

KOBELCO'S NEW EURO TELECRAWLER

Kobelco is to launch a European version of its 75 tonne TK750G telescopic crawler crane, the TKE750G. The crane has been upgraded, updated and converted to CE. Rated at three metres, it features a heavy duty, four section 30.1 metre boom for a maximum tip height of 33.5 metres. Maximum counterweight is 17.2 tonnes. The overall width when fully extended is 4.83 metres, retracting to 3.2 metres for transport when fitted with 800mm track pads.

Capacity on the fully extended boom is 18.5 tonnes at an eight metre radius, while capacity at the maximum radius of 27.8 metres is 2.7 tonnes. The crane also has load charts with 8.2 tonnes or no counterweight. The reinforced boom is aimed at foundation and cycle work. Power comes from a larger than usual Stage V Mercedes diesel to handle the foundation accessories and duty cycle work. Overall weight is around 70 tonnes, 52.4 tonnes with no counterweight and 37.4 tonnes with tracks removed for an overall width to 2.99 metres.



MANITOU AND JCB CALL A TRUCE

Manitou and JCB have called a truce in their legal battle over patent infringements.

An identical statement issued separately by the two companies said: "Manitou and JCB have decided, by mutual agreement, to put an end to all patent infringement litigation. The disputes initiated from May 2017 concerned three European patents and led to a set of legal proceedings in France, the United Kingdom and Italy."



MAGNI ANNOUNCES MORE TELEHANDLERS

Italian manufacturer Magni has announced two new eight tonne 360 degree telehandlers, the 35 metre RTH8.35 and 46 metre RTH8.46.

The units are both redesigns and upgrades from the six tonne/36 metre RTH 6.36 and six tonne/46 metre RTH 6.46 with a 36% overall capacity gain. The new models feature dual lifting modes - M1 and M2 - to maximise performance for different applications. M1 optimises capacities at greater lift heights, while the M2 mode restricts reach to provide the higher maximum capacities in close. On the RTH 8.35 the M1 mode provides 20 percent improvements, while in M2 it is 33 percent.

The RTH 6.46 has undergone a more extensive redesign and features a new seven section boom to handle the higher capacities. In M1 mode the RTH 8.46 can handle one tonne at a 31 metre forward reach and 500kg at 33 metres. In M2 mode it can take its eight tonne maximum capacity to a height of 22 metres.

The cabs have been moved further forward to improve visibility, along with a larger skylight, complete with a two position sunblind and a more slender steering column. The company says its new patented 'Easy Access' system makes it easier to get in and out of the cab, thanks to a slight offset between superstructure and chassis. The cab interiors have also been restyled, with all panelling now injection moulded for improved durability and a better quality of finish.



LIEBHERR'S NEW 800T LG 1800-1.0

Liebherr has announced a new 800 tonne wheeled lattice crane, the LG 1800-1.0, which will join the long established 750 tonne LG 1750 by mid-summer.

The LG 1800-1.0 is aimed at the wind turbine market, where the LG 1750 has proved most popular. It shares most of the older models' concepts, but is mounted on a new nine axle chassis, which provides axle loads of 10 tonnes with outrigger beams on board. It features similar swing out outriggers as the LG 1750, but with a smaller overall outrigger footprint at 13 metres square, compared to 16 by 18 metres. The chassis also includes the latest technology, such as ZF Traxon Torque transmission and ECOdrive.

Moving to the superstructure, the LG1800-1.0 uses many components from the 800 tonne LR 1800-1.0 crawler crane including V-Frame and VarioTray counterweight systems. The maximum main boom is 180 metres - up from 168 metres on the LG 1750 - with a maximum system length of 210 metres - 108 metres of main boom and 102 metres of luffing jib - for a maximum tip height of around 214 metres. Alternatively for wind related work the LG 1800 can be rigged with 174 metres of main boom topped by an 18 metre fixed jib, for hub heights of 180 metres. The crane also includes 'WindSpeed Load Charts' allowing operation in various wind speeds up to 13.4 metres a second.



FIRST POTAIN MR 229

The very first 14 tonne Potain MR229 luffing jib tower crane to be installed has joined the Radius group fleet and has been erected on a project in the UK.

