

EU ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION

The European Commission has begun an anti-dumping investigation into access platforms imported from China with working heights of more than six metres. The move follows an official complaint from the 'Coalition to restore a level playing field in the EU Mobile Access Equipment Sector', which appears to be made up of the two French aerial work platform manufacturers - Manitou and Haulotte.

In the complaint it states that it is not appropriate to use Chinese domestic prices or costs when judging whether 'dumping' (selling at below cost) has occurred or not, "due to the existence of significant distortions within the meaning of point (b) of Article 2(6a) of the basic Regulation".

All interested parties now have an opportunity to present information, comment or request a physical representation. Once the investigation is complete, the Commission will decide if the case has been proven before making a judgement, based purely on the overriding interests of the European Union.

We understand that the Commission has now chosen four of the largest importers of Chinese platforms - Dingli, Sinoboom, JLG and Genie - to be 'sampled' or investigated.

A statement from one of the privately held Chinese manufacturers, Sinoboom, said: "Sinoboom is cooperating fully with the investigation and looks forward to confirming that it has followed the highest standards of professionalism while introducing its high quality products to European customers."

In March 2021 JLG and Genie joined together under the banner of the Coalition of American Manufacturers of Mobile Access Equipment, to petition the US government to investigate whether Chinese manufacturers were selling aerial work platforms in the USA at less than fair value. That led to the imposition of tariffs on all manufacturers - including JLG and Genie - which has increased market prices.



150T LIEBHERR TELECRAWLER

Liebherr is to launch a new 150 tonne telescopic crawler crane, the LTR 1150, which will slot into its range between the 100 tonne LTR 1100 and 220 tonne LTR 1220. The manufacturer claims that while the new crane offers capacity improvements of around 50 tonnes in many parts of the load chart compared to the LTR 1100, it is just as easy and economical to transport as the smaller crane.

The boom and extension configuration is the same as the LTR 1100, with a six section 52 metre main boom, topped by a 10.8 to 19 metre bi-fold lattice swingaway extension. This can be further extended with two seven metre lattice extensions for a maximum tip height of 88 metres.

The overall weight of the LTR 1150, with counterweight removed and tracks left in place, is 60 tonnes with an overall transport width of 3.5 metres. If the tracks are removed the overall weight is reduced to 38 tonnes with a three metre overall width - this of course requires the set-up jacks to be installed.

This will also be the first Liebherr telescopic crawler crane in which the variable track widths and slew position are automatically monitored in real time, with the data fed into the crane's control system to calculate the optimum load chart for the actual set up, in other words 'Variobase' for crawler cranes. The overall width with the tracks fully extended is 5.8 metres, with alternative widths of five and 3.5 metres. Liebherr says that the crane is suitable as an assist crane for lattice crawlers up to 1,000 tonnes and can pick & carry loads of more than 60 tonnes.

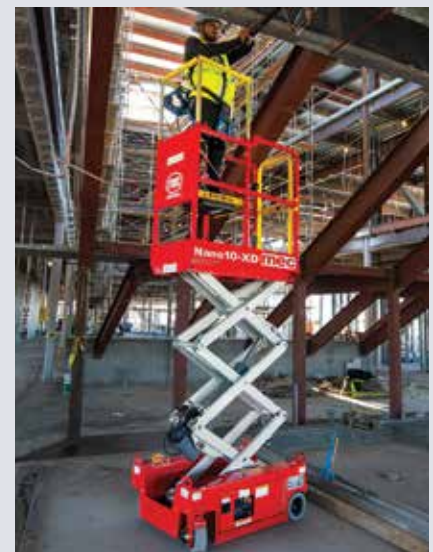


DINGLI UPS ITS STAKE IN MEC

Chinese manufacturer Dingli is planning to increase its stake in Californian aerial lift manufacturer MEC Aerial Work Platforms from 25 percent to 49.8 percent - subject to the usual regulatory approvals etc.

