

US to investigate crane imports

Earlier this month the United States Department of Commerce announced that it will initiate a section 232 investigation into mobile crane imports in response to a petition filed by Manitowoc last December.

Manitowoc alleges that increased imports of low priced mobile cranes - particularly from Germany, Austria, and Japan - as well as intellectual property infringement by foreign competition, has harmed the US domestic mobile crane manufacturing industry. At the same time the Department of Homeland Security has identified mobile cranes as a critical industry because of their extensive use in national defence applications and critical infrastructure sectors.

Manitowoc's petition claims that these factors resulted in the closure of one of its two production facilities in the United States eliminating hundreds of skilled manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin. It also cites the US International Trade Commission's Dataweb to note that imports of mobile cranes increased 152 percent between 2014 and 2019, and highlighted the 2015 verdict that Sony misappropriated trade secrets and infringed one of its patents, resulting in a ban on the sale of a Sony crawler crane in the United States.

Manitowoc claims that without import relief the armed forces and their contractors will become largely dependent on foreign producers of mobile cranes.

Secretary of commerce Wilbur Ross said: "We will conduct this review thoroughly and expeditiously. This investigation will help determine whether mobile cranes are being imported in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair US national security."

Manitowoc chief executive Barry Pennypacker added: "Manitowoc filed this petition to urge the Department of Commerce to investigate a recent surge of mobile crane imports that threatens domestic manufacturers. These imports jeopardise the domestic industry's ability to supply cranes to the US military and support critical infrastructure, thereby undermining the national security of the United States. We are confident this investigation will demonstrate the urgent need for the president to provide immediate and meaningful relief for Manitowoc. This petition is about protecting our American workforce and preserving our longstanding commitments to the US military."

Manitowoc employs around 1,400 in the United States, mostly at its facility in Shady Grove, Pennsylvania and has been supplying mobile cranes to the US military since 1961. It claims to produce 100 percent of the forces' All Terrain cranes and around two thirds of its Rough Terrain cranes.



All-new Jekko electric SPX650 spider crane

Jekko is to launch an all-new battery powered spider crane - the five tonne SPX650 - later this year. The new model incorporates the latest innovations from the recently launched 3.2 tonne SPX532 and eight tonne SPX1280.

The full specifications have not yet been released, but basic information on the machine indicates that it has a five section telescopic main boom with a four section, 1.2 tonne capacity hydraulic luffing jib for a maximum tip height of 23.5 metres. A new shorter two tonne jib is also available. When not required, the jib can be removed completely or stowed under the main boom with hook block in place allowing it to be deployed without further rigging.

The SPX650 also includes the new variable outrigger set up system with automatic sensing and load chart calculation from the SPX1280. The two stage, swing out outrigger beams can be set with a minimum footprint of 2.9 metres square or a maximum of 4.5 metres square. All crane functions and accessories can be operated from the standard remote controller which incorporates a new intuitive user interface. The hydraulic system offers fully simultaneous operation of up to four functions. The new crane features a lithium ion battery pack, while a diesel powered unit can be paired with an AC mains powered electric motor available next year.

The launch is scheduled via a live streaming event in July with shipments due to begin later in the year.



The darkened image of Jekko's new 5t SPX650

Xtreme ads 7.7t/10m C-class

US telehandler company Xtreme Manufacturing has added the new 7.7 tonne/10.3 metre XR1734-C telehandler to its C-class range of telehandlers - the fourth new C-class it has launched this year.

The XR1734-C can take 5.9 tonnes to its maximum lift height and handle 2.9 tonnes at its maximum forward reach of 5.1 metres. Weighing just over 15 tonnes, the new telehandler is powered by a Cummins Tier IV diesel and includes frame levelling of up to 11 degrees.



The new Xtreme XR1734-C

Tracked Haulotte mast type lift

Haulotte has launched a tracked version of its 12.5ft Star 6 mast type lift. The new battery powered lift offers a working height of 5.8 metres and a maximum platform capacity of 200kg - with a two person rating for indoor and one person rating for outdoor applications.



Haulotte's new tracked Star 6 mast type lift

With significantly lower ground bearing pressures than a wheeled platform of this type, the Star 6C is as suitable for working on sensitive flooring such as marble tiles as it is for soft or rough terrain. Dual trunnion mounted mid-track jockey wheels assist in keeping the entire length of the track in contact with the ground at all times while helping it smoothly negotiate kerbs and other obstacles. The tracks are driven by two direct drive electric AC motors, offering a gradeability of 25 percent while offering substantially improved battery life. Other features include a 400mm platform extension, AGM maintenance free batteries, fork lift pockets and the company's Activ'Screen display and diagnostics.

