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TOWER CRANES 70 – 10000 METER TONS



Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Glue sniffing used to be a problem, now it is insolvency abuse!

All Access go into administration at 9am and at 11am on the same day a previously formed company called All Access Southern Ltd, has bought the business from the administrator. A few days previously a new FD (from the industry) has been engaged by the two directors. What's going on here? The creditors deserve better than this. The Geoff Till case was another case, the whole deal seemingly stitched up prior to actually going into administration and parties who might have had some interest and who surely would have put more money in the creditor's pockets are excluded. What about the reputation of our industry as they take more innocent hard pressed haulage companies and other suppliers for hundreds of thousands of pounds? And what's more, those of us who take a financially more prudent line find ourselves having to compete with the same 'leopards' and the same spots, but now with less debt. Such practices, which contravene all sense of justice, will continue to do harm to our battered industry.

I wonder if others share my view?

Malcolm Bowers

AFI Aerial Platforms Ltd

Bison-Palfinger to go higher



The new 61m Bison Palfinger will debut at APEX

Bison Palfinger will extend its range with a new 61 metre working height truck mounted lift at APEX in September.

The new model, designated the TKA 61 KS, joins the KS range that features the company's patented counter slewing device that allows

the counterweight to remain inside the vehicle width through 360 degrees as well as reducing vehicle length.

Until now, the largest model in the Bison range has been the 57 metre TKA57KS, the TKA61KS shares most of its design features, but is a metre longer. A telescopic jib articulates through a 150 degree working arc and offers a maximum outreach of 39 metres.

The Bison variable outrigger spread system, combined with the counter rotating slewing device make this an ideal lift for work in congested city streets, says the company. The 61 is mounted to a 32 tonne, 4.5 metre wheelbase truck with 11 metres overall length.

A crane for cranes

The first Amco Veba 950 5S crane to be sold in the UK, is going to, O'Kane Bros, crawler crane hire in Northern Ireland, for lifting and shifting counterweights and boom sections.

The 950 is the largest model of Amco Veba's 900 series with a capacity of 46 Tonne/Metres and up to 26 metres of outreach. The unit, which was installed by Tip N Lift of Ipswich, is mounted on a DAF 6x4 tractor unit.



Liebherr show new Fire crane

Liebherr Ehingen showed its latest Fire fighters crane at the recent Interschutz show in Hanover, the new model is based on the standard 70 tonne LTM 1070-4.1, All Terrain. The first unit is sold to the Ulm Fire Brigade and it appeared on the stand in its eye watering livery prior to delivery. The new crane replaces the LTM 1060/2, in service with Mannheim, Kaiserslautern, Hamburg and Trient fire brigades.

Liebherr has manufactured special fire brigade cranes for more than 30 years, during which it has delivered more than 80 of them. Ranging from 25 to this 70 tonner.

German and Italian fire brigades use the cranes for personnel rescue, securing vehicles in danger of falling from bridges, lifting and straightening loads that have been shed, rescuing and towing away defective vehicles, providing support for fire fighting, clearing fire areas and removing storm damage. The cranes feature a large number of modifications in order to allow them to carry out these duties.

The LTM 1070-4.1 has a 50 metre boom, eight metres longer than its predecessor. The boom length was an important consideration for the Ulm Brigade, for use on fires in high buildings such as high-rack warehouses or to, reach the rear of residential buildings from above in order to rescue personnel using a rescue basket, when access from the front is not possible.

The Ulm Fire Brigade has chosen specific fire brigade equipment for rescue and towing work, including an 80kN rescue winch, an additional winch with electrical remote control, fitted to the back of the vehicle, towing equipment with a capacity of eight tonnes for hitching and towing vehicles away and emergency back up systems to enable the crane to continue working in the event of failure of the engine or hydraulic pumps.

Extra lights include, a revolving identification light, fire siren, electrically-adjustable working spotlight on the base section, working spotlight on the boom head and a special reversing spotlight fitted to the outside mirror mountings.

A short lattice jib can be fitted to the end of the boom, to which a remote-controlled water hose can be fitted for the delivery of 5000 litres of water a minute at nozzle heights of up to 53 metres.