The move is the first step towards acquiring 100 percent of the company's equity from majority shareholder Richard Spencer. Although Dingli is increasing its holding, it does not plan to make any changes to the business. On the contrary, it is keen to simply provide more capital and support to continue on the current trajectory that has seen the company grow from a relatively small north American manufacturer into a \$400 million business, building well over 10,000 machines a year.

The company is now planning to expand its production capacity, along with further improvements to its existing production facilities, while establishing a new Dingli group research and development facility and a new parts centre.



UK CONTRACTOR MANDATES HARNESS ON DEVICE

Willmott Dixon - a major UK contractor - has announced that all boom lifts used on its sites must in future be equipped with the 'no lanyard attached' cut out system 'Harness On' developed by Nationwide Platforms, the UK division of Loxam Access. The system - wired into the platform's controls - senses when a lanyard is attached or not, blocking operation of the machine until a lanyard is attached to the device.

The statement said: "Harness On is now mandatory, meaning that only 3b boom type lifts with the new system installed can operate on a Willmott Dixon project. This is to reduce to zero the chance that an operator using a



platform could fall to the ground because they have not connected their harness correctly. Importantly, this device doesn't affect any ground or emergency lowering controls."

While falls from the platform are a significant cause of injuries and fatalities worldwide, there has only been one reported incident in the UK over the past three years.



OIL FREE LGMG SCISSOR

Chinese manufacturer LGMG has unveiled a new oil free version of its 26ft slab electric scissor lift, the S0808PE. The new machine features direct AC electric motor wheel drive, electric steering and a linear actuator lift cylinder, completely eliminating the need for hydraulic oil.

As with the standard second generation S0808II, it can drive at full height indoors with a working height of 9.8 metres and 230kg platform capacity. Outside the maximum working height is reduced to eight metres. The scissor lift has an overall width of 830mm, overall length of 2.44 metres, while the stowed height is 2.36 metres although folding guardrails are standard reducing it to 1.99 metres. It has a 900mm roll out deck extension and total weight is around 2,230kg.



MATECO ACQUIRES MALTECH



International rental group Mateco has acquired the Swiss sales and rental group Maltech Holding, which includes the Maltech rental business and distribution company Skyworker Trade. The transaction is an all-share purchase deal from the Hunziger family. Maltech chief executive Patrick Moser and his management team will remain on board and continue to run the business under Mateco ownership.

Maltech operates from 14 locations along with more than 35 rental agent locations spread across Switzerland with a large fleet of self-drive truck mounts in addition to big truck mounts, boom and scissor lifts as well as spider lifts. Skyworker Trade is the CTE and Magni distributor, but also sells and services Multitel and Teupen products along with other brands.

The deal is signed (L-R) Eric Hunziker of Maltech, with Pascal Vanhalst of Mateco and Marc Hunziker of Maltech



700T CRAWLER FOR AINSCOUGH

UK rental company Ainscough has taken delivery of a new 700 tonne Liebherr LR 1700-1.0 crawler crane. The crane features 165 metres of main boom, while a maximum under hook height of 198 metres can be achieved with 96 metres of main boom and 102 metres of luffing jib. It is able to handle its full capacity at a radius of 8.5 metres and has a maximum radius of 160 metres. The crane also features VarioTray and V-frame ballast systems with hydraulic ballast radius adjustment from 13 to 21 metres.

The purchase is aimed at expanding the company's activities and coverage of the heavy lift and major project market. Ainscough runs the UK's largest mobile crane fleet - 392 cranes operating from 28 locations with more than 850 staff - but is not among the top 10 crawler crane fleets.



The new crane arrives at Ainscough's yard



CRANE TO THE RESCUE

A crane was used to rescue a man from the roof of a burning building in Reading, UK in mid November. The crane operator, Glen Edwards, 65, was in the cab of his luffing jib tower crane when he was notified of the trapped man. He quickly attached a man basket to the hook and lowered it to the stranded man although placing it upright and close enough to him was a challenge due to poor visibility from the heavy black smoke and flames, along with wind gusts and strong convection currents.



