

# A look back at

# 2009

2009 will be a year we all remember as one of the toughest in living memory. The banking collapse sent shockwaves across the whole industry with spending almost grinding to a halt. Most equipment suppliers saw dramatic reductions in orders and hire rates with only a few specialist suppliers performing well. Let us hope 2010 will be a big improvement.

## January Industry News

**The UK Health & Safety Executive** decides to press ahead with an official register of tower cranes.



(L-R) Mike Wishart, Russell Rowley and Martin Birbeck

**Eazzi Lifts** appoints R2 Access as its UK distributor.

**Bravi UK** takes over distribution of Eddie Lift brand push around lifts.

**Terex Cranes** lays off around 150 at its Waverly, Iowa facility.

**Manitowoc Crane Group** reports record crane sales for 2008, at \$3.9bn, up almost 22% and at the same time announces workforce cuts for 2009.

**JLG** reports a 40% drop in revenues for its first fiscal quarter 2008/2009.

**United Rentals** announces a \$1.1 billion non-cash hit in its 2008 accounts.

**The UK's Health and Safety Offences Act 2008** comes into force with increased sentencing powers.

**Youngman** launches the BoSS X3 push around scissor lift.



BoSS X3

**Manitou** confirms it will not be exhibiting at the Intermat exhibition in Paris and issues a warning of a severe fall in order intake.

**Liebherr** officially breaks ground at its new plant in Dzerzhinsk, in Nizhny Novgorod region of Russia.

**JCB** launches a new pick

and carry mobile tractor type crane in India dubbed the Liftall.



## World News

- Slovakia adopts the Euro
- Israel launches an invasion of the Gaza Strip
- Russia shuts off all gas supplies to Europe through Ukraine



• Barack Obama is inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States

• Icelandic government and banking system collapse

• An aircraft with disabled engines lands in the Hudson river in New York



**Merlo UK** delivers its 7,000th telehandler to GT Lifting solutions of Lancing West Sussex.



Graham Trundell of GT Lifting

**Max Access**, the company that introduced the spider lift to the UK, goes into administration.

**IPAF** issues a record 81,378 PAL Cards (Powered Access Licences) in 2008.

**Geoff Holden** appointed chief executive at the Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEAA).

## Terex Cranes

unveils its new 1,600 tonne capacity Demag CC 9800 crawler crane built at its facility in Zweibrücken Germany.



## Omme 2750RBDJ



**Omme Lift** launches a new 27.5 metre working height spider platform.

Following reports of counterfeit **Tadano** truck cranes in the Middle East, units appear in Australia.

2008 was a record year for **Multitel Pagliero** with more than 1,000 platforms manufactured.

**SGB** announces it will be closing its powered access business.

**Tadano** purchases Spandek Mantis, the US-based telescopic crawler crane manufacturer.

The Malaysia Mobile Crane Owners Association announces a 5% reduction in official rates 'in an effort to help the construction industry'.

**Isoli** appoints, Gabriele Valli previously with CTE, as its new sales manager.

FTSE 100 January 4580 DOWN



## February Industry News

**MEC** launches new scissor lifts including two Speed Levels its own version of UpRight's Speed Level Dutch based rental company.

**Kamphuis** expands into scissor lifts and adds more boom lifts following a German acquisition.

**Hi-Reach** Access doubles its fleet at its London Thames Gateway location.

The **Youngman** Group launches a new generation of its Boss aluminium scaffold tower system.



**CTE** launches three new product brands for its truck, spider and Bizzocchi fire platforms.



**Layher**, the German-based scaffold manufacturer, relocates to a new 12,000 square metre facility in Scotland.



**Manitowoc's Glen Tellock** elected as chairman as well as his role as chief executive.

**Genie** decides to supply its parts and service manuals on DVD and via the web only.

**UK Generators** is declared insolvent.

## World News

- A Russian and an American satellite collide over Siberia
- Morgan Tsvangirai is sworn in as the new prime minister of Zimbabwe



- Heavy snowfall hits the UK
- The World Economic Forum 2009 got under way with politicians turning up in force to try to come up with urgent solutions to the global recession



**Power Tower** announces a distribution partnership with Redband UK and launches two new models with working heights of 3.8 and 4.5 metres.