A 30 tonne extendable lifting beam is fitted to the front of the vehicle for lifting long loads, such as rescuing overturned trucks.

Liebherr has also received another order for an LTM 1070-4.1 from the Luxembourg fire brigade.



The new Liebherr Fire fighting crane

JLG makes changes

JLG has announced an "organizational alignment" to support its strategic plan and initiatives, that is intended to grow its service operations, diversify its channels to market and bring increased focus to its Six Sigma programme.

The changes include:

- The merging of JLG's McConnellsburg equipment services operation into the Houston based subsidiary, Service Plus Inc.
- The formation of a "Commercial Solutions Group" to bring increased focus to the commercial and industrial markets for access products, such as vertical mast lifts and trailers.

The appointment of John Louderback to the new role of vice president of Six Sigma, Quality Processes and Training, reporting directly to Bill Lasky.

Service Plus offers repairs, maintenance, reconditioning, and training on both JLG products and other brands of aerial lifts and telehandlers. The change includes the renaming of the Houston location as Service-Plus, South Central region, while the McConnellsburg

location will become Service-Plus, Mid-Atlantic region. Joseph M. Gullion will remain as president of the larger Service Plus business.

"This organizational structure will better serve the multi-faceted needs of our customers. It will be scalable and flexible, with plans to expand to multiple sites throughout the United States." commented Bill Lasky, JLG's Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The new Commercial Solutions Group will be headed by Philip H. Rehbein, currently Senior Vice President, Strategic Operations.

The new group will have its own manufacturing, design, supply chain, marketing and sales resources.

"This group is a key element in our strategy to diversify our revenue base and expand our market penetration." commented Lasky.

Leaping Wolff

Wolffkran the German heavy duty tower crane producer has announced a number of new components along with availability of its two latest models.

The new Wolff 6531 tower crane, a smaller version of the 250 tm 7532 and replaces the 6522 completing Wolff's XL range. It offers a maximum jib length of 65 metres and maximum lift capacity of 3.1 tonnes at the tip. A choice of hoists is available including the HW845 which offers up to 8.5 tonnes on two falls of cable or 12 tonnes on four. The first 6531 has now shipped and

Wolff has already added the 6531 to its rental fleet.

The other new Wolff crane, the 6028 compact, a new almost flat top tower crane, has a maximum jib length of 60 m and a max capacity of 2.8 tonnes.

The first units will ship shortly, it can also be equipped with the 845 hoist.

In addition to the new cranes, Wolff has launched a new heavy duty BT 29 tower base. The new base stands 10 metres high and is 2.9 metres wide the base is incorporated into the company's modular tower system. The BT29 has been designed to significantly extend the maximum free standing tower height, avoiding the need to tie into the building with stays.

Complementing the new base is the UV 29, heavy duty tower section, at 4.5 metres it is compatible with other Wolff tower elements and combined with the new tower base. The new sections are designed to accommodate the standard Wolff bolt connection.



The new Wolff 628 compact



Tadano launch new 65 tonne All Terrain

A group of UK crane hirers were the first customers to see the latest in Tadano-Fauns Global "G" All Terrain crane line, the ATF 65G-4. The four axle crane replaces the ATF 60-4 and features a new 44 metre boom which is said to be both lighter and stronger than that of its predecessor, thus offering improved lift capacities.

The 65G-4 joins the 110G-5 and 160G-5. all are designed to meet and comply with regulations around the world, with particular attention paid to roading, with boom overhang, axle weights and spacing all designed, as much as possible, to comply or be easy to adapt to markets as diverse as the USA, Europe and Japan.

The new crane runs on 16.00 tyres, and can travel within 12 tonne axle loads complete with the full 12 tonnes of counterweight, 8 x 6 drive, double folding jib, and two hook blocks.

While the 12 tonne axle loads are not critical for UK based crane hirers, (until they come to sell it!) the fact that the crane has a separate superstructure engine will be of interest, given the current threat of fully taxed white diesel for crane carriers.



