



Morita acquires Bronto

Federal Signal has sold its Bronto Skylift aerial lift business to Japan's Morita Holdings for €80 million in cash. The all-share deal is expected to be completed during the first quarter. Morita is Japan's leading producer of fire-fighting equipment with annual revenues of around \$600 million. It also produces a range of recycling and garbage/refuse collection trucks. The acquisition will provide it with an international fire-fighting platform product line and access to the wider international market.

Baldwins hit for £900,000

UK-based Baldwins Crane Hire has been fined £700,000 plus £200,000 in costs after being found guilty of corporate manslaughter for the death of its operator Lindsay Easton, who died when his 500 tonne crane ran away and collided with an earth bank as he negotiated a steep hill at the Scout Moor wind farm in 2011.

The company had been found guilty to the fact that the crane's brakes had not only not been maintained, but some of the braking systems were also partially disabled. The penalties are payable over five years.

Passing sentence, Judge Pamela Badley said: "The jury decided that the cause of the crash was brake failure, as a result of gross negligence on the part of senior management who had failed to put systems in place for safe working and monitoring."

Prison sentences in telehandler fatality

Two directors of UK-based Wooburn Landscapes - Andrew and Mark Schofield - have received four and half month prison sentences, suspended for 18 months, plus 250 hours of unpaid community service, while the company was fined £50,000 plus costs of £9,680.

The penalties concerned a fatal incident in 2013 in which Russell Meech, 27, fell under the wheel of a telehandler while guiding a suspended load at a project in Potters Bar.

Ainscough acquires Specialist Crane

UK crane rental company Ainscough has acquired Specialist Crane Hire in an all-share deal from Peter Cosgrove, 63. Established in 1965 as A. Jardine & Sons, it was acquired in 2002 by the Specialist Hire Group, with Marsden Crane Hire of Wigan added the following year. It was rebranded as Specialist Crane Hire in 2010.

Specialist operates from three locations, Bishops Auckland, Wigan and Morecambe and according to the Cranes & Access UK Top 30 is the 26th largest crane hire company with 26 All Terrain cranes, topped by a 130 tonne Liebherr LTM1130-5.1.

Ainscough Crane Hire's managing director Robin Richardson said: "Acquisitions are a key part of our five-year plan and we are delighted to make such an excellent one at the beginning of this process."



Time France to start manufacturing

Long-term Versalift distributor Time France looks set to launch its own range of van mounted aerial lifts under the Klubb brand, which appears to compete with those it currently sells from Time Versalift.

The news follows its move into a new 20,000 square metre facility at Ferrieres-en-Brie where production is scheduled to begin early in the new year. The company said that it plans to export with the ambition to become the European market leader.

Time France dates back to 1980 but was acquired a young entrepreneur, Julien Bourrellis in 2002. It claims to have sold around 500 units at its peak. Products include Versalift and Isoli vehicle mounted lifts.



A sneak view of one of the new Klubb van mounted lift.

Lomma files for bankruptcy

New York crane owner James Lomma has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after the families of two men who died in a 2008 tower crane collapse in the city were given leave to collect the combined award from their successful civil action of \$96 million. Lomma, 70, is reported to have filed Chapter 11 for himself and three of his companies. A statement from his legal team said that the filing was initiated for protection from creditors during the appeals process.



Jimmy Lomma

Quick Reach acquires Specialized

UK-based aerial lift and telehandler rental company Quick Reach Powered Access has acquired the assets of Scottish rental company Specialized Access from the IAPS group. No terms have been disclosed. Manchester-based Quick Reach will retain the Specialized Access facility in Wishaw, near Glasgow and has already taken on all Specialized employees. The acquisition provides a fleet of spider lifts from Hinowa and Omme Lift, plus 3.5 tonne truck mounted lifts from Isoli and CTE.



A LiuGong Isoli
PTT160A



Isoli and LuiGong collaboration

Italian truck mounted lift manufacturer Isoli has launched its collaboration with construction equipment manufacturer LuiGong in China.

LuiGong has already started mounting Isoli products on locally produced vehicles which will be distributed by the LiuGong distribution network in China and overseas. The first three straight telescopic units - a 16 metre PTT160A, 18 metre PTT180A and 20 metre PTT 200A - were presented at the launch event. The venture is part of Isoli's push into Asia, following the opening of Isoli Asia in Singapore 18 months ago.