Glen Edwards

Edwards, the hero of the day said: "It was very close call due to swirling wind. I looked out my left hand window and saw a guy standing on the corner of the building I'd only just seen him, and someone said, 'can you get the cage on', so that was it, we got the man basket on the hook and I got it over to him the best I could."



LIFTEX IN LIVERPOOL

The 18th annual Liftex and LEEA (Lifting Equipment Engineers Association) conference was held at the exhibition centre in Liverpool this November. The event attracts users from a diverse range of sectors such as oil & gas, renewable energy, cargo and bulk handling as well as construction.

There were only a few industrial and spider crane exhibitors such as GGR, Hird and Foster Cranes, the majority of exhibitors were lifting and rigging gear suppliers such as LMS Suhbo, Pinpoint, Kito Crosby and Traceability.

Hird introduced the new Winlet 400TLS glass handling robot with a three metre lift height, over one metre forward reach and an overall width of 860mm.

Foster Cranes presented Hoefflon's new 'Multitool Attachment' manipulator mounted on a three tonne Hoefflon C6e.13 spider crane. The attachment has three tools, a 'Claw' for clamping and moving beams or pipes, Forks for lifting and placing pallets and the Multivac for handling glass panels. The manipulator has 200 degrees of tilt, 95 degrees of swivel and 360 degree continuous tool rotation.



The new Multitool manipulator

DRONE WIND TURBINE INSPECTION

UK/Greek wind turbine inspection company Perceptual Robotics' has successfully completed the inspection of 250 onshore wind turbines with its new drone inspection units.

The company, which emerged from the University of Bristol Robotics lab, uses its 'Dhalion system' which combines autonomous drones and Artificial Intelligence to collect data which is used to identify issues such as lightning strikes, cracks, erosion and delamination.

For turbines that need repairs, the system can assess the damage and include it in repair plans while establishing monitoring procedures.

The company has carried out its initial real world trials in Scotland and has now extended its coverage to the Faroe islands.

Chief executive Kostas Karachalios said: "Scotland is a pivotal place for us, being home to an extensive number of onshore wind farms, with constantly changing weather conditions providing us with shifting challenges, keeping us alert and offering excellent opportunities to showcase the robustness of Dhalion."



ITALIAN ACQUISITIONS FOR MANITOU

Manitou is to acquire a 75 percent stake in two of its Italian suppliers - Come SRL and Metal Work. Both companies are majority owned by Fabio Grilli, while Metal Work shareholders include Luca De Angelis, Paolo Piffanelli and Marco Grilli.

Come was established 60 years ago and is based in Alfonsine - north of Ravenna - while Metal Work was set up in 2010 and is based in nearby Forli. Come had revenues of €46 million in 2022 and employs 280 while Metal Work had sales of €31 million with 70 employees.

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NEW 33FT DINGLI AC

Chinese aerial lift manufacturer Dingli has launched a new 33ft narrow aisle slab electric scissor lift, the JCPT1208AC, with both indoor and outdoor ratings.

The 830mm wide lift has a working height of 12 metres indoors and is drivable at full height with a maximum platform capacity of 250kg. The outdoor working height is restricted to 9.2 metres. The lift has 900mm roll out deck extension to provide a 3.1 metre long by 810mm wide extended work area. It has an overall length of 2.48 metres and a stowed height of just over two metres with the guardrails folded. Fully equipped it weighs 3,150kg. Power comes from a standard 24volt/240Ah battery pack, feeding a maintenance free AC pump drive motor and twin AC electric direct drive wheel motors on the front axle.



BOBCAT UNVEILS TL25.60 AGRI

Bobcat has launched the agricultural version of its new six metre/2,500kg TL25.60 compact telehandler - the TL25.60 Agri 'Super Compact' - at Agritechnica in Hanover, Germany.