**Hiab** has received an order for 292 Hiab 222ATF-1 loader cranes from BAE Systems for delivery to the US Army.



**Liebherr** releases the first photos of its new 350 tonne LTM1350-6.1 All Terrain crane to be launched at Intermat.



**Dinolift** managing director Erkki Hokkinen, resigns with chairman Lars-Petter Godenhjelm taking over his duties.

Italian tower crane manufacturer **Raimondi** enters administration as it seeks to restructure.

UK specialist rental company, **Rapid Platforms** orders a 35 metre Multitel/Pagliero, a 45 metre Wumag and a 53 metre Wumag lift.

**Abnormal Load Engineering** sets up a new company - ALE Projects Limited.

The first 23 metre **Hinowa** 23.12 spider lift in the UK goes to work in Glasgow.

**Bronto**, reports a strong year and a strong fourth quarter with annual sales up 23% and profits climbed more than 30%.



**Wayland Hicks** quits as vice chairman of United Rentals.

The Irish prime minister **Brian Cowen** meets with IPAF president John Ball to learn more about the Federation ahead of its summit in Dublin.

FTSE 100 February **4292 DOWN**

## March Industry News



**Allan Hemmings** is appointed managing director of Peter Hird & Sons.

German-based **Beyer Mietservice** adds 15 more Maeda spider cranes to its fleet

**Socage** delivers six new 35 metre truck mounted lifts to Russia on Kamaz trucks.

UK-based tower crane rental company **WD Bennetts**, is found guilty of Health & Safety breaches following the death of two men in a 2005 tower crane accident.

**AB2000** takes delivery of the first Terex Demag AC120-1 All Terrain crane to be based in Scotland.



Terex Demag AC120-1

Loader crane manufacturer **Terex Atlas** is transferred from Terex Construction to Terex Cranes.

**Tanfield** announces a new North American venture, Smith Electric Vehicles U.S. Corp will locate its new assembly plant in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Liebherr** unveils its new four axle mobile self erecting tower crane, the MK88.

**Lavendon**, restructures its UK operations following a period of consultation with its employees.



**A mobile crane** tipped over in Manchester city centre - no one was injured and the operator escaped unhurt.

International access and lifting company **Easi UpLifts**, sets up a new truck mounted aerial lift rental fleet in the UK.

**Chuck Martz**, president of Link-Belt, is appointed as a vice president of Sumitomo Heavy Industries.



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Aerial lift equipment supplier **CTE UK** relocates its operations to larger premises at Enderby near Leicester.

**JLG** opens a new sales and service facility in Singapore.

**Niftylift** unveils its new SD120T lightweight self propelled boom lift with a 12 metre working height.



The **Skylift** division of Nationwide Platforms' adds the first of two 58 metre Ruthmann truck mounted lifts with TV/Film attachments.

**Terex** chief executive Ron DeFeo declines a \$1.17 million annual bonus.

**Haulotte/Bil-Jax** launches an alloy scaffold tower product at the ARA show.

**EPL Access** adds 10 more CTE Z-Series vehicle mounted platforms.



**Grant Woodward** founder of The Platform Company departs the Lavendon Group following the merger with Nationwide.



**Genie** launches a 16 and 18 metre, 360 degree telehandlers with 4,000kg lift capacity.

**JLG** launches three new compact telehandlers aimed at the agricultural market.



## World News

- Gunmen attack a bus carrying Sri Lankan cricketers in Lahore, Pakistan, killing eight people and injuring several others.



- The Bank of England cuts interest rates to a record low of 0.5% and begins the process of pumping tens of billions of pounds of newly created money into Britain's troubled economy

FTSE 100 March **4292 DOWN**

## April Industry News

**Intermat** attracts almost 185,000 visitors - just 11.5% down on 2006.

**Tadano** confirms Alexander Knecht, will succeed Masaharu Nakanishi as CEO of Tadano Faun.

UK tower crane rental company **WD Bennett** enters administration.