Dingli upgrades compact RT scissors

Chinese aerial lift manufacturer Dingli has improved and upgraded its 33ft JCPT1217RT compact Rough Terrain scissor lift to the JCPT1217RTI.

The improvements - which improve off-road capability and gradeability - to 40 percent - include higher power wheel drive motors from Sauer Danfoss replacing the previous White drive motors, along with an oscillating axle and a move from one large pump to two smaller independent hydraulic pumps. Overall dimensions remain the same. These improvements will also be carried over to other models in the family, the 39.4 metre JCPT1417RTI and 26ft JCPT1017RTI.



The new Dingli JCPT1217RTI 33ft compact Rough Terrain scissor lift

Bigger Jekko pick & carry crane

Jekko has introduced a new electric pick & carry crane, the five tonne MiniPicker MPK50 which has a maximum lift height of eight metres, can lift to a 4.5 metre maximum radius and has a partial slew capability.

The battery powered unit is fully radio remote controlled and features a front load stabilisation bar to support loads while travelling. Jib options will also be available at its official launch at Bauma in April.



The new Jekko MPK 50

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New Böcker cranes for 2016

German lifting equipment manufacturer Böcker is adding three new aluminium boomed cranes to its product line for 2016. New models include two truck mounted cranes - the AK37-4000 and the new flagship AK46-6000 - and a trailer crane, the AHK36-2400. The new models replace three older cranes - the AK32-1500, AK44-4000 and AHK34-1800 trailer crane.



The new Böcker AK46-6000 on a MAN TGM 26-290 three axle carrier.

The AK46-6000 has a maximum tip height of 46 metres with optional two metre boom extension, and boasts a six tonne maximum capacity at eight metres. It can also take 1,000kg to 26 metres and 250kg to 39 metres. The AHK36-

2400 is, according to Böcker, the most powerful trailer crane on the market, with a maximum capacity of 2,400kg, a 36 metre maximum tip height and with a total weight of 3,500kg can be towed behind a large 4x4.

CE version of Smart-Rig crane

US-based Smart-Rig Cranes has introduced a CE version of its S1 micro crane, the S1 Global.

The tiny crane has a maximum capacity of 885kg and a six metre manually telescoped three section boom and can pick & carry its full load chart. It is battery powered, has an overall width of just 800mm and weighs just 660kg.



In addition to its CE certification, the S1 Global complies with standards for the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The ultra-compact Smart-Rig S1 Global is CE certified and weighs just 660kg

Nationwide reverts to in-house deliveries

UK-based Nationwide Platforms is terminating its current machine delivery contract with Wincanton Transport at the end of February and will revert to an in-house delivery service. The move comes one year after the company decided to outsource the delivery of its machines to one of the UK's leading logistics and transport specialists. No reason was given for the change of heart.

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Linden Comansa has launched the new 21LC450 flat top crane.

New Comansa 21LC450 tower crane

Spanish tower crane manufacturer Linden Comansa has launched a new flat top tower crane, the 20 and 25 tonne 21LC450 replacing the 21LC400. The 21LC550 and 21LC660 have also been improved with increased capacities.

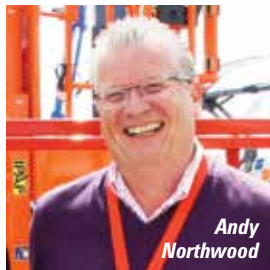
The 21LC450 has a maximum capacity of 20 or 25 tonnes achieved by a change in the hoist cable and trolley/hook assembly, along with a new turntable, slew ring and cat-head. The 20 tonne version can now handle 10 tonnes at the 50 metre jib tip, while the 25 tonne model can take 25 tonnes to a radius of 20.6 metres on a 40 metre jib.



Dingli goes direct in the UK

Chinese aerial lift manufacturer Dingli has appointed access industry veteran Andy Northwood as its first European sales representative, to handle direct sales in the UK.

He will work directly with major rental companies while setting up a sales and service organisation to provide replacement parts, warranty and after sales service.



Andy Northwood

Kam Trading (UK) insolvent

The Dingli development (above) follows the liquidation in December of UK sales company KAM Trading (UK) Ltd. Kam - which also traded as Dingli Platform Sales UK - was founded in 2014 by Philip O'Donnell with the support of James Darnley to sell Dingli aerial lifts in the UK.

The company - which restructured at least once - was owned by O'Donnell, Martin Stone, Vicken Kouyoumjian Adrian Learer and Ian Murray.