As with the construction unit launched last year, the TL25.60 Agri has a maximum lift height of 5.91 metres at which it can handle 1.8 tonnes, while maximum forward reach is 3.31 metres with a capacity of 800kg.



CHANGES AT SINOBOOM IRELAND/UK

Sinoboom has announced changes to its sales team and distribution in the UK and Ireland. Julie Houston Smyth, its regional manager for Ireland and the UK since September 2020,

is leaving to work full time at Irish Sinoboom dealer Lolex which she established with her husband Trevor Smyth in 2019 as an independent service, and consultancy firm.

At the same time Sinoboom announced plans to set up a UK company - Sinoboom GB - with its own technical support and sales team, adding that it will be supported by Sinoboom's UK dealer, Pinnacle Platforms.



Julie & Trevor Smyth at Lolex premises with a Sinoboom scissor lift

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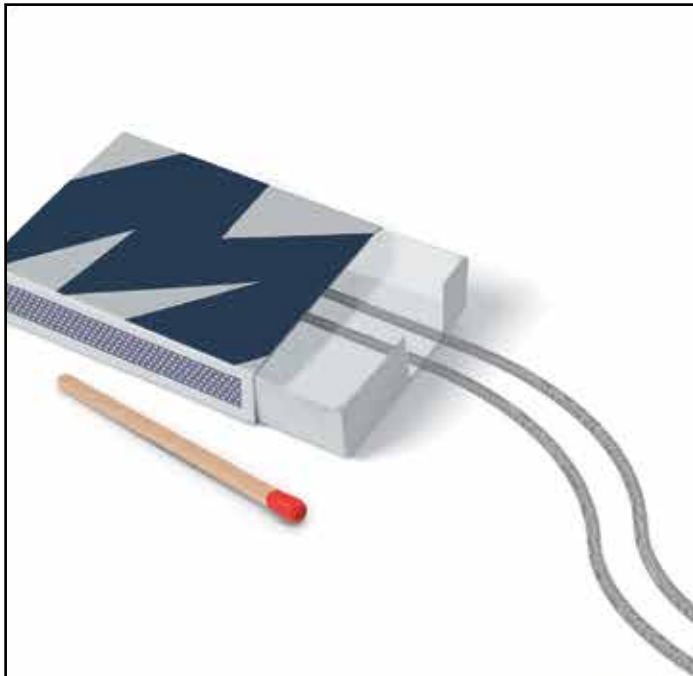
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PM'S NEW HEAVY LIFT CRANE

Italian loader crane manufacturer PM has launched the new 83.5 SP heavy lift crane with a maximum capacity of just over 15 tonnes at 4.6 metres radius. The 18.1 metre eight section boom can be topped with a seven section 13.5 metre jib for a maximum tip height of 35 metres. The new crane can handle 700kg at full height or a radius of 31.2 metres.



The 83.5 SP is 2.55 metres wide, 2.8 metres high and takes up 1.76 metres of chassis length when stowed. It weighs around 9,500kg. The compact overall dimensions help reduce the overall weight of the crane by 300kg compared to PM's previous model. A range of outrigger configurations are available with spreads of up to 8.6 metres.

The crane is also equipped with PM's new A4U (Assistance for You) telematics, allowing the factory to diagnose any faults or issues remotely. Other features include Auto-Folding and Smart Winch.



SARENS WIND SERVICE FINLAND

Sarens has opened a new Wind Service company - Sarens Wind Service Finland Oy - in Helsinki. The new business will provide maintenance services for wind farms in Finland and Sweden adding to existing wind operations in the UK, Ireland and Germany.



The new business will be led by managing director Enrika Uusitalo who began working with Sarens in January as a key account manager at Sarens Balticum, in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Sarens regional director Mariusz Sudol said: "By 2025, we aim to have individual departments for turbine construction, offshore service and blade repair, and will also open an academy to provide training related to BTT, sea survival, hub and nacelle."