Weighing 1,175kg, the Star 6C has an overall width of 760mm, is 1.44 metres long and has a stowed height of 1.72 metres. All components are water proofed and easily accessed for maintenance while the four section telescopic mast uses a multistage hydraulic cylinder, eliminating the need to inspect or maintain chains or cables. Shipments are due to begin in Europe and Asia/Pacific later this year.



Tracks make it suitable for applications with rough ground conditions



The Star 6C is also suitable for indoor applications where low ground bearing pressures are required

Potain adds to MDT range

Potain has added the MDT 569 flat top tower crane to its Topless range. The new crane offers maximum capacities of between 20 and 32 tonnes with a maximum jib length of 80 metres and jib tip capacity of up to 4.2 tonnes. Maximum hoist speed is 195 metres a minute. The crane can be used with the manufacturer's new eight metre cross-shaped base, which is said to be easier to assemble compared to previous bases, while its modular design allows for easier erection and more efficient transport.



The new Potain MDT 569 flat top tower crane

Potain's Thibaut Le Besnerais said: "We have seen strong demand for larger topless cranes in recent years. The new MDT 569 will help meet our customers' needs for greater capacities, while also preserving the already well known easy transport, fast assembly and performance that our other topless cranes deliver. Our focus is to bring to the market a robust crane in a compact design, offering multiple transportation options without compromising performance. In addition, the MDT 569 can be fully assembled and erected in only two days, with time saving features such as fast jib and counter jib connections and an automatic tensioning and slackening system for the trolley rope."

Shipments of the new crane should begin in late summer.

New 23m from CTE

Italian aerial lift manufacturer CTE has introduced a 23 metre B-Lift 23 HV truck mounted platform. Based on the B-Lift 230 PRO, the new model features a four section telescopic boom with a maximum outreach of 13 metres with the unrestricted platform capacity of 100kg. Maximum capacity is 300kg with an outreach of 9.5 metres.

Mounted on a 3.5 tonne chassis, the 230 PRO includes CTE's S3 Smart Stability System, which automatically adapts the working envelope to match the actual outrigger positions. The outriggers are out and forward beam & jack at the front and fixed inboard levelling/stabilising jacks at the rear.

The company's Connect telematics system is standard and includes diagnostics, machine location and remote setting of work envelope parameters such as a maximum working height or outreach.



CTE's new B-Lift 23 HV offers a working height of 23 metres and an outreach of 13 metres



The new Jaso J800.48 Low Top

Second Jaso in 'Low Top' range

Spanish tower crane company Jaso has announced the second crane in its new high capacity 'Low Top' range - the 48 tonne J800.48 - which follows the 64 tonne J1400 unveiled last year.

The J800 can take its 48 tonne maximum capacity out to a radius of 23 metres or handle 5.1 tonnes at its 80 metre jib tip. Jaso has dubbed the new models as 'Low Top' cranes, as they are clearly not flat tops, however the tower head is shorter than a typical hammerhead crane, being just 4.7 metres high and protruding just over 2.2 metres above the top chords of the jib. The heavy duty pendants are also short, keeping the overall jib profile similar to that of a flat top, while according to the company improving jib rigidity and weight. The rest of the jib can be built up with a variety of sections as short as 2.5 metres, for a wide range of jib lengths. The counter jib is made up from four modules for a variety of possible configurations with lengths from 18.6 to 28 metres. See *Tower Cranes* page 17 for more detail.

3,000 tonne Liebherr for Russian contractor

Russian contractor Titan-2 has taken delivery of the fourth 3,000 tonne Liebherr LR 13000 crawler crane to be delivered. The crane has 120 metres of main boom and 126 metres of luffing jib giving a maximum system length of 246 metres. The standard superstructure counterweight ranges from 400 to 750 tonnes, while the suspended superlift counterweight system of up to 1,500 tonnes is matched with a 54 metre derrick boom.

The crane will be employed on the construction of a new nuclear power plant in Turkey which is expected to keep it busy for the next 10 years. The handover ceremony was attended by Liebherr's Willo Liebherr, Sophie Albrecht and Christoph Kleiner.