The crane is working for housing association L&Q Group on a project to build 476 new homes on the Greenwich Peninsula in London. The MR 229 has a maximum capacity of 14 tonnes, with jib lengths to 55 metres at which it can handle 2.7 tonnes. For this job it was installed with the full 50 metres jib and an under hook height of 37.5 metres. The out of service radius with the full jib is 12 metres or 10 metres with a 30 metres jib.



MEC UNVEILS NEW 32FT SCISSOR

MEC Aerial Work Platforms has launched a new 32ft/32 inch wide indoor/outdoor slab electric scissor lift - the 3232SE - which can drive at full height, eliminating the levelling jacks found on some models in this class.

The maximum working height is 11.6 metres indoors or 9.1 metres outside. Platform capacity is 250kg with two people or one person outside. The overall width is 810mm with a 740mm wide platform. The overall length is 2.3 metres with the platform entry ladder stowed or 2.5 metres with it in place, while the platform length is 2.3 metres. A 900mm roll out deck creates a 3.2 metre extended deck area. The overall stowed height is 2.4 metres with the guardrails up, or two metres when folded. Overall weight is 3,240kg. The 3232SE uses an AGM maintenance free battery pack driving AC direct drive wheel motors. MEC's patented Leak Containment System is also standard equipment.



UPDATED KATO

Japanese crane manufacturer Kato is to launch an updated version of its popular 13 tonne CR-130Rf City Crane - the CR-130Rv.

Available in Europe over the next few months, the main changes include a new Hino JO5E-VA Stage V engine with Selective Catalytic Reduction and Diesel Particulate filter, standard ABS braking and a new crane control system with improved electronic joysticks which allow the operator to set and record operating speeds, while being more comfortable to use.

Outrigger functions can now be operated from a hand held remote controller, which incorporates auto-levelling and engine control speed functions. Maximum spread is 4.75 metres with load charts for three intermediate positions, along with fully retracted.

The crane retains its six section 24 metre boom topped by a 3.6 to 5.5 metre hydraulic luffing jib, offsettable by 60 degrees, for a maximum tip height of just under 32 metres. A three tonne searcher hook is also standard equipment. The crane's overall length is unchanged at just under 7.5 metres, with an overall width of 1.99 metres and overall height of 2.87 metres. Total weight is only 13.83 tonnes split roughly evenly between the two axles.



TADANO TO LAUNCH JAPANESE EvOLT

Tadano has launched the new 25 tonne all-electric Evolt eGR-250N Japanese style Rough Terrain in Japan. The new crane, which was announced at Conexpo last March, is rated at 3.5 metres and features a four section 30.5 metre main boom with an eight tonne capacity at full reach. It can be topped by an 8.2 to 13 metre telescopic swingaway extension with up to 60 degrees of offset, taking the maximum tip height to 46.5 metres with a capacity of two tonnes. The maximum radius is 34 metres.

The crane has a maximum road speed of 30.5 mph (49kph) and can travel up to 25 miles (40km) and still have enough energy left for a typical five hour shift. The integrated regenerative braking system also helps boost the travel distance. Alternatively, it can work a typical 11 hour shift when remaining on site. The crane offers dramatically reduced noise levels, both on the road and at work.

The drive function comes from two high output electric motors, providing greater acceleration and smooth running, with no jerky gear changes. A third motor drives the hydraulic pumps. The motors are fed by a 226KWh lithium-ion battery pack. The Evolt eGR-250N adopts the 200 volt CHAdeMO quick charge system for a 2.5 hour recharge time. It can also be operated while plugged in, if an outlet is available. Charging from a regular 200 volt outlet typically takes eight hours from empty to full charge.



TADANO TO ACQUIRE NAGANO

Tadano is to acquire Japanese tracked aerial lift manufacturer Nagano in an all-share purchase deal from current owners, private equity firm JAFCO. Nagano produces a small range of tracked self-propelled boom lifts - up to a 43ft telescopic and 59ft articulated boom - with sales last year of just less than \$40 million. Tadano's aerial lift sales for the nine months to the end of September were \$75.5 million putting it on track for annual revenues of around \$100 million.



