Ashtead's Sunbelt Rentals has acquired **Nickell Rental**.

Trevor Ripley of **Emsley Crane Hire** in the UK, has died.

The stolen 300t **Liebherr** LTM 1300-6.2 belonging to **Hovago** has been recovered.

Rival has appointed **Søren Rosenkrands** as chief business development officer.



Søren Rosenkrands

Germany's **Anker Kran und Arbeitsbühnenvermietung** has taken a 54m **Ruthmann** T540.

Spain's **Gruas Leman** has taken three **Liebherr** All Terrain cranes.

Hiab is opening a factory installation centre in Meppel, Netherlands.



Steve Barnett

Steve Barnett of **Manitowoc** is to retire.

UK's **Smart Platform Rental** has taken a 20m **Multitel** MJ 201 truck mount.

Haulotte has appointed Swiss rental company **Arbor** as dealer for Switzerland.

UK/Ireland association **The Access Link** has added two more members.

UK-based **MAS** has taken 28 **Niftylift** boom lifts and seven **Skyjack** scissor cranes.

Australia's **Height 4 Hire's** 500th unit is a pink **Haulotte** to raise funds for charity.

UK's **Hampshire Plant & Access** has appointed **Graham Hawkins** as sales director.



Graham Hawkins

Germany's **BFM** has taken a 200t **Grove** GMK 5200-1 All Terrain crane.

UK's **Smart Platforms** has opened a new depot in Avonmouth, Bristol.

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