Titan-2's new 3,000 tonne Liebherr LR13000 on site



The 45.7t/m PK 48.002 TEC 7

Two more Palfinger TEC cranes

Palfinger has launched two new 40 to 50 tonne/metre loader cranes - the PK 45.002 TEC 5 and PK 48.002 TEC 7. They join two 50 to 60 tonne/metre models launched last month and complete the company's 25 to 60 tonne/metre range.

The 43.7 tonne/metre MK 45.002 TEC 5 has a maximum lifting capacity of 15.6 tonnes. The 22.5 metre seven section boom has a tip height of 25.9 metres with manual insert extended, while maximum radius is 22 metres at which it can handle 1,280kg.

The seven section PJ150 jib option plus manual extension takes the tip height to 35 metres with a capacity of 500kg and offers a maximum radius of up to 31.3 metres at which it can lift 280kg. The jib can also luff to horizontal with the boom at 70 degrees elevation, providing an up and over clearance of 20 metres. When the boom is horizontal it can also luff up to 25 degrees above horizontal. 360 degree continuous slew is standard, with a choice of single or dual slew motors.

The 45.7 tonne/metre PK 48.002 TEC 7 is almost identical structurally, with the same boom and jib configuration but offers a maximum capacity of 16.5 tonnes and a different specification. For example, the PK45 has a standard Scanreco P3 radio remote controller, while the PK48 has a PALcom P7 controller.

Both cranes have an overall folded width of 2.55 metres - taking up to 1.43 metres of longitudinal truck bed space - and weigh 4,300kg. Maximum outrigger spread is 7.8 metres.

The TEC 7 model is equipped with Palfinger's 'Weigh' function allowing the operator to accurately weigh a load directly with the crane while also helping with set-up. The system automatically saves the last 10 weighing operations and can add them up if required, useful when loading a truck.



The new cranes feature the Palfinger P boom profile

15m Versalift cutaway van

Versalift has launched a 15.1 metre cutaway van mounted lift - the VDTL-150-F - aimed at inner city street lighting maintenance.

Mounted on a 3.5 tonne cutaway Renault Master van, the new machine features a three section telescopic boom topped by an articulating jib offering 7.7 metres of outreach with a 120kg platform capacity or six metres outreach with the maximum platform capacity of 230kg.

The VDTL-150-F has an overall length of 5.9 metres and a stowed height of 3.3 metres, while the stabiliser footprint falls within the overall width of the wing mirrors. It also offers 350kg of payload in addition to a driver, passenger and a full tank of fuel.

The Versalift VDTL-150-F



Hinowa TeleCrawler 13

Hinowa is to launch a new 13 metre all-electric telescopic spider lift - the TeleCrawler13 or TC13 - the first model in a completely new series.

The new platform is powered by Hinowa's proven lithium-ion battery pack and uses a three section boom, topped by an articulated jib with 13 metres working height and 6.4 metres outreach with the 136kg unrestricted platform capacity.

The tracked chassis features direct electric drive with permanent magnet motors to IP67 protection, to cope with wet, muddy and dusty ground conditions. The drive function is said to be four times more efficient than a traditional hydraulic drive chassis while reducing the volume of hydraulic oil on the machine.

The TC13 lift has an overall length with basket removed of just under 3.7 metres, an overall width of 748mm and an overall height of 1.95 metres. The extended outrigger footprint is 2.45 by 2.9 metres - the width of a single parking space. Other features include automatic control of telescopic and elevate functions so that it can lift or lower parallel to the work to a height of nine metres, as well as 'go home'/'go back' functions to stow the machine or return to the last working position with the press of a single button.



A rendering of the new Hinowa TC13 spider lift



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The 200,000th XCMG wheeled crane

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Chinese crane and aerial lift manufacturer XCMG (Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group) has shipped its 200,000th wheeled mobile crane, an 85 tonne XCT85 four axle truck crane.

Founded in 1943 as the Huaxing Iron Factory, the company produced its first crane - a luffing jib tower crane - in 1957, which also marked its introduction into the construction equipment market. In 1963 it built China's first five tonne truck crane, followed in 1976 by the 16 tonne QY16, which it says was the first fully hydraulic crane in China. In 1995 it unveiled what it claims was the largest All Terrain crane in Asia at the time - the six axle 160 tonne QAY160. The company took 47 years to produce 100,000 mobile cranes, while the second 100,000 has taken just 10 years.