KOBELCO UPGRADES

Kobelco has announced upgrades to three of its crawler cranes to its new G-4 configuration. They include the 100 tonne CKE900G-4, the 150 tonne CKE1350G-4 and the 250 tonne CKE2500G-4.

The changes are limited to updated engines, changing from Hino to new six cylinder Isuzu Stage V units, along with a new cab and updated controls. The upgrade is more significant for the two larger models which were still G-2 models with Stage IV diesels. The changes effectively return them to the European market.

The new cab has improved visibility, a wider seat with greater adjustment to seat and lever stand position. Features include a light touch sliding door, Bluetooth, a handsfree mobile phone mount and improved air conditioner outlets. The upgrades also include Kobelco's G Mode environmental features and Auto Idle Stop function which claim to improve fuel consumption by more than 10 percent.



FIRST LIEBHERR LRT 1030-2.1 SHIPPED

US based All Crane is set to receive five of the first 130 tonne Liebherr LRT 1130-2.1 Rough Terrain cranes to be delivered. The new crane - Liebherr's third Rough Terrain - was unveiled at Bauma in October 2022.

The two axle LRT 1130-2.1 features a seven section 60 metre main boom, the longest on any two axle Rough Terrain crane. It is topped with a 10.8 to 19 metre bi-fold swingaway extension which can be extended with a seven metre insert for a maximum tip height of around 88 metres.

The crane has an overall width of 3.4 metres and an overall height of 3.85 metres, while the chassis length is 9.4 metres. The optimum transport weight is 48 tonnes with swingaway and hook block, but with none of the 20 tonnes of counterweight



NATIONWIDE FINED £900K FOR FATALITY

UK rental company Nationwide Platforms, part of the Loxam group, has been fined £900,000 following a fatal scissor lift incident at its Liskeard depot in Cornwall. On the 4th of November 2021 delivery driver Lee Benham, 45, and two other drivers arrived at the depot at 6:00 to load up the trucks for the morning's deliveries.

Benham went into the workshop to collect a 40ft slab electric scissor lift but had to move another scissor lift out of the way which he operated with the controls clipped onto the toe board. The lift moved towards him crushing him between the two scissors - when controls are used in this way they are reversed. The investigation acknowledged that Benham was adequately trained and had been in the job for six years but also found that the lift had been operated in an unsanctioned way. There should also have been more supervision and CCTV cameras.

Nationwide Platforms pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £900,000, plus costs of £12,405.

Full Story - see www.vertikal.net

ALMAC T-CRANE READY TO GO

Almac has released details of its recently launched T-1060 tracked, self-levelling pick & carry crane. The machine has a maximum capacity of 990kg at a 3.5 metre radius, and a maximum tip height of 7.7 metres at which it can handle its maximum capacity. The maximum radius is 6.1 metres with a capacity of 450kg. The winch is included with 30 metres of wire rope.

The crane is mounted on rubber, non-marking tracks with a retracted width of 1.35 metres extending to 2.45 metres for maximum stability. If one track is left fully in while the other is fully extended the overall width is 1.9 metres. Length is 4.32 metres - slightly shorter if the 1,000kg counterweight is removed - and height is 1.91 metres. Power comes from either a Yanmar diesel or a 300Ah lithium ion battery pack. Total weight is 3,850kg or 2,850kg without counterweight - the battery powered machine is around 60kg heavier.



FIVE DEAD IN HOIST INCIDENT

Five people tragically died when a hoist fell 20 metres to the ground on a construction site in Sundbyberg, Stockholm in early December. The Alimak Scando 650 mast was attached to the side of a new residential block.

Two of the higher sections of the mast were not properly connected, causing the mast and hoist car to crash to the ground. Consequently, several companies and sites in Sweden shut down their hoists until they were inspected.

Alimak chief executive Ole Kristian Jødahl said: "Based on the observations made, we can conclude that two of the mast sections holding the hoist in place have not been bolted together, which may be the reason why the hoist car fell to the ground."



LGMG COMPLETES MEXICAN PLANT

Chinese manufacturer LGMG has started production on its new \$140 million plant in Mexico, located on a 75 acre plot in Marin, on the North side of Monterey, Nuevo León.

The site will also host two of LGMG's major component suppliers and is expected to generate around 1,400 new jobs. The new facility will supply various platforms, starting with electric articulated boom lifts for North America.