Enrika Uusitalo

LAS VEGAS SERVICE CENTRE FOR JLG

JLG has opened a new 2,800 square metre service centre in Las Vegas, staffed by 10 technicians to service and repair equipment in the western US.



The new facility has eight workshop bays, three and five tonne overhead cranes, a two acre yard and a state of the art wash pad that recirculates and filters the water and stores any contaminants for disposal.

KEEPING THE INDUSTRY BETTER INFORMED

In the USA, the CCO (previously the NCCCO - National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators) and its charitable offspring the NCCCO Foundation have signed a formal agreement with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration through the OSHA Alliance Programme with the aim to keep industry better informed of OSHA's applicable safety related initiatives. It also enables the three organisations to collaborate more closely to provide employees and employers with information, guidance and resources to promote workplace safety and health, while raising awareness of employees rights and employers' legal responsibilities.



(L-R) Thomas 'T.J.' Cantwell of NCCCO Foundation, Doug Parker for OSHA and Thom Sicklesteel of CCO

Initiatives will include:

- Sharing industry alerts
- Encouraging industry participation in and support for OSHA events and programs
- Convening roundtable discussions and meetings on crane industry safety
- Providing opportunities for OSHA to participate at industry meetings and events
- Raising awareness of resources & tools that can assist in complying with OSHA regulations
- Sharing updates on load handling regulations and enforcement requirements
- Developing surveys for candidate base segments and sharing results
- Encouraging key CCO test sites to build relationships with OSHA's Regional and Area Offices

The agreement was signed in Washington, DC by CCO chief executive Thom Sicklesteel, Thomas 'T.J.' Cantwell the executive director of the NCCCO Foundation and Doug Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA.

IPAF ELEVATION

IPAF held its Elevation conference and dinner in mid-November with plenty of delegates attending and some excellent speakers and presentations.

They included an inspirational talk by former British rally driver champion, boxer and TV presenter Penny Mallory, discussing how she achieved a degree of mental toughness. The last speaker of the day was Ali Moore, a leadership development consultant, therapist, relationship coach and author of 'Reconnect Your Life' who spoke on the perceptions that young people have when approaching the workplace and how prospective employers can overcome any barriers they may have to bring more young people into the industry.

Darren Nash, HM principal mechanical inspector, specialising on powered access at the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) spoke on a key issue at the moment of Emergency Stop buttons - or E Stops - on aerial work platforms following an incident in 2022 in which, as is often the case, the E Stop was pressed once the lift was in position, however, it also cuts the electricity supply to all the monitoring switches and overload system etc. So, when a very rare internal leak in a levelling jack cylinder occurred, the machine's warning system did not detect it causing a near miss. Nash said that he has identified 44 manufacturers supplying aerial platforms to the UK market, and that 18 of them had machines that would have experienced exactly the same issue. The HSE is stepping up its investigation into the issue.



INSTANT UPRIGHT CANCELS DEALERS

Alloy scaffold tower manufacturer Instant UpRight has cancelled its distribution agreements with Zip-Up Svenska in Sweden and Instant Norge in Norway. It claims that both distributors have purchased compatible tower components and products from Instant Latvija of Riga, Latvia, an unauthorised manufacturer of Instant products. It says that it is considering taking legal action against the Latvian company. The announcement said that the Norwegian and Swedish distributors were passing off the scaffold components as genuine Instant products and using Instant's registered trademarks and logos.

It added that, from now on, it will be selling its products directly to customers in both Sweden and Norway at more competitive prices and is willing to check any products purchased from the two dealers during 2023, and will replace any unauthorised products, leaving customers to obtain compensation from the two distributors. Zip-Up Svenska said that it was unaware of Instant UpRight's claims and that no one from the manufacturer had made any attempt to contact it.

UK'S FIRST GROVE GRT8100-1

PSG Marine and Logistics has taken delivery of the first 100 tonne Grove GRT8100-1 Rough Terrain crane to arrive in the UK.