XCMG claims to be the second largest manufacturer of wheeled mobile cranes worldwide, although it provides little to no evidence to support this claim. While the company has had some success in selling its truck cranes in the developing world, most of its sales still come from the local Chinese market where it has sold large numbers of its three axle truck cranes over the past 10 years.

XCMG vice president Sun Jianzhong said: "XCMG holds many firsts. The supply of 200,000 wheeled cranes is the result of our close partnership with suppliers and dealers, with whom we thrive and make progress."



XCMG's first crane.



XCMG's first wheeled crane in 1963 - a 5 tonne truck crane.

Pettibone adds 17m Extendo

US telehandler manufacturer Pettibone has added the 4.5 tonne/17 metre Extendo 1056X telehandler to its X-Series range.

The new North American style telehandler can take two tonnes to its maximum lift height and manage 408kg at its maximum forward reach of 12.2 metres. Weighing 12.5 tonnes, power comes from a Cummins Tier 4 Final diesel or an optional Deutz Tier 4 Final engine. It has an overall width of 2.6 metres, is seven metres long to the fork frame, offers 460mm of ground clearance and has a turning radius of 4.37 metres. The 1056X joins three other models in the Extendo range including the four tonne/1.35 metre 944X, the 5.4 tonne/14 metre 1246X and the 5.4 tonne/17.8 metre 1258X.



The new Pettibone Extendo 1056X.

New 13m Platform Basket spider lift

Italian spider lift manufacturer Platform Basket has developed a new 13 metre telescopic spider lift - the 13.80 Pro - which it will add to its product range alongside the current 13.80.

The 13.80 Pro uses the same structure as the 13.80 with a three section telescopic boom and articulated jib, and the same power pack options of petrol/gas, diesel and electric power, however the Pro features a completely new control system and onboard diagnostics. As with the standard model working height is 13.4 metres, maximum outreach 7.8 metres and maximum capacity 200kg. The overall stowed width is 780mm and overall length with basket removed just under 3.7 metres, while the working footprint is 2.8 metres square.

The new 13.80 Pro uses a Scanreco radio remote controller with machine status and diagnostics screen for all functions including driving and outrigger set up. A secure lockable remote controller storage box is built into the machine. A new lower control panel features a clearer, wider display with a comprehensive diagnostics suite and the machine retains the manual chassis mounted hydraulic controls as a backup.

Once the machine is set up and levelled, the remote controller sits in a cradle in the basket and in the case of any battery issues it can be plugged into a spare connector below the cradle to create a tethered controller. The Pro package is only available on a new machine and cannot be retrofitted. Shipments are due to begin in July.



The Platform Basket 13.80



The new Scanreco remote controller in the basket cradle.

Skyjack boom upgrade

Skyjack has launched dual platform capacities and control upgrades to its 40/45ft and 60/66ft telescopic boom lifts with maximum capacities of 454kg and 275kg to 300kg unrestricted.

The new models use the '+' suffix to differentiate them, the SJ45T+ outreach with 454kg is 10 metres while outreach with the 300kg unrestricted capacity is 12.1 metres. The SJ66T+ manages the 454kg at 14 metres and offers 17.4 metres outreach with the unrestricted capacity of 272kg.

When the platform reaches the edge of the restricted/high capacity zone with a heavy load, an amber light warns the operator before extension functions lockout. The operator then can only bring the platform back into the restricted zone. When the machine is overloaded in the unrestricted capacity zone, functions are locked out until the excess weight is removed. The emergency lowering system remains active. The SJ40T+ and SJ60T+ will only be available in the Americas, while the 45T+ and 66T+ are global machines. See Boom lifts on page 27.



The Skyjack SJ66T+

The new controller with dual zone overload indicator

New Aichi Euro boom...

Japanese aerial lift manufacturer Aichi has announced the new 52ft SP14DJ telescopic boom lift - designed for the European market - which replaces the SP14CJ.

The SP14DJ features a three section telescopic boom topped by an articulated jib to offer a maximum working height of 15.9 metres, an outreach of 12.6 metres and an unrestricted platform capacity of 270kg. It has an overall width of 2.3 metres, a transport length of 7.75 metres and can pass under a 2.5 metre overhead obstruction. Weighing 8,450kg and powered by a Stage V Yanmar diesel with particulate filter, the new boom is fully compliant with the latest EN280 standards.



Aichi's 52ft SP14 DJ boom lift for the European market

...And a new German distributor

Aichi has also appointed Team Liftservice & Parts (TLP) as its distributor for German speaking countries. It has already delivered its first units to German rental companies Udert Mietgeräte and Meyer Lift and booked an order from Metz Arbeitsbühnen.