The first new MEC's arrive

The first 18 MEC 2633ES, 10 metre working height ultra narrow, electric scissor lifts arrived at MEC Europe in Dordrecht in June.

A further 80 MEC scissor lifts are arriving this month and will include the 1932ES, 19 ft/5.8 metre Platform height micro scissors.

Platform Sales Europe, trading as MEC Europe has been given the European master distribution rights and are looking to appoint local dealers. Arjan Roesle of MEC Europe told C&A that it already has good candidates for most, countries but is keen to find more prospects in Switzerland and Austria.

The 1932 and 2633ES models from MEC



High reach sleep over

Housing worker Jim Morris, from the Walsall Housing Group, recently spent three days living in the platform of a 60ft Genie Z60/34 articulated boom, belonging to Nationwide Access, in order to raise money for the Birmingham charity, Rosie's Helping Hands.

The charity supports local youth projects and was set up in memory of Rosie Ross, who was stabbed by a paranoid schizophrenic while sunbathing in Birmingham's Centenary Square in 2001.

Jim's sleep over took place at The Poachers Pocket pub in Walsall Wood at the end of May as part of a charity festival. He spent three days and three nights in the access platform coping with sun, wind and pouring rain to raise the money.

Jim Morris spent three days and nights in this Nationwide boom lift



The upgraded AC160 offers 25% better lift capacities

Terex Demag launch AC160-2

Terex Demag has launched the new AC160-2, which incorporates a large number of improvements over the AC160-1, which it replaces, the most significant being it's mid to long reach lifting capacities.

The "dash two" uses the same compact five-axle, chassis as its predecessor, complete with Daimler-Chrysler OM 502 Engine and ZF AS-Tronic gearbox as used on the larger AC200-1. Terex claim that this combination provides the highest performance at lowest possible fuel consumption rates.

Something to consider if fully taxed diesel becomes the rule in the UK!

The 64 metre main boom and 33 metre four segment extension also remain unchanged from the 160-1.

The main physical change on the dash two is its new counterweight. Some five tones heavier at 54 tonnes; it boosts the cranes main boom lift capacity by 25 percent on average.

A key capability that Terex Demag has targeted on this unit is a net ten tonne load capacity on the fully extended main boom. The new

model will, handle 11 tonnes with its 64 metre boom, at between 16 and 18 metres radius. The AC160-1 was limited to 9.3 tonnes.

The AC160-1 was not popular in the UK or Ireland, as most hire companies preferred to trade up to the AC200-1, which is dimensionally similar, offers a 68 metre main boom, can still travel within the UK'S STGO rules and most importantly offered that 10 tonne lift capacity on full boom. Important for some tower crane erection and dismantling work.

Palfinger buy Ratcliff

Palfinger AG has announced the acquisition of Ratcliff Tail Lifts Ltd, a subsidiary of the Ratcliff Group Ltd. Ratcliff claims over 30 percent of the UK commercial vehicle tail lift market and produces a full range of tail lifts for trucks as well as wheel chairs for passenger vehicles.

The company employs over 200 staff, largely at its Welwyn Garden City production plant and Garforth, Leeds parts and service base and generates annual sales in the region of £20 million.

The company was founded over 42 years ago by Ted Ratcliff and is owned today by the founders son John and daughter Jean. The Ratcliffs will remain with the

other companies in the group, which includes Stone Hardy, a tail lift service company and Wessex which makes lifts for the disabled.

The Managing director of Ratcliff Tail Lifts Ltd, John Lane and his team will head up the Ratcliff-Palfinger business, which will become the "worldwide competence centre" for Palfinger tailifts.

John Ratcliff, a spry 69, said that the directors had wanted a "Nice Transition for the core tail lift business in Palfinger we have found a company that, like us, has family ownership and cares about its people while striving to provide high quality and top level service"

A Ratcliff-Palfinger "Tuckaway" tailift



The New XS190 from Kesla



Kesla announce the new XS190

Kesla Oyj, the Finnish producer of lightweight self propelled All Terrain booms, has announced the launch of the XS190, a 19 metre self propelled straight boom. The new unit joins the XS240 launched at Bauma last year.