New CEO for Manitowoc Cranes

Manitowoc Cranes has appointed Barry Pennypacker as chief executive and president, initially reporting to interim chief executive of Manitowoc Company, Kenneth Krueger.

Pennypacker was previously chief executive of Quantum Lean, a supplier of precision components that he founded after his departure from Gardner Denver in July 2012, where he had been chief executive since 2008. The current president of Manitowoc Cranes, Larry Weyers will remain with the company as an executive vice president. When the Manitowoc Foodservice business has been spun off as an independent company, the Manitowoc Company will change its name to Manitowoc Cranes Inc, with Pennypacker as chief executive and Krueger as chairman.



Barry Pennypacker



The bulletin follows the fatal overturn of a 70m truck mount in Brisbane

Outrigger safety alert

Australian health and safety organisation WorkCover Queensland, has issued a safety alert highlighting the risks associated with inadequate support under outrigger feet, particularly on poor ground, following the fatal overturn of a 70 metre truck mounted lift in Brisbane last month that killed a photographer Chris Powell, 41, and son Brendan, 17.



The outrigger in the ground

The bulletin highlights a number of actions that are required including the manufacturers/agents supplying information on any conditions including loads imposed on the ground by outriggers and wheels. It also recommends continual monitoring of outriggers during operation, so that the unit can be stopped if the outrigger or pads show any signs of sinking. The full WorkCover bulletin can be found at www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/news/safety-alerts/whsq/2015/support-of-mobile-plant-on-outriggers



The B-Lift 165 is the first model in a new range of platforms up to 27m working height. Mounted on a Nissan Cabstar NT 400, the total weight of the 165 is less than 3,200kg, with an overall height of under three metres

CTE launches new B-Lift truck range

CTE has launched the first model in its new B-Lift truck mounted range on a 3.5 tonne truck - the 16.5 metre, 250kg capacity B-Lift 165. The range will top out at 27 metres. Similar to the CTE ZED articulated truck mounts, the B-Lifts include fully proportional electro-hydraulic controls and use 2mm Strenx steel from SSAB in place of 3mm Domex steel to provide greater strength and less weight.

The lifts also have new electrical systems with a CAN bus management and a new hydraulic management system. The completely redesigned sub-frame includes the new IOTS Integrated Oil Tank System which is housed in the rear beam.

Five guilty of Mecca crane disaster



The Jeddah Bureau of Investigations and Public Prosecution in Saudi

Arabia has found five senior technical and engineering officials guilty of involvement in the failures leading to the incident in which a 1,350 tonne crawler overturned onto the Grand Mosque on September 11th, 2015 killing 111 people and injuring 394 and is likely to charge them.

The Bureau began investigating the part played by key suspects employed by contractor Binladen and local government. It now claims that it has found conclusive evidence of their involvement in the incident. The engineers and technicians were involved in the supervision of the project to expand the Grand Mosque. The Jeddah Bureau will forward the results of its investigations to its headquarters in Riyadh which will compile the list of charges.

Rival opens used equipment showroom



Rival has opened its first used equipment showroom in Valencia, Spain.

Dutch international rental company Rival has opened its first used equipment showroom in Valencia, Spain.

The 1,000 square metre facility has a wide variety of used equipment from the rental fleet on display. The company says it has been opened due to the increased interest in purchasing good used equipment from rental companies and traders in Spain. By having the machines in stock, customers can come and see the equipment which is ready for immediate delivery.

Nifty-Lift has mounted the TB270 onto a 4.5 tonne Iveco Daily chassis



Nifty Ruthmann

Australian vehicle mounted lift manufacturer and supplier Nifty-Lift has mounted the 27 metre Ruthmann TB270 on an Iveco Daily 45C chassis for the local market.

The machine offers 14.8 metres of outreach with its five section straight boom and boasts a maximum capacity of 230kg. GVW is 4,495kg allowing it to be driven on a standard car licence making it ideal for self-drive rental.

Nifty-Lift general manager Kevin Power said: "We developed a work-truck platform combination in response to a clear gap identified in the Australian market for higher lifts driveable on an Australian car licence. A number of competitor models were reviewed but none had the payload and wheelbase we were looking for. The TB270 is a perfect match the Iveco chassis."