The crane features a five section 47 metre main boom topped by a 10.1 to 17.1 metre bi-fold swingaway extension an additional insert taking its maximum tip height to 73 metres. The unit was purchased from local dealer Crowland Cranes at this year's Vertikal Days event.



FINANCIALS ROUND-UP

UK rental group **Vp/UK Forks, MEP and Brandon Hire Station** has published its preliminary first half results. Total revenues improved 2.4% to £190.9 million, with UK infrastructure performing well, while housebuilding demand is "subdued but stable" and general construction remains challenging. Overseas, a small part of the whole, the outlook is apparently more promising. Pre-tax profit increased 11.2% to £19.9 million, while net debt was cut by 10.4% to £133.4 million and Capital Expenditure declined 28% percent to £27.8 million.



International rental group **Mateco** has acquired the Swiss sales and rental group **Maltech Holding** - which includes the rental business **Maltech** and distribution company **Skyworker Trade** - in an all share purchase deal from the **Hunziger** family.



The third quarter results for **Snorkel** show a strong pick up in margins and profits with total revenues for the nine months up 10.8% to \$145.1 million. Pre-tax profits were \$1.7 million, compared to a loss of \$12.7 million at this point last year. Third quarter revenues jumped 20.5% percent to \$51.1 million, with a pre-tax profit of \$638,000 compared to a loss of \$3.8 million a year ago.



Barnhart Crane and Rigging has acquired **Armstrong Crane and Rigging** of New Brighton, Minnesota on the north side of Minneapolis-St. Paul. The deal includes Armstrong's operated crane rental service and all associated employees and equipment. It is Barnhart's third acquisition this year.



Chinese manufacturer **Dingli** is planning to increase its stake in Californian aerial lift manufacturer **Mec Aerial Work Platforms** from 25% to 49.8% subject to regulatory approvals etc, a first step towards a full take over from current majority shareholder Richard Spencer.



Ashtead - owner of **Sunbelt Rentals** in North America and the UK - has issued a first half trading statement for the six months to the end of October. The group will report record results for the half year with rental revenue growth of 13%, EBITDA growth of 15% to approximately \$2,580 million and adjusted profit before taxation growth of 5% to approximately \$1,310 million. While the group says it will achieve record full year results it has revised its full year forecasts down a couple of percent. In spite of this capital expenditure will remain unchanged at \$3.9 to \$4.3 billion.



UK based wind turbine repair and maintenance company **GEV Wind Power** has acquired **Rigcom**, one of Australia's largest rope access and rotor blade maintenance companies. Established in 2009, Rigcom is based in Sydney, with branches in Melbourne and Canberra and offers a wide range of height safety equipment from walkways and edge protection to fall protection equipment and it employs a team of skilled abseiling and rope access staff for tasks ranging from wind turbine rotor maintenance to cleaning. The current management team - including chairman Gary Flowers and chief executive Michael Biddle - will continue to lead the business.



French aerial lift and telehandler manufacturer **Manitou** is to acquire a 75% stake in two of its Italian suppliers - welding and machining company **Come SRL** and associated laser cutting and high strength steel bending company **Metal Work**.



Tadano has released its results for the nine months to the end of September, with total revenues rising 23.5% to ¥203.9 billion (\$1.36 billion). Pre-tax profit for the period improved 52% to ¥12.04 billion (\$80.1 million), driven by higher prices and lower overhead costs as well as product and geographic mix, not to mention a weak Yen. A full breakdown of sales by product type and region can be found at <https://vertical.net/en/news/story/42731/strong-third-quarter-for-tadano>



Herc Rentals has acquired Californian rental company **Summit Equipment Rentals**. Established in March 2007 by Bob Kushner, Summit runs a fleet of aerial lifts including slab electric and Rough Terrain scissor lifts, push around portables and boom lifts to 86ft. It also runs forklifts and telehandlers along with general equipment, from three locations in California, Menifee and Santa Ana in the greater Los Angeles conurbation and Chula Vista on the south side of San Diego.