The first UK units of the new **Oil & Steel** Octopussy 1400 are purchased by Jackson Tools, Scotland.

**Cargotec** - owner of Hiab loader cranes and Kalmar port handling equipment - combines Hiab and Kalmar sales and services networks in Europe, Middle-East and Africa.

**MJ Van Riel** orders the first Grove GCK3045 city crane.



**Hinowa** unveils a new 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift at Intermat.

**Trojan** batteries appoints Union Power Systems as its new master distributor/importer for the UK.

**Palfinger** merges aerial lift brands Wumag and Bison into Palfinger Platforms.

**JLG** receives an order from the United States Army for 214, ATLAS II telehandlers.



**Haulotte** introduces a number of new products at Intermat including the Compact 14, a 40ft platform height 1.2m wide electric scissor lift.

**Sascha Scholz**, previously with Terex Demag's engineering team joins Chinese manufacturer Sany as head of R&D mobile cranes.

UK-based **AFI-Uplift** purchases 55 small electric aerial work platforms.

**Manitou**-owned Gehl enters into a forbearance agreement with its lenders to avoid Chapter 11 bankruptcy.



**CMC** and **SUP-Elefant** appoint Baker Access as its UK distributor.

**Raimondi**, which went into administration, restarts production with the backing of the Ramco Group of Qatar.

**Brian Sherlock** and Alan Huddart, previously colleagues at UK rental company Hewden, launch Spa Asset Management.

Dutch-based crane rental company **Holland Lift** confirms that Haulotte will distribute its heavy duty scissor lifts in France, Italy and former Yugoslav states.

**Wolffkran** unveils its Wolff 1250 B a 1500 tonne/metre luffing tower crane, with up to 60 tonne lift capacity and 80 metre jib.



## World News

- The G-20 summit of state leaders meets in London to discuss the global financial crisis, amid violent scenes in the City
- Albania and Croatia join NATO
- North Korea launches the Kwangmyongsong-2 rocket
- The World Health Organisation warns on Swine Flu spreading from Mexico.



- A 6.3 magnitude earthquake strikes near L'Aquila, Italy killing nearly 300 and injuring more than 1,500.

America's third-largest car manufacturer, Chrysler, declares itself bankrupt.

Susan Boyle appears on Britain's Got Talent.

Venetia Williams became the second female trainer ever to win the Grand National when her horse, 100-1 shot Mon Mome, raced to victory.



**Liebherr** unveils the prototype of its new 1,200 tonne LTR 11200 telescopic crawler crane.

FTSE 100 April 4125 UP

## May Industry News

**Senn** AG, of Oftringen, Switzerland orders a 1,200 tonne Liebherr LTM 11200-9.1 All Terrain crane.

**Kirsten Skyba**, vice president of global marketing leaves JLG.

**Ian James**, general manager of Access Platform Sales (APS), leaves the company.

**Speedy Hire** announces a £100 million rights issue.

**PB Liftechnik** appoints Ranger Equipment as its UK/Ireland distributor.

**Sennebogen** launches its 310 Multihandler.



Spider and truck mounted lift manufacturer, **Teupen** acquires Teupen Hungaria and its Traklift brand.

**Easi Uplifts** takes delivery of four new Bronto truck mounted lifts for the UK.



**Elavation** acquires the powered access division of Safeline Access Solutions.

**Facelift** adds to its self-drive vehicle mounted lift fleet which now totals 100 units.



**Heli Iisakka**, chief financial officer and Mikael Öberg, senior vice president, Scandinavia leave Finnish-based international rental company, Ramirent.

**Access Rentals**, the UK rental company enters administration.

**Caterpillar** launches the TH514 telehandler aimed at tough applications.



**Pat Fiscelli**, president of US operations at Lifting Gear Hire, retires.

**Genie** restructures its European distribution organisation, centralising all logistics and distribution functions in Roosendaal, the Netherlands.