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The new Teupen Leo19T

Teupen unveils new Leo19T

Spider lift manufacturer Teupen has unveiled a new generation 19 metre Leo19T straight telescopic spider lift in the company's medium height class. The previous Leo19T has not been built since 2008, but according to the company demand for a Leo19T has increased significantly.

The new Leo19T has little in common with its predecessor. It uses the 990mm wide chassis from the Leo21GT and 24GT and the same high-strength steel, providing up to 14.5 metres of outreach with 80kg while taking its maximum 250kg platform capacity to 13.5 metres. With its automatic high lift levelling system, the Leo19T can achieve an additional 1.2 metres of height. Other features include a 'home function' which automatically returns the boom to its stowed position along with the all-new 'memory function'. Any point in the working envelope can be saved and returned to at the push of a button. All functions are available from the standard remote controller.



The Manitou Safe Man System

Manitou Safe Man in Oz

Manitou has launched its Safe Man secondary guarding system in Australia, complete with auto-retract option.

The system - now standard on all Manitou boom lifts sold in Europe - features a pressure sensitive switch across the front of the controls which stops the machine when pressed for more than three seconds. If the retract function has been enabled - the machine will automatically retract the last function. When locked out, the lower controls remain operative and if set off inadvertently it can be reset from the platform.

Lego model winner

Mark Trueman, of Hird Doncaster, UK won the limited edition Lego boom lift in a competition organised by IAPS. Trueman won the prize for his son Cody, after correctly identifying the three main divisions of IAPS as APS, IPS and PSR.



Mark Trueman with the LEGO model

Telehandler report demands action

Western Australia's Department of mines & Petroleum has published an incident report concerning a telehandler fitted with an aerial work platform, which overturned at a mine causing serious injuries to the man in the platform.

The man was working at a height of around 12 metres removing rock from a cliff face when a large rock fell and landed on the right hand stabiliser cylinder, shearing its check-valve block bolts, causing the stabiliser to collapse due to loss of pressure. The telehandler overturned wedging the platform against the cliff face around six metres up, trapping the man's legs. He fractured his right leg and had crush injuries to his left foot.

The Department ruled that the manufacturer's check valve covers were inadequate to prevent damage from an impact by large heavy objects, work planning did not consider the potential of equipment being struck by falling rocks outside of the demarcation zone, and the design of the platform did not prevent the extension of body parts beyond the usual finger/hand protection rail.

The report recommends that equipment fitted with check valves is inspected to determine if they are at risk from such impacts. It also suggests that work platform designs should prevent body parts extending past finger protection rails in an overturn situation.

The right hand stabiliser cylinder lost pressure after its check valve was smashed by a falling rock



(L-R) Walter van Winckel, Karel Huijser and Frank Nerenhausen of JLG with Norty Turner and Soren Rosenkrands and Glenn Verburg of Riwal with Jonathan Dawson of JLG and the European telehandler

JLG auctions commemorative telehandlers

JLG has auctioned two commemorative telehandlers - a 4017RS for Europe and a G10-55A for North America - to mark the production of its 100,000th telehandler early last year.

Dutch rental company Riwal made the winning bid for the European machine, while Buffalo, New York-based Skyworks won the North American model. Riwal bid €88,000 and requested that €50,000 of it be donated to the Alpe d'HuZes foundation.



(L-R) John Boehme of JLG, Jerry L. Reinhart of Skyworks, and Tim Welch of JLG, with the North American telehandler

Executive management changes at Ramirent

Ramirent has made changes to its executive management team after Anna Hyvönen announced her departure. Chief financial officer Jonas Söderkvist takes over Ramirent Sweden and Denmark, and is replaced by Pierre Brorsson, who joins after a 20 years with Atlas Copco.

The 'Executive Management Team' is now as follows:

Magnus Rosén, chief executive

Pierre Brorsson, chief financial officer

Dino Leistenschneider, executive vice president, fleet and sourcing

Jonas Söderkvist, executive vice president, Sweden and Denmark

Øyvind Emblem, executive vice president, Norway

Anna Hyvönen, executive vice president, North Central Europe until April

Mikael Kämpe, executive vice president, Finland from April

Heiki Onton, executive vice president, Baltics & Europe Central from April



Pierre Brorsson

44m Bronto for L&N

UK-based L&N Platforms has taken delivery of a new 44 metre Bronto S44XDT truck mounted lift, its largest unit so far. The new machine is mounted on a two axle chassis and joins an all-Bronto truck mounted fleet, which includes the 34 metre S34MDT and a 36 metre S36XDT.