German telehandler manufacturer **Wacker Neuson** has published its third quarter results and is on track for a record year. Total revenues for the nine months to the end of September increased 22.7% to €2.01 billion. Pre-tax profit for the nine months jumped 60% to €231.8 million. Third quarter revenues were €648 million up 14% on the same period last year. Pre-tax profit for the three months was 9% higher at €58.9 million. The company is maintaining its previous forecasts for full year revenues of between €2.5 and €2.7 billion.



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

■ UK rental company **John Sutch Crane Hire** has taken a new 450t **Liebherr** LTM 1450-8.1 All Terrain, with a new **Tadano** truck crane on the way

■ **MEC Aerial Work Platforms** has appointed **Phil Graysmark** as director of European operations



Phil Graysmark

■ Icelandic sales and rental company **DS Lausnir** has taken the first **Potain** Igo T 99 self-erecting tower crane in Iceland. The crane arrived during a major earthquake and Aurora Borealis display

■ German rental company **Fricke-Schmidbauer** has taken a new 70t **Tadano** HK 4.070-1 truck crane

■ A contractor has been fined for lifting over live traffic in **Singapore**, the investigation and judgement took just three days

■ UK rental company **Marsden Crane Services** has taken a new 50t **Liebherr** LTM 1050-3.1

■ The recently established Spanish aerial lift sales company **Top elevación**, has been confirmed as the **LGMG** distributor for Spain

■ UK rental company **Emerson Crane Hire** has taken delivery of its third 90t **Liebherr** LTM 1090-4.2 All Terrain crane

■ UK company **Central Crane Hire** has taken delivery of a new 60t **Liebherr** LTM 1060-3.1 All Terrain crane

■ Germany's **Hellmich Kranservice** has taken a 50t **Tadano** HK 4.050-1 truck crane, the last unit of a four crane order

■ Italian spider lift manufacturer **CMC** has appointed **Plataformas Moyma** as its exclusive distributor for Spain

■ **Tadano** has confirmed the appointment of **Lloyd Gee-Nyland** as business leader for the UK and Ireland



Lloyd Gee-Nyland

■ French rental company **Aerial Location** has received the first units of a large order for **Sinoboom** booms and scissor lifts

■ Barbadian rental company **Crane & Equipment** has taken delivery of a 450t **Grove** GMK6450-1 All Terrain crane

■ Italian rental company **Piattaforme Patty** has taken a 45m **Multitel** MJ450 truck mounted platform

■ Following requests from **JCB**, the **UK Trade Remedies Authority** has opened two investigations into imports of excavators from China

■ **Richter Kran und Schwerlast** has taken a 250t **Liebherr** LTM 1250-5.1 All Terrain crane

■ UK rental company **Birmingham Crane Hire** has taken a new AK46/6000 **Böcker** truck crane

■ Italian property maintenance and rental company **Tecnogronda** has taken a 37.5m **Multitel** MJ375 truck mounted platform

■ **Pop Up** and **Altrex** have concluded an extension to their partnership through to at least 2035

■ German rental company **Wasel** has taken one of the first 110t **Liebherr** LTM 1110-5.2 cranes with Liccon3

■ Italian tracked aerial lift manufacturer **Almac/AlmaCrawler** has confirmed the appointment of **Nacelexpert** as its distributor for France

■ **Cargotec** has appointed **Sami Niiranen** as president of **Kalmar** and the future CEO of Kalmar should its separation from Cargotec proceed as planned



Sami Niiranen

■ The Parks department of the **City of Cologne**, Germany has taken delivery of five 23m **Ruthmann** TBR 230 S7 Hybrid telescopic truck mounted lifts

■ A reader spotted a video in which an historic 500 tonne **Gottwald** truck crane is discovered in deep undergrowth in Taiwan