The XS190 is the result of a two year research and development programme and will be shown for the first time at the APEX exhibition in September.

As with other booms from Kesla, the XS190 is self propelled in the stowed position, and needs to deploy outriggers and level itself before the boom can be raised. Four wheel steer is standard.

Facelift add real time tracking

Facelift, the Hickstead, based access rental company has decided to equip its entire fleet with Datatrak-Online a real time vehicle tracking and monitoring system. The decision follows an evaluation period on 80 of the company's aerial lifts.

Datatrak Online provides real-time vehicle tracking along with internet-based vehicle reports without the need for any special software. The system and reports can be accessed from any PC as long as it is connected to the Internet. The position of Datatrak equipped vehicles is provided by low frequency radio wave transmission and GPS, with information reported back to base via an ultra high frequency transmission service. Full data logging and machine diagnostics can also easily be added to the tracking reports.

Omme go with APS

Omme Lift, the Danish producer of trailer and crawler mounted boom lifts has appointed Access Platform Sales (APS) as its distributor for the UK and Ireland.

Omme produce a full range of trailer lifts, both articulated and telescopic types ranging from a 10.5 metre working height telescopic model up to the 29 metre 2900E.

In addition the company produce a small truck mounted range and the increasingly popular crawler mounted, narrow aisle models. The crawlers are beginning to sell well into a wide range of applications from forestry to internal atrium applications, where floor loadings are critical. The crawler range runs from 17 to 30 metres.

APS has built up a full range of quality powered access solutions which it sells to both end users and rental companies. Other brands distributed by APS include, Snorkel self propelled booms and scissors, Leguan skid steer narrow boom lifts and on a regional UK basis, Niftylift and the Genie range of portable aerial and material lifts. It also



An Omme 2200 crawler mount

recently took on the Hinowa Goldlift line of smaller crawler mounted articulating boom lifts.

APS can now offer a range of narrow crawler mounted lifts from eight metres all the way up to 30 metres.

Jim Daintith founded APS in 1987 after leaving Hewden's, following its take over of the Seymour access rental business. Today the company, which is based in Huntingdon employs over 30 staff, including seven service engineers and five trainers. Other locations include Glasgow and Dublin.

Ian James joined APS in April, as general manager with the remit to eventually take over from Jim Daintith as Managing director.



APS MD, Jim Daintith(L) with Ian James

He was previously the owner of Delta Rentals, the distributor for the Manlift Toucan range.

All Access file for administration

All Access the powered access rental specialist that was formed three and a half years ago by John Corcoran and Paul Koral, following their departure from Universal Access, applied for an administration order in mid June. The company has re-emerged after a brief period of administration as Southern All Access Ltd.

Uplift doubles its business

Wakefield based Uplift has opened a new depot in Haydock, in order to serve a growing number of its customers who work in both Manchester and Liverpool.

The new modern depot is being stocked with part of a 150 unit, £2.2 million investment in new JLG machines with the balance joining the firm's Wakefield operation.

The purchase includes JLG's ES small electric scissor lifts, which the company has specifically ordered to satisfy a growing popularity for the ES range, thanks to its long cycle times. "Many of our customers ask for these units and will pay a premium to get them", said Uplift Joint managing director Nick Higgins.

This expansion follows orders placed with Genie and Nifty earlier this year.

In addition to the new machines, Uplift has also purchased three new DAF trucks for the depot.

Ruairi Duggan, joint MD, said: "Acquiring the best machines on the market is just one part of our investment in first class levels of service. Over the next 18 months we will be able to offer a fleet of around 150 machines from this new facility, along with IPAF and PASMA training courses.

"Uplift's focus is squarely on the customer, and we believe in providing as complete a service as we can, offering machines, site surveys, equipment demonstrations, training and servicing. JLG's reputation and support fits in with our formula."

Nick Higgins and Ruairi Duggan founded Uplift in May 2001 and have gradually built the business up by concentrating on first class service and a conservative financial approach. By the end of this year the company will have a fleet of around 400 units, taking it into the Cranes & Access, UK Top 20 for the first time.