The new machine features a four section main boom, plus a long fixed-length jib and a short articulating jib, providing up to 24 metres of outreach and a 700kg maximum platform capacity. The outriggers include fully variable jacking and auto levelling.



UK-based L&N Platforms has taken delivery of a new 44 metre Bronto S44XDT



(L-R) Lee Roebuck of L&N, Arne Denks of Bronto, Nicky Francis of L&N and Ian James of Bronto

Standard insulation from Versalift

Versalift UK has introduced certified low voltage insulation as standard on its new Isuzu D-Max and Toyota Hilux pickup mounted LAT135-H platforms.

The machine integrates its insulation technology within the boom structure, platform controls and fittings, enabling dielectric flash-testing whilst the bucket is mounted to the platform. This prevents electric shock to persons on the ground who inadvertently touch the vehicle, while the lift contacts a live conductor. The low voltage insulation is certified to the latest standards and rated to provide protection from live voltages up to 1kV AC.



The new LAT135-H Low Voltage has a working height of 13.3 metres, an outreach of 6.1 metres and 230kg platform capacity.



The new fully hydraulic twin joystick control system.

New Kato for Coussens

UK crane rental company Coussens of Bexhill has taken delivery of one of the first new 20 tonne Kato CR-200Ri city type All Terrain cranes in the UK.

The new crane replaces a 25 tonne Kato CR250, which has been in the fleet for a number of years. The company has also ordered a new 13 tonne Kato CR-130Ri to replace its 10 tonne Kato CR100. The new CR 200i features a six section 28 metre boom, plus a four to 5.8 metre telescopic jib that offsets up to 60 degrees. Being cable suspended it can also be erected within the width of the crane, ideal when working in narrow streets or alleys.



Coussens new Kato CR-200Ri ready for work

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Essex Crane delists

US-based crane rental company Essex has decided to delist its shares from the Nasdaq stock exchange having breached the requirement to maintain a bid price of over \$1 per share. The company will also terminate the registration of its common Stock under the Securities Exchange Act and hopes that the shares will be listed the OTC Pink Sheets - although there is no guarantee.



Ashtead flies high ...

Ashtead, owner of Sunbelt in the USA and A-Plant in the UK, has reported another substantial increase in revenues and profits during the first half. Revenues jumped 28 percent to £1.26 billion with pre-tax profits rising by the same percentage to £331.9 million. The second quarter was slightly less exuberant with revenues climbing 22.5 percent to £648.9 million, while pre-tax profits improved 25 percent to £176.5 million. Net debt at the quarter was £1.98 billion up from £1.57 billion this time last year.



...and gets into hoists

Ashtead also quietly acquired G.B. Access Ltd - the UK-based hoist rental business - for £6 million in cash in October with a further £2 million contingent on performance. G.B. Access was established in 1989 and now claims to have the largest rental fleet of Alimak and Stros construction hoists in Europe, with a fleet of around 230 passenger/material hoists, more than 50 material hoists and 25 beam/davit type hoists.

Strong first half for Vp

UK rental company Vp saw first half revenues increase four percent to £105.1 million in spite of a subdued economic background. Pre-tax profits for the period improved six percent to £16.3 million. Its UK Forks telehandler rental business saw revenues rise more than seven percent to £9.8 million while operating profits jumped almost 25 percent to £2.9 million.



New records for Tadano

Tadano achieved record first half revenues - up six percent to ¥104.2 billion (\$849 million) - while pre-tax profits increased 15.3 percent to ¥15.9 billion (\$130 million) another record. The company benefited from high utilisation rates in its home market, while demand overseas was weaker in North, Central and South America, offset by increases in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.



Japanese sales increased 9.5 percent to ¥50,878 billion (\$414.6 million) thanks, said the company, to its focus on sales of larger products. Sales outside of Japan improved 3.2 percent to ¥53,310 billion (\$434 million).

Mobile crane sales totalled ¥71.3 billion (\$384million) up 8.6 percent on last year, loader crane sales fell three percent to ¥9.96 billion (\$81million) and aerial lift sales jumped 14.1 percent to ¥8.8 billion (\$71.7million).

Tanfield updates on Snorkel

Tanfield issued an update on its minority stake in Snorkel, indicating a strong rise in revenues, but not profit.