■ Ohio based overhead crane company **Crane 1 Services** has appointed **Steve Filipov** as a non-executive director



Steve Filipov

■ Jersey based facilities maintenance company **Sonnic Support Solutions** has taken a 24m **Socage** 24D Speed truck mounted lift

■ UK turbine maintenance company **GEV Wind Power** has acquired Australian abseiling and wind repair company **Rigcom**

■ Dutch rental group **Collé Rental & Sales** has opened a new branch in Emsdorf - 25km north of Saarbrücken, Germany

■ US based rental company **Maxim Crane Works** has opened a new branch in Urbancrest, Ohio, just south of Columbus

■ Bavarian rental company **Autokrane Klar** has taken a 110t **Tadano** AC 4.110-1 All Terrain crane

■ Low level aerial lift manufacturer **Hy-Brid Lifts** has appointed **David Price** as director of sales for the south east USA



David Price

■ **PT Vector Indonesia** has taken a 100t GRT8100 **Grove** Rough Terrain crane

■ German rental company **Luibl** has taken delivery of the first new **Magni** RTH 8.27 360 degree telescopic handler

■ Korean rental company **Bong-Hwang** has taken a 250t **Grove** GMK 5250XL-1 All Terrain crane.

■ Spanish rental company **Claveria Servicios** has taken delivery of several big **Genie** booms

■ Chinese manufacturer **XCMG** has appointed **Safetylift Netherlands** as its aerial work platform distributor for the Benelux region

■ **Kevin Miller**, a longtime employee of UK crane company **Hewden**, has died



Kevin Miller

■ German electrical installation and rental company **Nieser** has taken a new 30m **Ruthmann** T 300 XS HV12 truck mounted platform

■ Saudi Arabian company **Rawabi Specialized Contracting** has taken a 120t **Liebherr** LTM 1120-4.1 All Terrain crane

■ UK crane rental company **Cadman** has taken a 50t **Liebherr** LTM 1050-3.1 All Terrain crane

■ UK rental group **Vp**, owner of **UK Forks, MEP** and **Brandon Hire Station** has appointed **Keith Winstanley** as chief financial officer following the promotion of **Anna Bielby** to chief executive this summer



Anna Bielby

■ UK based **Nationwide Lifting Solutions** has taken a new 12t **Böcker** AK 52 truck crane, with two more Böcker cranes to come

■ **ConX Hire** of Victoria, Australia has taken delivery of large number of new **Haulotte** scissor and boom lifts

■ Germany's **Schmid Hebebühnenverleih** has taken a new 30m **Easy Lift** RA31HY hybrid spider lift.

■ Spanish sales company **Top elevación** formed by access industry veterans **Eduard Hervàs** and **Antonio Gomez de la Vega** is the distributor for **LGMG** platforms in Spain



Antonio Vega & Eduard Hervais

■ Germany's **Baukran Logistik - BKL** has formed a new division to provide an industrial installation and commissioning service

■ UK crane rental company **City Lifting** has taken delivery of two new **Maeda** mini crawler cranes, a 4.8 tonne CC985 and an 8.1 tonne CC1908

■ In the USA the **CCO** and **NCCCO Foundation** have signed a formal agreement with the federal **OSHA** through the OSHA Alliance Programme

■ Crane industry veteran and more recently historian, **Frank Sumsion** has died, he was 97



Frank Sumsion

■ German crane and aerial lift rental company **Schmid Hebebühnenverleih** has taken delivery of a new 30m **Easy Lift** RA31HY hybrid spider lift

■ UK rental company **Forsyth of Denny** has taken a 300 tonne **Liebherr** LTM 1300-6.3 All Terrain

■ Italian spider and pick & carry crane manufacturer **Jekko** has reported a 20 percent increase in production for 2023.

■ **Sarens** has appointed **Enrika Uusitalo** as managing director of its new wind service company - Sarens Wind Service Finland Oy



Enrika Uusitalo

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