Ruairi Duggan (R) and Nick Higgins joint MD's of Uplift



Walk in Security

A TEC Security Ltd has ordered a 12.9 metre working height Versalift Eurotel ET36NF van mounted platform on a Ford 350M Transit, complete with Versalift's new walk-in bucket that was launched at last month's SED show.

A TEC Security is a specialist security systems integrator with specific expertise in the design, installation and maintenance of town centre CCTV systems. The new van mount has been acquired for use on a major security project and maintenance contract in the City of Westminster, London.



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example of an advance guardrail system

No standing on unguarded platforms

At the recent Safety and Health Expo, Peter Bennett, speaking on behalf of the Prefabricated Access Suppliers & Manufacturers Association (Pasma), announced that in light of the new Work at Height Rules, the association was saying "No More" to standing on unprotected platforms.

Clearly, standing on a platform with no edge protection or guardrails can be dangerous. After some study and discussion the association is recommending two alternative methods to install guard railing before standing on the platform.

There were a number of other possible solutions, some of which were discounted as they depended too much on erectors remembering a fairly complex set of positioning and repositioning instructions.

The two currently recommended and approved tower assembly, dismantling and alteration methods, in consultation with the HSE are: An advance guardrail system or 3T, "through the trapdoor" method.

The advance guardrail method relies on an additional set of guardrails being used when assembling, dismantling or altering a tower. The extra guardrails can be placed

ahead of the platform from the level below, before anyone moves up onto the platform.

The 3T, or "through the trapdoor" method, allows the erector to position himself through the trap of the platform and place horizontal braces ahead of himself so that collective fall prevention measures are in place before he stands on the platform.

Peter Bennett concluded "Using both of these methods, Pasma is now able to make a simple, but definitive statement, and this will be the clear message to all users and training delegates. You should never have to stand on an unprotected platform. The message is "Unprotected Platforms No More"!

Pasma is recommending this as best current practice, but is ready to adapt and extend the recommended practice as new ideas or designs come to the fore.

Through the trap method of placing guardrails.



Kobelco crane's first numbers

Kobelco cranes, became a separate business, independent from Kobelco Construction Machinery Co Ltd in April 2004, when it was launched as Kobelco Cranes Co Ltd. A subsidiary of Kobe Steel, Ltd. The company has now released its first full year results.

Kobelco Cranes sold a total of 370 units in 2004, an increase of 32 percent on 2003. North America, Europe and China all showed strong increases in sales volume. The number of crawler cranes exported, as a percentage of total unit production, rose to 70%, up from 50% in fiscal 2003.

Consolidated net sales for 2004 reached 34.8 billion yen (£177 million), an increase of over 40 percent on 2003. Domestic sales (Japan) comprised 16.9 billion yen (£85 million), 49 percent of total revenues. Exports were 17.9 billion yen (£90 million) 51 percent.

Operating income was 876 million yen, (£4.45 million), with net income at 420 million yen (£2.1 million). Kobelco Cranes commented that it recorded a profit in its first full year of operation.

Dean and Dyball's new Hitachi-Sumitomo



Contractors new crane features Hydraulics immobiliser

Dean and Dyball, one of the UK's largest, privately owned regional contractors has expanded its 36-strong Hitachi crane fleet with the purchase of an SCX700 crane. The 70-tonne crane will perform heavy duty piling applications throughout the company's civil engineering and building projects. The crane's first contract will be for Associated British Ports at Teignmouth harbour, where work commenced in June. The £4.5million contract will involve the construction of a new

harbour wall, an extension to the dock area and a new slipway. The new crane has been fitted with a high-tech security system designed to neutralize the hydraulics. Dean and Dyball's Regional Plant Manager Patrick Thorne explains: "Health and safety issues are always given priority. This system will ensure only an authorised person can operate the machine and prevent anyone without the necessary skills from attempting to do so."

Aquarius buy more Gardner Denver

Aquarius Leasing has ordered ten more Gardner Denver Powered Access platforms.