The update says that Snorkel will report revenues of \$120 million this year, up 30 percent on last year. Tanfield's stake only has a value if Snorkel achieves an EBIT of \$25 million by 2018.



Kobelco Cranes to merge

Kobelco Construction Machinery and Kobelco Cranes have confirmed the decision to merge the two businesses from April 2016. Owner Kobe Steel separated the crane business in 2004 after Kobelco construction equipment teamed up with Case New Holland to build excavators. It will now re-merge the two companies "in order to strengthen the equipment business ready for further growth". The transaction will see Kobelco Construction "absorb" Kobelco Cranes.



Imperial Crane snaps up Speedway

US crane rental company Imperial Crane Services of Bridgeview, Chicago, has acquired Speedway Crane, of Manhattan/Joliet, Illinois. The new location joins Imperials other locations in Indiana and Texas. Speedway Crane, was established in 2002 by one of Imperial's crane operators, Mike Fitzgerald. It has achieved a zero accidents record in its 13 years of operation.



Speedy/HSS merger talks off

UK general rental giants Speedy and HSS squashed rumours of a possible merger, following preliminary discussions between the two companies. The announcement caused a boardroom break-up at Speedy with non-executive directors Chris Masters and James Morley, who reportedly opposed the merger, resigning amid talks of a bid to unseat chairman Jan Åstrand.



Cabins crush Western One

Revenues at Canadian sales and rental group Western One were almost halved in the third quarter, in spite of a good performance from its aerial lift and telehandler rental division. Nine month revenues fell 31 percent to \$197.1 million, while last year's pre-tax profit of \$12.1 million turned into a loss of \$11.8 million, due almost entirely to the company's Britco cabin business. Third quarter revenues fell 47 percent to \$46.8 million, with a pre-tax pre loss of \$9.4 million.



HDW acquires Time Benelux

Netherlands-based distributor HDW - part of the TVH group - has acquired Time Benelux, the Belgian distributor for Versalift and Ruthmann



truck mounted lifts. The business has been renamed HDW Belux with all employees remaining on board. HDW Belux will concentrate on the sales and service of Versalift and Ruthmann vehicle mounted lifts and will also take over Genie distribution in Belgium from HDW Netherlands

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Fassi claims the lifting performance of the new cranes - relative to hydraulic reach - is better than any other crane on the market in this category.

Three new Fassi cranes

Italian loader crane manufacturer Fassi has unveiled three new cranes - the compact 50 tonne/metre F545RA XE-Dynamic for installation on three axle trucks and the six and seven tonne/metre F65B.1 and F70B.1 in its small crane range.

The F545RA XE-Dynamic offers a 10 percent increase in capacity over the existing F485RA, with just a three percent increase in overall weight, thanks to an increased outrigger spread of 7.8 metres. Up to eight hydraulic extensions and a variety of jib combinations are available. Maximum boom length is 20.8 metres, or 24.9 metres with additional manual extensions.



The new F65B.1 and the F70B.1 models are nine percent lighter than their predecessors, thanks to the use of ultra high-strength steel.

Push-around attachment

UK-based Aerial and Handling Services has launched the DRXmicro - a compact version of its deckRaiXtra for push-around scissor lifts.

Specifically designed for use with the 11ft platform height Airo XLP5E the company is planning to market the combined platform and attachment as the IPAV - or Industrial Push Around Vertical - with a corrosion resistant zinc finish on the platform and chassis as standard. Its 5.3 metre working height has a 250kg platform capacity, including the DRXmicro attachment, which weighs just 10kg.

The attachment has a rated carrying capacity of 40kg.



Seven Liebherr towers for Agrimeco

Vietnamese engineering and construction conglomerate Agrimeco has purchased seven new Liebherr tower cranes for work on the VietinBank Towers project in Hanoi - the country's highest tower at 363 metres.

The cranes - three 542 HC-L 18/36 Litronic luffing jib and four 280 EC-H 16 Litronic units - are the first new Liebherr tower cranes in Vietnam. The three luffing jib models were the first to be erected, closely followed by the four 280 EC-H cranes.