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Financials round-up

Wacker Neuson saw first quarter revenues decline 5.6 percent to €410.8 million driven by declines in North America and Asia Pacific while sales in Europe improved three percent to €326.4 million. Pre-tax profits dropped 44 percent to €16.7 million.



US-based **H&E Equipment Services** achieved first quarter revenues of \$285.9 million - down nine percent due to lower new equipment sales. A \$62 million goodwill impairment converted last year's pre-tax profit of \$19.4 million into a loss of \$47.3 million this year.



Kobelco crane owner Kobe Steel has published its full year results for the year to the end of March. The company no longer breaks out crane sales but said: "Unit sales of crawler cranes decreased year on year as competition from overseas manufacturers intensified mainly in Southeast Asia, despite an increase in Japan backed by steady demand."



Manitowoc saw first quarter sales fall 21 percent to \$329.2 million but its pre-tax loss of \$5.9 million was down from a loss of \$23.4 million last year. The backlog/order book at the end March was \$520.9 million.



Tadano has published its full year results to the end of March, including eight months contribution from Demag cranes. Total revenues were 21 percent higher at ¥228 billion (\$2.15 billion), while pre-tax profits declined 17 percent to ¥13.5 billion (\$127.3 million) due to product mix and acquisition costs.



Genie posted total first quarter revenues of \$511.7 million, almost 30 percent down on last year. The lower revenues resulted in an operating loss of \$5.9 million, compared to last year's profit of \$59.5 million. Order intake totalled \$498 million, leaving the order book at \$717 million compared to \$1.1 billion last year.



US-based **United Rentals** reported a flat first quarter with revenues of \$2.12 billion. Pre-tax profits for the quarter were 2.5 percent higher at \$226 million.



US rental company **Herc** saw an eight percent decline in revenues to \$436.2 million, although rental revenues were 2.5 percent higher at \$386.5 million thanks to a 2.4 percent increase in rental rates. A pre-tax loss of \$2.6 million compares to a loss of \$9.8 million last year but included a \$6.3 million receivable write off.



JLG's first half revenues to the end of March were 22 percent lower at \$1.41 billion, including aerial lift sales of \$579.7 million and telehandler sales of \$419 million, 28 and 29 percent lower respectfully. Operating profit declined 25 percent lower to \$139.8 million.



Chinese manufacturer **Zoomlion** reported full year 2019 revenues of RMB43.3 billion (\$6.1 billion) a new record and 151 percent up on the year. The majority - RMB39.74 billion (\$5.6 billion) - was generated in mainland China and up 58 percent on 2018. Export sales slipped one percent to RMB 3.7 billion (\$504 million). Pre-tax profits increased 90 percent to RMB5.04 billion (\$712 million). Crane sales made up roughly half of the total, at RMB 22.15 billion (\$3.1 billion), 77.5 percent higher thanks to strong tower crane sales in the domestic market. The crane business had an operating profit of RMB 726 billion (\$1.02 billion).



Haulotte's first quarter sales fell 19 percent to €132.9 million compared a record quarter last year.



Liebherr has posted another year of record revenues, with 2019 group sales increasing 11.4 percent to €11.75 billion, while pre-tax profits jumped 45.5 percent to €748 million. Total group crane sales - excluding foundation cranes - were just over €4 billion. They were made up as follows:



Revenues at the **Ehingen**-based mobile crane division increased 13.4 percent to €2.54 billion, with Europe making up 45.5 percent of sales followed by North America at 25.4 percent and Australia/Oceania at 14.6 percent. Demand was high for three to five axle All Terrain cranes while the market for crawler cranes remained difficult despite improvements on last year.

Tower crane revenues were 11.4 percent higher at €636 million, with Europe representing 74.6 percent of sales and Germany remaining the largest single market.

Maritime crane sales improved 24.5 percent to €887 million, 38 percent in Europe followed by the Africa and Middle East at 22 percent and Australia/Oceania at 13 percent.

First quarter sales at **Manitex** (including PM, Valla, Oil&Steel, and Badger) were 8.2 percent lower at \$48.73 million although **PM** sales reached record levels. Last year's pre-tax profit of \$1.5 million was converted to a \$6.64 million loss this year including a \$6.64 million 'goodwill and intangibles' write off. The company is also to sell its Sabre storage tank business.