The new order comprises five of the new TDA135 telescopic 13.5 metre platforms on 3.5 tonne compact Ford Transit vans and five more heavy duty DA12.5 units on Iveco Daily 50C13 vans, this brings the Aquarius fleet of Priestman/Gardner Denver units on the Iveco Daily 50C13 van to 65 units.



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The Hiab XS 055 leaves 3 tonnes of payload on the Mitsubishi Canter.

A crane and three tonnes payload on a 7.5 tonne ?

When Chandler building supplies asked Hiab if it could fit one of its XS 055 Duo cranes on a 7.5 tonne truck and still leave three tonnes of payload, they could be forgiven for being sceptical, given Hiab's 30 year relationship with Chandler the request was taken seriously and the engineers went to work.

The solution was to install the crane at the rear of a Mitsubishi Canter truck, the XS 055 offers four hydraulic extensions with a maximum reach of 11.4 metres and can handle 940 kgs at 5.3 metres on a single extension.

Curved boom Reachstacker *one year on*

Last year Liebherr Nenzing unveiled its revolutionary new reach stacker, the LRS 645, its first entry in this market. The new unit featured many innovations as you might expect from a company like Liebherr entering a new market relatively late in the day.

The most noticeable feature is of course its unique curved boom, designed to provide clearance for stacking containers six high. The boom overshadowed other features though,

including its hydrostatic transmission and suspension system.

In the 12 months since launch, Liebherr has delivered 10 units to ports in Angola, Poland, Italy, Belgium and Berlin, Germany, and has a backlog for a further six units.

A number of options are now available, including a high capacity version for stacking fully loaded containers two and three deep, a movable cab to help improve visibility and an intermodal spreader.

The Liebherr LRS645 with intermodal spreader



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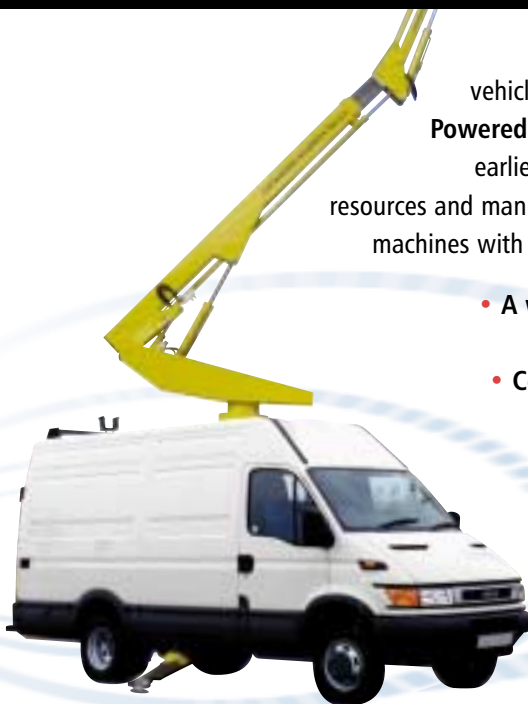


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Who has the biggest lift in Ireland? In our last issue we published the claim from Skyking and Manlift that its new 45 metre Wumag WT450 was the tallest lift in Ireland. **John Ball of Easi Uplifts** has put us right, pointing out that the 50 metre Bronto, that it purchased at the end of last year is clearly the highest. Shame on us for not double checking.

AFI has placed a follow on order for 50 Skyjack electric scissor lifts as a top up for its depot network.

Haulotte has appointed Patrice Métairie as head of the Group's Customer Service department, he will report directly to Segundo Fernandez, the Group's Sales Manager.



Manitowoc has entered into a new five-year, \$300 million, revolving credit facility, replacing a \$125-million facility that was due to expire in May 2006.

Oil&Steel the Italian based producer of the Octopussy range and truck mounted lifts has moved its UK office from Henley to central London.

VP the parent company of **UK Forks** and Hire station, saw operating profits for the year to the end of March, rise by 12 percent to £10 million, on revenues up eight percent to £90 million.