80T ELECTRIC SANY FOR KANDT

Dutch foundation specialist Kantdt has taken delivery of its first all-electric crawler crane, an 80 tonne Sany SCE800TB-EV. The new crane features a five section 47 metre main boom topped by 10.2/17.5m bi-fold swingaway extension with up to 30 degrees of offset and a maximum tip height of just over 66 metres with a capacity of 2.7 tonnes.

The unit has up to 26 tonnes of superstructure counterweight plus six tonnes of carbody counterweight - three tonnes at the rear and three at the front. The all up weight is 91.9 tonnes while the overall retracted width is 3.49 metres with 850mm track pads. It has an intermediate setting before fully extending to 5.1 metres. The crane can lift just over 11 tonnes on full boom at a radius of up to 12 metres.



TWO NEW UPDATES FOR MCS

Rental software company MCS has released a new online portal and a QR code feature.

The new portal has been designed to provide rental companies with a modern and efficient platform allowing customers to check available rental equipment, machine certificates, copy invoices and make purchases more efficient and user friendly. The company has also launched a QR code scanning feature which aims to improve rental company efficiency. The system generates individual QR code stickers that can be placed on any piece of rental equipment, which can then be scanned on delivery, collection or by customers allowing them to access information about the specific machine, such as manuals and certificates.



GAP WINS VAT APPEAL



UK rental company GAP Group has won an appeal against the UK's taxation authority - HMRC - regarding VAT (Value Added Tax) charged on red diesel supplied in its equipment. The First Tier Tribunal effectively dismissed the HMRC demand for £844,909 in undercharged VAT for the period from March 2017 to March 2020.

The case centred on whether the equipment rental charge and a refuelling charge were separate transactions or just one. VAT on red diesel is 5%, while VAT on the rental is 20%.

The HMRC was looking to claim the 15% difference between the two rates, stating that the provision of a full tank of diesel was part of the rental price. Initially it demanded £1.44 million, which it reduced to £1.03 million following an independent review. The figure was later reduced to £844,909.

GAP disputed HMRC's claim, took the case to the appeal tribunal and called witnesses that said that if the equipment was not fuelled on delivery, it could always be unloaded with a crane or forklift. GAP added that a key reason for providing fuel in the tank was practicality, as being able to drive equipment off the truck made it more straightforward for the customer.

The tribunal findings stated: "We were not persuaded by HMRC's argument. We find that the appellant's supplies of equipment and supplies of red diesel constitute multiple supplies for VAT purposes."

HANGCHA TO MOVE INTO EURO ACCESS MARKET

Chinese forklift manufacturer Hangcha has confirmed its plans to move into the European powered access market with a range of scissor and boom lifts.

It has started the process with the appointment of Alfred Müller for Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Belgium, and plans to hold an inventory of "several hundred units" at its European headquarters in Flörsheim near Frankfurt.



SALTY CONSOLE PROTECTION

Manitou's 'Special Solutions' department has introduced a control console cover for its boom lift models from 16 to 28 metres.

Aimed at machines working in a marine atmosphere such as washing boat hulls, the clear UV resistant silicone cover is guaranteed not to yellow over time, while being resistant to chemical splashes, salt water, marine life and paint. With a 2mm thickness it fits closely to the joysticks and push buttons while being supple and elastic, meaning it does not interfere with the 'feel' of the controls.



FEWER MACHINES FOR THE MONEY



System Lift - the German association of independent rental companies - spent €53 million on new machines in 2023 under its pooled purchase programme, a similar level to its 2021 expenditure. The 70 members that participated in the programme ordered 1,100 platforms and telehandlers, in addition to purchases they made directly from manufacturers over the rest of the year.

In 2021 members spent €57 million, but it bought them 1,600 machines. The difference is partly due to product mix, but mostly higher prices. With annual purchases of €80 and €100 million, System Lift is one of the largest buyers of aerial lifts in Europe.

BOBCAT FORKLIFTS

Bobcat is to brand a range of forklift trucks built by sister company Doosan Industrial.