Manitou's first quarter sales declined 25 percent to €421 million. Order intake however was 11 percent higher at €400 million, taking the order book to €648 million. Material Handling & Access revenues - telehandlers and aerial work platforms - declined 29 percent to €283 million.



Palfinger has reported first quarter revenues 10.8 percent lower at €393.2 million. Pre-tax profits plunged 31.9 percent to €26.1 million.



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ELS push around scissor

Turkish aerial lift manufacturer ELS Lift has added an 8ft push around scissor lift - the EL4.5 Junior- to its low level platform range.

The EL4.5 offers a working height of up to 4.5 metres with a platform capacity of 240kg. Weighing 365kg, it has a stowed height of 1.77 metres and an overall width of 750mm, allowing it to easily pass through single doorways and travel in the smallest of elevators. Features include integrated fork lift pockets, saloon style entry gate and an audible alarm when the platform is descending. The EL4.5 joins the company's 11.5ft EL5.5 Junior push around scissor lift and the EL5.5 Junior SP self-propelled lift.



ELS Lift's new 8ft EL4.5 Junior push around scissor lift

65ft DC scissor from Dingli

Dingli has introduced a battery powered version of its 65ft heavy duty JCPT2223RTB Rough Terrain scissor lift.

The new model offers a 22 metre working height, 750kg maximum platform capacity, and long single 2.7 metre hydraulic powered roll out deck extension, which takes the extended platform length to 7.3 metres. Weighing 13.4 tonnes, it has an overall width of 2.46 metres, a stowed length of 4.95 metres and a transport height of three metres.

The company says that the JCPT2223DC has the same performance levels as the diesel equivalent, including four wheel drive, four wheel steer and drive at full height. Power however comes from a heavy duty 48v 620Ah full traction battery pack, driving AC direct drive wheel and pump motors.

The combination of big battery pack and efficient drive train is said to provides more than eight hours of continuous operation under typical heavy working conditions.