Terex crane sales for the first quarter 2005 increased by 43 percent and **Genie** aerial sales by 60 percent, but margins have been squeezed by material cost increases.

JLG has released its fiscal third quarter results, they show sales for the nine months up by 52 percent on last years record revenues to \$1.17 billion.

The management of **Sky Climber**, the suspended platform producer, has purchased a controlling share in the business.

Actuant, the parent of **Enerpac**, the heavy lifting and hydraulics specialist, has acquired **Hydratight Sweeney** of Birmingham, which provides bolting products and services to the Offshore, oil and gas and other industries, for \$93 million.

Malcolm Early, formerly European marketing communications manager at Manitowoc, has joined **JLG** as its European marketing director

Terex Demag and **Liebherr** Echingen have announced that they have settled their dispute over the Superlift and counterweight patents and given each other rights on the designs.

The **CPA** and the **National Access and Scaffolding Confederation** have published a new guide on the safe transport of scaffolding components using construction hoists.

SED visitor attendance this year rose by 12.5% to 22,000. (see *What a great show*, page 22)

JLG has announced that **Charles O. Wood**, III has retired from the Company's Board of Directors, effective May 20, 2005.

Finning International, Canadian owner of Finning UK and **Hewden Stuart**, Europe's largest rental company, has reported record first quarter revenues of C\$1,153 million, (£500 million) an increase of 19 percent over the first quarter of 2004.

Paul Richards, owner of **Hi Reach** purchased the first **Genie Z135/70** in Europe at the recent SED show.

UK Access industry pioneer **Mike Evans**, has set up as a consultant following retirement from his full time post at **Lavendon group**. While he is no longer an employee of Lavendon, he continues to work with the group on a consulting basis, covering major accounts and business development.

Lifting Gear Hire, founder and executive chairman, **Bill Parkinson** has announced his retirement and the appointment of his son as successor.

Milton Keynes based **NiftyLift** is to set up its own direct sell business in Dresden, headed by **Mark van Oosten**, of Omega lift.

Nationwide has announced the purchase of 200 **Genie** GS1932 electric scissor lifts, many of them destined for Heathrow's terminal five.

The **South Midland Construction Company Ltd** has been fined €100,000 for breach of health and safety regulations which led to the death of an employee in Blanchardstown in November 2001. Dublin Circuit Criminal Court heard that Michael Murphy, employed by the company as a truck driver, died from severe brain trauma, after he was hit in the head by the clam shell bucket of the lorry loader crane on his truck.

Steve Cripe, Senior Vice president and CFO of Manitowoc crane group and **Erik Devautour**, who was running the Manitowoc Wilhelmshaven mobile crane facility in Germany. Have both left the company.

IPAF saw revenues rise by almost 30 percent to £1.2 million in 2004, thanks to a significant rise in training and membership.

Palfinger's revenues, for the first quarter 2005 rose by 41 percent to €121.7 million compared to the same period last year. Some of this increase was due to the integration of Bison.

Arcomet the Belgian based tower Crane Company, has purchased 310 tower cranes from **MVS-Zeppelin** and taken over its tower crane rental business. Arcomet's German subsidiary, Krane KG Arcomet GmbH & Co, will continue to work with MVS-Zeppelin offering services through its national depot network.

Hemmo Luijterink has joined **Ronald van der Vliet** at **Crane Business** in Moerdijk, Holland, following the departure of Dirk Benschop.



Ron Defeo, chairman and CEO of Terex, has resigned from the United Rentals board of directors, in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

HSE publish **Tower Crane accident report** The HSE has published its full report on the fatal tower crane accident in which three people lost their lives at the HSBC building in Canada square in May 2000. No blame or prosecutions will result.

Ausio the Spanish based producer of overhead, gantry and industrial jib cranes has appointed New Tonne Lifting services as its UK distributor.

Lavendon has announced that its first half revenues will be down four percent on 2004. **David Price** has announced his retirement from Lavendon later this year.

Haulotte has announced first half order intake up 65% on 2004 and forecasts an annual rise of 20-30%. A new €330 million credit facility has also been launched.

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