The Bobcat line will include diesel forklift trucks from two to 16 tonnes, LPG models from two to seven tonnes and electric forklifts from 1.2 to 10 tonnes. The range will be rounded out with products such as pallet trucks, stackers and reach trucks.



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A 2,000 UNIT YEAR

The Liebherr plant in Ehingen delivered more than 2,000 cranes last year, the first time in its history. The majority of them were mid-range to large models - four axles or more.

The 2,000th crane - a 70 tonne four axle LTM 1070-4.2 All Terrain - is destined for Germany's MaxiKraft Group and was handed over to company owner Maik Kanitzky at a ceremony witnessed by the employees.

MaxiKraft runs a fleet of more than 200 cranes ranging from the 30 tonners to three 1,000 tonne Liebherr LR 11000 lattice crawlers, with 500 employees working from 23 locations across Germany. Over the years it has purchased around 800 Liebherr cranes at a cost of more than €500 million.



(L-R) Christoph Kleiner of Liebherr with Maik Kanitzky of MaxiKraft and Ulrich Heusel of Liebherr

CANADA'S FIRST TADANO GT-800XL-2

Canadian company DMD Building Systems has taken the first 80 ton (72.6 tonne) Tadano GT-800XL-2 truck crane in Canada. The GT-800XL-2 features a five section, 47 metre full power boom and can be equipped with a 10 to 17.9 metre bi-fold swingaway extension. It offers road speeds up to 65mph/105kph.

The crane was purchased from Tadano's distributor Cropac which put in the order when it was launched at Conexpo in March.



UK'S FIRST CRANE WITH LICCON3

UK rental company Emerson Crane Hire has taken the first 110 tonne five axle Liebherr LTM 1110-5.2 crane in the UK, one of the first 10 units with Liebherr's new Liccon 3 control system. It has a seven section, 60 metre main boom with a 10.8 to 19 metre bifold swingaway extension, while updates include a ZF TraXon gearbox with DynamicPerform clutch, and the latest chassis and superstructure cabs. In the UK it can travel with all 29 tonnes of counterweight on board.

The third generation Liccon retains its hardware but gets a new software package and programming language, as well as faster data bus, more storage space and extra computing power, along with an improved in-cab touchscreen display.



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FINANCIALS ROUND-UP

Ashtead, owner of **Sunbelt Rentals** in the USA, Canada and the UK, has reported its first half results to the end of October with revenues of \$5.57 billion, up 16% while pre-tax profits were just 5% higher at \$1.25 billion.



Revenue by country:

USA - \$4.79 billion, +17.5% with an operating profit of \$1.48 billion, +15.5%.

Canada - c\$446.2 million, +15% with an operating profit of c\$80.4 million, -12%.

UK - £358.7 million, -1% with an operating profit of £32.7 million, -32%.

Capital expenditure so far this year is \$2.5 billion, 21% higher last year. The average age of the fleet at the end of the period was 31 months, compared with 38 months, thanks to the sale of \$450 million worth of older machines. The company is maintaining its full year capex forecasts at \$3.9 to \$4.3 billion.

Tadano is to acquire tracked aerial lift manufacturer **Nagano** - Nagano Industry to give it its full name - in an all-share purchase deal from current owners - private equity firm JAFCO.



Loxam - the French international rental group and Europe's largest - has reported its results for the nine months to the end of September. Total revenues increased just over 6% to €1.89 billion, while pre-tax profits jumped more than 25% to €89.5 million. Capital expenditure for the nine months declined almost 20% to €453 million.



Revenues by region:

France - €491million +40%.

Scandinavia - €224 million +28%.

Rest of the world - UK, Spain, Benelux, Germany, Baltic States, Brazil, Middle East & Morocco - €491million +32%.



Italian spider and pick & carry crane manufacturer **Jekko** shipped just over 600 units in 2023 a 20% percent increase over 2022.

French international rental group **Kiloutou** has acquired Spanish rental company **Valsler** in Valencia.



French crane rental and engineering group **Foslev** has kicked off the year with two new acquisitions - **STL** near Lens and **Betka** in the Savoie.



Swiss International rental group **Avesco** has acquired Finnish rental company **Vatupassi Törmälä** in an all-share purchase deal.

German platform rental company **Cramer Arbeitsbühnen** has extended its coverage northwards, acquiring Hamburg based **LangeLift**.