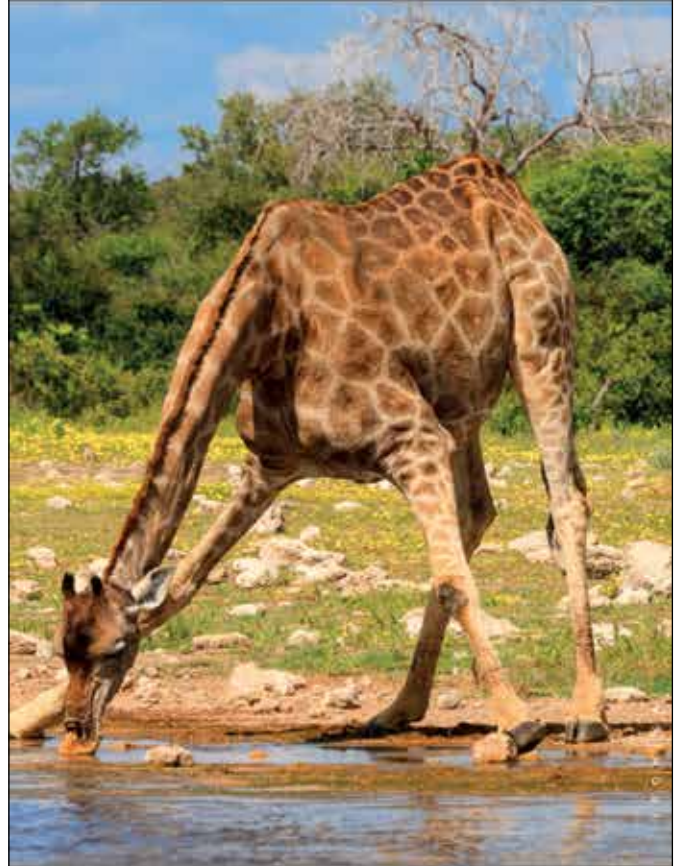


The new battery powered JCPT2223DC scissor lift



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- Italian rental company **Werent** has taken four **Multitel** truck mounted platforms.
- Mammoet** has opened a new location in Kiev, Ukraine.
- AnR Specialists** and **Lift Assist** have purchased 3t **Hoeflon** C6 spider cranes.
- Germany's **Schmidbauer** has taken a 450t **Liebherr** LTM 1450-8.1 All Terrain.
- Manitex** has appointed **Bill Boers** as regional business manager articulated cranes.
- Sinoboom** will open its new European subsidiary in July.
- Magni UK** has appointed **LC Plant Services** to provide product support
- Dinolift** has appointed **Jøma Lift Teknik** as distributor for Denmark.
- Van Thek** has taken the first **Sennebogen** 6100 E crawler crane in the Netherlands.
- Almac** has appointed **Oana Samoila** as export area manager Italy and the UK.
- Norway's **Drammen Lift Utleie** has taken a new 70m **Bronto** X70XR truck mounted platform.
- Mammoet North America** is to offer non-operated crawler crane rentals.
- UK **National Platforms** has formed **National Telehandlers**.
- UK's **Roadcraft Crane Hire** has celebrated its 100th anniversary.
- Eberhart Capital** has acquired Florida's **The Equipment Source**.
- Link-Belt Cranes** has promoted **Tony Hatton** to warranty administrator.
- Jones Crawler Cranes** has taken the UK's first 8.1t **Maeda** CC1908 crawler crane.
- Germany's **Horn Autokrane** has taken a 100t **Liebherr** LTM 1100-5.2 All Terrain.
- Hoist/mastclimber manufacturer **Alba** has appointed **Kanoo Cranes** as distributor for the Gulf region.
- The **Danish Ministry of Defence** has purchased 12 **Unic** URW-1006+ spider cranes.
- IPAF** has published 'Covid-19 Safe Operating Guidance'.
- Anders Andersen Rengøring** has taken the first **Bronto** S35EM in Denmark.
- Hawks Crane Hire** has taken the first **Spierings** SK2400-R tracked tower crane in the UK.
- Barin** has supplied two AB 23/SL under-bridge platforms to the **Hong Kong** government.
- Willenbacher** has taken the first 10 **JLG** 460SJ HC3 boom lifts in Germany.
- AJI Heavy Equipment Rentals** has taken the first **Jekko** SPX1280 spider crane in the UAE.
- Bobcat** has appointed **Adrian Winnicki** as district manager for Poland.
- Germany's **Könning Krane** has taken a 60t **Grove** GMK3060L All Terrain.
- Manitou** has appointed **NED** in Florida, N. Carolina, S. Carolina and Texas.
- Switzerland's **Stürnimann** has taken six **Potain** Hup C 40-30 tracked tower cranes.
- Niftylift** has appointed **Ideal Crane Rental** of Wisconsin as a dealer.
- Germany's **BKL Baukran Logistik** has ordered a second 450t **Liebherr** LTM 1450-8.1 All Terrain.
- Boels** has appointed **Jan Piet Valk** as chief financial officer.
- Straightpoint** has appointed **Thunder Oilfield Services** as distributor for Thailand.
- Davis Company** has ordered the first **Potain** Hup M 28-22 tower crane in North America.



Bill Boers



Oana Samoila



Tony Hatton



Adrian Winnicki



Jan Piet Valk

- The new 5,000 tonne **Liebherr** HLC 295000 offshore crane collapsed while on test in Rostock, Germany.
- Paolo Pianigiani** and **Roberto Geromin** are new chairmen of the **IPAF** Italian Country Council and Training Working Group.
- Caterpillar** has appointed **Snorkel** as a preferred supplier.
- South Africa's **Transnet Port Terminals** has taken two **Liebherr** LHM 600 mobile harbour cranes.
- Dubai based **Johnson Arabia** is adding **Maeda** spider cranes to its fleet.
- Dale Blackwell** of the **CRA** and owner of **Abba Dabba Rentals**, has died.
- Sweden's **Skyab** has taken an 86ft **Dinolift** 280RXT boom lift.
- HKV Schmitz + Partner** has taken the first **Terex** CTT 472-20 tower crane in Germany.
- Advanced Land Management & Tree Removal** has taken the largest grapplesaw loader crane in North America.
- Andy Stewart** national sales manager of **Mantis Cranes UK**, has died.
- Ausa** has appointed **BIA** as distributor for Belgium.
- Germany's **Hald & Grunewald** has added a new depot in Baden-Württemberg.
- Germany's **Wemo-Tec** has taken three **Genie** Xtra Capacity telescopic boom lifts..
- Singapore's **Manta Equipment** has taken two 25t **Potain** MCT 565 M25 cranes.
- Spain's **Gruas Garro** has taken **Jekko** 3.6t SPX 536 and 15.5t JF545 spider cranes.
- Oil&Steel** has delivered four new platforms to three companies in Germany.
- Sarens Ukraine** is adding to its fleet.
- Dica** outrigger mats has agreed a partnership with **Axion**.
- Germany's **Rothlehner Liftverleih** has taken three **Palfinger** truck mounted lifts.
- US crane company **Hoffman** has celebrated its 100th anniversary.
- Sennebogen** has appointed **Jason Jones** as national sales manager the Americas.
- Lipac Lifter** has become the first company in Sweden to offer **IPAF** training.
- Spierings** has appointed **Kanoo Cranes** as distributor in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain.
- Denmark's **Lohke** has taken 120 **Snorkel** mast lifts, 10 scissors and four Speed Levels.
- Almac** has appointed **Bob Mules** as general manager of **Almac Pacific**.
- Turkish manufacturer **ELS Lift** has appointed **Koray Erkekli** as engineering director.
- DP World** has ordered eight **Liebherr** cranes for its terminal in Berbera, Somalia.
- UK's **The Platform Hire Centre** has taken 22 boom and scissor lifts.
- Instant UpRight** has added a new podium to its range.
- Sarilar** has taken the first 750t **Liebherr** LR 1750/2 SX crawler crane in Turkey.
- Huisman** has appointed **David Roodenburg** as chief executive.