Agrimeco has purchased seven Liebherr tower cranes for the prestigious VietinBank Towers project in Hanoi





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- **CIT Equipment Finance** will supply finance programmes for **Sany America**.
- **US Acme Rentals** has appointed **Meagan Reeves** as VP Gulf Coast operations.
- **Manitex** has sold its **Load King** division to **Utility One Source** for \$6.5 million in cash.
- **Dickie Moore**, Canadian ice hockey player and founder of Quebec-based **Dickie Moore Rentals**, has died.
- **Palfinger** has broken ground on a new sales and service facility in Baden Württemberg, Germany.
- **KBW**, the owner of **Raimondi** tower cranes, has formed a partnership with Brazil's **Progen**.
- **Harfords Security** has purchased a 10.5m **Dinolift 105TL** trailer lift - the first in the UK.
- **Manitou** has appointed **Walter Payton** of Chicago as dealer for its telehandlers.
- **Jim Thomas** of **JLG Europe** has retired after 28 years with the company.
- German rental company **Buchtman Arbeitsbühnen** has taken two new **CMC** spider lifts.
- US software company **Point Rental** has opened an office in Melbourne, Australia.
- UK rental company **Bella Access** has entered the spider lift market with a **Hinowa 20:10** Lithium.
- **Bronto** owner **Federal Signal** has acquired vacuum truck manufacturer **Westech**.
- **Bonfiglioli** has acquired German crawler crane transmission manufacturer **O&K Antriebstechnik**.
- Product manager **Ron Jackson** has retired after almost 35 years with **JLG**.
- US overhead crane company **Ace** has promoted **Kevin Beavers** to VP manufacturing.
- Contractor **Anton Schick** has taken delivery of a new **Liebherr LTM 1160-5.2 All Terrain** crane.
- US software supplier **Wynne Systems** has acquired rentalresult owner **Result Group**.
- UK-based **AFI** has secured a £70 million asset-based credit line to fund new growth.
- **Mammoet Deutschland** has taken delivery of a new **Liebherr LTM1400-7.1**.
- Access industry veteran **Mike Evans** has retired after more than 46 years in rental.
- US-based **Sims Crane & Equipment** has taken delivery of 17 new **Tadano ATF All Terrain** cranes.
- **Jekko** mini cranes has appointed **Tvis Vognmands Forretning** as its dealer for Denmark.
- **Mammoet** is expanding its US rental fleet with a \$100 million investment.
- The Municipality of **Lolland** has purchased a 21m **CTE ZED 21.2JH**.
- Chinese aerial lift company **Runshare** has appointed **UpRent** as dealer for Croatia and the Balkans.
- **Durante Rentals** of New York has acquired **Quality Rent All**.
- **Atlas Maschinen** has appointed **Industrias Juan F. Secco** as its material handler dealer for Argentina.
- **Iowa Mold Tooling** has appointed **London Machinery** in Quebec and **Industrial Truck Equipment** in Oklahoma as dealers.
- **CTE** is introducing a new corporate identity.
- **JLG** has appointed **Vertex** as its distributor for Russia.