Dutch international rental group **Boels** is to acquire Sweden's **MG Rental**, in an all-share purchase deal though Swedish subsidiary **Cramo**.



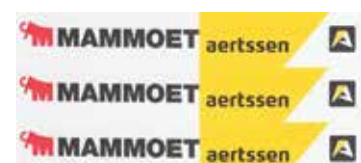
Italian rental company **Mollo Noleggio** has acquired Tuscan rental company **Edilservice**.



US crane distributor **Titan Machinery** has acquired the assets of South Dakota based Case and New Holland distributor **Scott Supply Co.**



Dutch international heavy lift contractor **Mammoet** and the Belgian based heavy lift and transport group **Aertssen** have entered into a strategic partnership in Qatar. The two companies will join forces in the country in order to meet the growing demand in the energy and infrastructure sectors, which are subject to a massive inflow of investment.



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Mammoet** and **Aertssen** have formed a heavy lift and haulage partnership in Qatar
- **Jekko** has appointed **Alessio Forcolin** as area sales manager for Spain
- Sweden's **Kranpunkten** has purchased six new **Ruthmann** hybrid truck mounted platforms
- Finnish aerial lift manufacturer **Dinolift** has appointed **Adampolis Rental** as distributor for Lithuania
- **CTE** has appointed **Marco Govoni** as chief operating officer and **Christian Tovazzi** as operations manager
- **CTE UK** has appointed **Central Platform Services (CPS)** as sole dealer for its Traccess spider lift range
- Germany's **Anker Kran und Arbeitsbühnen** has taken a new **Tadano HK 4.050-1** truck crane
- **Klubb** has appointed **Paul Murphy** of its UK operation **CPL** as CEO of its Italian subsidiary **Isoli**
- Dutch contractor **VDL De Meeuw** has taken its first **Grove** crane, a 120t **GMK5120L All Terrain**
- Finnish manufacturer **Dinolift**, has appointed **Lolex** as its distributor for Ireland
- US based **Bohl Crane** has installed cranes at the Thunderbird/Formula power boat factory
- Australia's **Clennett Hire** has taken delivery of new **Magni telehandlers** and a big **Genie** telescopic
- Chinese forklift manufacturer **Hangcha** has appointed **Alfred Müller** as AWP country manager for Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Belgium
- **Empire Crane** has taken delivery of the first **Jekko JF990** spider crane in the USA
- **Adam Mitchell** has been promoted to **Genie** dealer manager UK, Ireland, Denmark and Iceland
- **Emsley Crane Hire** in the UK has taken two new **Liebherr**s, a 60t **LTM 1060-3.1** and a 90t **LTM 1090-4.2**
- Dutch crane rental company **Verschoor** has taken a 1,000t **Liebherr LR 11000** crawler crane
- Italian aerial lift manufacturer **Airo** has changed its corporate name from **Tigieffe** to **Airo Industries**.
- Irish rental company **Kavanagh Crane Hire** has taken eight new **Liebherr** cranes, as it celebrates 50 years in business
- **Manitowoc** has opened an office in Lima, Peru to promote sales of **Grove**, **Potain**, **Manitowoc** and **National Crane**
- UK crane rental company **Ainscough** has taken four **Fassi F545RA.2.26** loader cranes on Scania chassis



Alessio Forcolin



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Paul Murphy

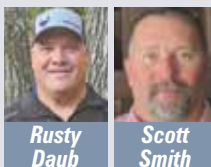


Alfred Müller



Adam Mitchell

- US trackway provider **Yak Access** has appointed **Rusty Daub** and **Scott Smith** as VPs of its new Crane & Lifting division



Rusty Daub

Scott Smith

- Spanish maritime company **Ership** has taken a 200t **Konecranes** Generation 6 **ESP9B** mobile harbour crane
- UK company **John Sutch Crane Hire** has taken a 50t **Tadano HK 4.050-1** truck mounted crane, the first in the UK
- Dutch logistics company **Star Container Services** has taken 12, **DCG80-110** empty container handlers from **Kalmar**
- Germany's **Uplifter**, the European distributor for Chinese built **SPT** spider cranes has appointed **Labrosse & You** as its partner in France
- **Riwal Holding**, has moved its corporate offices back to its operational base
- German aerial lift rental company **Gerken** is opening a crane rental division
- Italian truck mounted lift manufacturer **Socage** has appointed **Independent Access Sales** as its UK distributor
- The **Italian Army** has taken 20 units of **Easy Lift's** 18 metre **R180** tracked spider lifts and one 13 metre **R130**