Paolo Pianigiani



Roberto Geromin



Dale Blackwell



Jason Jones



Bob Mules

- US training company **CIS** has appointed **Ray Rice** as business development manager.
- Gerken** has taken the first 15 30m **Ruthmann** TB300 lifts on a 3.5t chassis.
- BKL** has taken the first 250t **Grove** GMK5250XL-1 All Terrain in Germany.
- Brad Boehler** has joined the board of **Custom Equipment/Hy-Brid**.
- The Manchester, NH fire department has taken the first **Bronto** F135RLX in North America.
- Terex Utilities** has launched its Positive Attachment Lanyard warning device.
- Custom Equipment/Hy-Brid Lifts** has appointed **CMT Equipment**, **HK Sales** and **MLA Construction Sales** as sales partners.
- Nordic Crane Oslo** has taken the first **Kobelco** CKE1350G-2 crawler crane with luffing jib in Europe.
- Mammoet - Conbit** has won an offshore wind technology competition for its concept modular lifting system.
- Ghana Ports/Harbours Authority** has taken two 30t **Grove** RT530E-2 Rough Terrain cranes.
- Crane and access industry veteran and consultant **Tim Watson** has died.
- Ebbe Christensen** of **Reachmaster** has clarified the split with **Falcon**.
- LGMG** Europe has appointed **Van Ginkel Rental and Sales** as its Dutch distributor.
- Belgium's **Lauwereys** has taken three 22m **CMC** PLA 220 truck mounted lifts.
- Dinolift** has appointed **Sven Wiese** as a regional manager.
- Penta-Ocean Construction** has ordered a 1,600t/m **Huisman** leg encircling crane.
- Italy's **Blu Garden** has taken a **Palazzani** TSJ 25 tracked spider lift.
- Falcon Lifts** has appointed **USM ReRents** as exclusive dealer for North America.
- Ireland's **O'Carroll** has taken a **Liebherr** MK 140 self-erecting tower crane.
- Italy's **Erregi** has taken a 220t **Tadano** ATF 220G-5 All Terrain.
- Filip Deschrijvere**, owner of Belgium's **Rentalift** has died.
- US based **BigRentz** has received \$15m funding from **Itochu**, and acquired **EMG**.
- Crosby** has appointed **Thomas Dietvorst** as general manager of **Straightpoint**.
- Tadano** will merge its European **Demag** and **Tadano** sales operations.
- Panstwowa Straz Pozarna** has ordered 20 **Rosenbauer** platforms.
- Denmark's **Per Aarsleff** has taken a 16t **Sennebogen** 613M mobile crane.
- Broekman Logistics** has taken a **Gottwald** Model 4 mobile harbour crane.
- Dubai's **Al Faris** has ordered 69 **Liebherr** cranes.
- Japan's **Tokuyama** has ordered the country's first hybrid **Kalmar** straddle carrier.
- Canada's **Cropac Equipment** has ordered 16 new **Terex** tower cranes.
- Antonio Agosta** of Italian scaffold & ladder manufacturer **Svelt** has died.
- JLG** parent **Oshkosh** has appointed **John Pfeifer** as president.



Ray Rice



Tim Watson



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