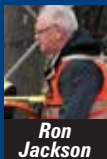
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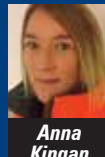
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- **IPAF** is offering free safety poster artwork.
- **Time Danmark** has opened a new facility in **Hedehusene**, Zealand and closed its location in **Skovlunde**.
- Germany's **Dietmar Floßdorf** has purchased new **Liebherr LTM 1100-5.2** and **LTM 1300-6.2**. All Terrain cranes.
- **Snorkel** has appointed **Ken Goh** as sales director for East Asia.
- **Syntec Construction** has purchased Thailand's first **Potain MCR 160** luffing jib crane.
- **Messe München** - owner of **bauma** - has acquired Russian exhibition **CTT Expo**.
- **Hewden** has sold its cabin hire/portable accommodation business to the **Warnick group**.
- UK contractor/rental company **MC Property Maintenance** has purchased a new **Palfinger P480NX**.
- Ex **Ritchies** executive **Guylain Turgeon** has joined Swiss online equipment trader **Equippo** as partner.
- **Modulift** has appointed **Green Line Colombia** and **Saudi Dutest** as dealers in Columbia and Saudi Arabia.
- German-based **TII group** has acquired the civilian product line of Indian trailer manufacturer **Tratec**.
- UK nuclear contractor **Magnox** has purchased a **Unic URW-706** spider crane.
- **Niftylift** has appointed **Heli** as its distributor for Belgium.
- **Riwal** sold 169 aerial lifts for €1.6 million at its first **Red Tag** sale.
- UK-based **APS** has appointed **Nathan Cook** as business development manager vehicle-mounted platforms.
- UK **Star Platforms** has entered the truck mounted market with a **CTE Zed 21.2 JH**.
- **Terex Port Solutions** has sold 10 diesel-electric harbour cranes in India.
- **Sebastian Wilkinson** has cycled the 1,200km from Brisbane to Sydney.
- The **Ha'argaz group** has taken over the distribution of **Palfinger** cranes in Israel.
- **West Georgia Technical College** has opened its new crane training centre.
- Heavy lift company **ALE UK** has appointed **Darren Adams** as director.
- **TVH** has been appointed distributor for **Lonking** lift truck parts.
- Indian crane company **Bhoir** has ordered six new **Liebherr LR1300SX** crawler cranes.
- **PASMA** and **Hire Association Europe** have signed a co-operation agreement.
- **Liebherr** has sold its third 3,000 tonne **LR 13000** crawler crane to a buyer in Mexico.
- **Anna Kingan** has joined **Ainscough Crane Hire** as operations director South East Region.
- US-based **Bragg Crane Service** has taken eight new **Tadano GR-900XL RT** cranes.
- **Speedy UK** has appointed **Chris Morgan** as interim finance director.
- **MTS Group** has purchased the first **Bobcat T35130S** telehandler in the UK.
- **IPAF** has approved its first training centre in **New Zealand**.
- **Spider** has appointed **Mike Russell** as director market development.
- **Australian Rock Logistics** has ordered 30 **Hiab X-HiDuo** loader cranes.
- **Porto di Carrara**, Italy, has purchased a **Terex Gottwald** mobile harbour crane, **Terex Liftace** reach stacker and **Genie** boom lifts.
- Two **JLG 1500SJP** boom lifts have been delivered to the **Aktogay** copper mine in Kazakhstan.
- **Terry Marnock** has retired from **Kranlyft** after 35 years with the company.
- UK rental company **Southern Cranes & Access** has purchased a **Liebherr LTM 1060-3.1**.
- **Hiab** owner **Cargotec** has appointed **Lasse Eriksson** as vice president digitalisation.
- UK rental company **Facelift** has added 77 new **Niftylift** booms to its fleet.
- Russian contractor **Mechstroy** most has purchased a **JMG** industrial crane.
- Czech power company **CEZ** has purchased an insulated **Versalift VO-355-MHI**.
- **Roger Löhrer** has taken over from **Erwin Müller** as MD of **Rosenbauer Switzerland** who retires later this year.
- **IMC** has purchased 30 used cranes from Austria's **Prangl**.
- South Africa-based **Marlboro Crane Hire** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2**.
- **Riwal** has opened three new depots Belgium, Denmark Sweden.
- UK-based **Rocket Rentals** has purchased 30 **JCBs** including six metre/2,500kg 525-60.
- **Rolls-Royce** has taken delivery of e10 **Elebia** automatic hooks for lifting aero engines in Singapore.
- **Collé Rental & Sales** has taken delivery of four 150ft **Genie SX-150s** with more on order.
- **Forth Ports** has purchased a second **Liebherr LHM 550** mobile harbour crane for The Port of **Tilbury**.
- **Power Climber** has appointed **Colby Hubler** as sales manager the Americas.
- **Peter Ellison**, applications engineer for **Hiab/Cargotec UK**, has died.
- **Marsa Maroc** has ordered seven **Kalmar** rubber-tyred gantry cranes for a new terminal in **Casablanca**.
- UK rental company **Prolift** has purchased 10 new **Manitou** boom lifts.
- Ireland's **Highway Plant** has added **Haulotte Star 10** mast booms to its fleet.
- **Thomas Cook Airlines** has purchased a **Manitou MRT2540** telehandler for **London Gatwick**.
- US contractor has taken delivery of an 80 ton **Terex HC 80** crawler crane.
- **Bronto** owner **Federal Signal** has promoted **Jennifer Sherman** to chief executive.
- **Niftylift** has delivered the first **HR28 Hybrid** boom lift in Finland to **Narma** group.
- UK crawler crane specialist **BPH Equipment** celebrated its 40th anniversary.
- **Tony Narushka**, founder/owner of Polish access company **Instant Polska**, has died.
- UK rental company **Hewden** has appointed a new sales and marketing director as well as three new sales directors.
- UK Hire **Safe Solutions** has purchased a 27m **Holland Lift** scissor lift from **AJ Access**.
- **Link-Belt** has opened its new **Training and Quality Assurance Centre** in **Lexington**.

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