Ken McDougall

- **Skyjack** chief executive **Ken McDougall** retired at the end of December
- Chinese manufacturer **LGMG** has started production at its new plant in Mexico
- **Palfinger** has opened a new sales and service location in the greater Stockholm area of Sweden
- **Manitowoc** has appointed Tbilisi based **E-buildway** as the **Potain** dealer for Georgia
- **Manitowoc** has appointed **Ryan Gwillim** as a non-executive director, taking its board to 10



Ryan Gwillim

- **Steve Freckmann**, general manager of US based **Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental**, is retiring after 45 years with the company
- **Mikschl Autokrane** has taken delivery of a **Liebherr MK 88-4.1** self-erecting tower crane
- **Filli Partner** has purchased a **Potain MD 305 B** to work on a development in Moldova
- Austrian landscaper **A-team** has taken a 27m **Ruthmann TB 270** truck mounted platform
- Italian sales and rental company **Massucco T.** has taken five new 135ft **Genie ZX-135/70** articulated boom lifts



Christine Lell

- **IPAF** stalwart **Christine Lell** has finally retired
- **IPAF** and Turkish aerial lift association **Platfornder** have signed a collaboration agreement
- Spanish rental group **GAM** has opened a new rebuild/remanufacturing facility
- **Collett & Sons** has delivered 88 wind turbine components to the Drumlins Park Wind Farm

- Australia's **Coates** has taken the first 46ft **Sinboom TB14J Plus** telescopic boom in the country
- Norway's **Asle Skoveng kranSERVICE** has taken the first 50t **Liebherr LTC 1050-3.1 E** hybrid city type AT

- The German subsidiary of **Boels Rental** has broken ground on a new branch in Osnabrück
- Belgian rental company **Altitop** has ordered a further 50 **Hinowa** spider lifts

- **Stu McInroy**, CEO of UK crane and equipment rental association **CPA** has resigned after 7 months in the job



Stu McInroy

- **Platform Basket** has appointed sales and rental company **Elpavas** as its distributor in Spain
- UK based **Davies Crane Hire** has taken a 60t **Liebherr LTM 1060-3.1 All Terrain** crane
- UK rental company **Speedy** has donated a van to the **Lighthouse Club** charity for its **MakelVisible** campaign

- Canadian contractor **Les Constructions LJP** has taken a second 50t **Liebherr LTC 1050-3.1** city AT crane

- **Mateco** Germany is celebrating 50 years in business

- **Manitowoc** has confirmed **Erwann Maillot** as its regional sales manager for **Grove** cranes for north eastern France



Erwann Maillot

- American mining group **Newmont** has taken the first 149t **Grove GRT 9165** Rough Terrain crane in Africa

- The **Hungarian Defence Force** has purchased three 60t **Sany SAC600E All Terrain** cranes

- Hungarian crane company **Mamut Daru** has taken a new 450t **Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1**, its largest so far

- UK's **Speedy Hire** has opened its fourth sustainable service centre in Basildon, Essex

- **Manitou North America** has appointed **Platinum Truck and Equipment** as dealer in New Hampshire

- **Forsyth of Denny** has taken a 300t **Liebherr LTM 1300-6.3 All Terrain**

- **Marina Torres**, key account manager for **Bravi** has moved to **Toyota Material Handling**

- **Manitou** has installed more Autonomous Mobile Robots at its work platform plant in Candé, France

- German crane contractor **BKL - Baukran Logistik** - has taken a new 110t **Liebherr LTM 1110-5.2**

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

- **Huisman** is to carry out a further capacity upgrade for the crane on **Heerema's** vessel **Aegir**

- **GTAccess** has opened a new depot in Cornwall

- **Tjitske van Hellemond**, MD of **JLG** commercial/product support in Europe has been appointed as CEO of **Truckland Group**



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