**JLG** announces the new G10-43A high boom North American telehandler.

**GT Access** of Bromsgrove, UK buys six Haulotte Star 10 mast booms.

**Richard Everist**, previously with HMF (UK) is named the new managing director of Liebherr Great Britain.

**Holland Lift** announces plans to introduce an economy range of compact electric scissor lifts at Bauma.

**Equipment Parts Wholesale** (EPW) opens its European business at its new UK sales and warehouse facility in Greenfield, Flintshire.

**Ainscough's** first big crawler crane - a Terex Demag CC2500 - is made ready for its first job in the UK.

**Horizon Reinforcement & Crane Hire** of Falkirk, Scotland takes delivery of a new Tadano Faun ATF220G-5.



FTSE 100 May 4243 UP

## World News

The Sri Lankan Civil War ends with the total defeat of the Tamil Tigers

Former president of South Korea Roh Moo-hyun, under investigation for bribery, commits suicide

North Korea conducts a second successful nuclear test in North Hamgyong.



Campaigner Joanna Lumley celebrates the news that Nepalese soldiers would gain full UK residency rights.

MPs' expenses debacle - plasma televisions, chunky Kit Kats and dog food to avoiding paying capital gains tax, 'flipping' second home designation and 'phantom' mortgages

David Cameron leader of the opposition makes a 'twitter' of himself on a local radio station interview



## June Industry News

The **Access Link**, the UK association of independent aerial lift rental companies reaches a partnering agreement with Partner Lift in Germany.

**AJ Access** orders one of the first Hybrid HB1030CE compact light weight scissor lifts at Vertikal Days.

**Link-Belt** builds a new assembly bay at its facility in Lexington, Kentucky.

**SEV (US)** teams up with Altec to produce an all electric truck mounted boom lift.

**Ainscough** Crane Hire orders 20 Liebherr LTM1150-6.1 150 tonne All Terrain cranes.

**Two men** were arrested in South Wales after staging an early morning father's day demonstration on the jib of a 35 metre tower crane.



**Hi Reach** takes delivery of a 34 metre Rough Terrain, its fourth big Holland lift of the year.

**Keith Kendall** the former owner of Access Rentals, establishes a new aerial lift rental company in the UK. Direct Access Hire

**Easi UpLifts**, orders 10, Genie 135ft Z135/70 for its expanding UK operation.

**Liebherr** celebrates 40 years of manufacturing mobile cranes at its Ehingen plant with several spectacular customer days.

The 1,000 tonne **Terex Demag** TC2800 owned by Port Services of Scotland finally goes to work in the UK.



Dutch-based heavy lifting company **Mammoet** unveils plans for a new 100,000t/m plus mobile crane.



**Blade Access Specialists** buys a 70 metre Wumag and the first of a number of CTE platforms for its self-drive fleet.

**GGR-Unic** launches its all-new EMU 1000 at its Open Day.

**JLG** wins a contract from the United States Army to rebuild 500 All Terrain Lifter Army System (ATLAS) telehandlers and 300 other rough terrain forklifts.

**Bluelift** appoints Bravi UK as its UK and Ireland distributor for the UK.

**Elliott** Equipment Company unveils a new 60ft/18 metre straight telescopic platform.



**Liebherr** introduces a new 60 tonne truck crane, its largest to date.

**Edmolift** and Bravi UK launch a new two man push around scissor lift.

**O-Plant** Hire adds six more Kobelco crawler cranes for its fleet.



**Haulotte** confirms the purchase of Access Rentals as a going concern.

**Broderson** appoints Cranes UK to distribute its products in the UK and Ireland.

**Manitou** announces senior management changes, with Jean-Christophe Giroux replacing Marcel Claude Braud as CEO.

FYSE 100 June 4506 UP 

### World News

- More than 150 are killed when ethnic Uighurs riot against Han Chinese in Ürümqi, Xinjiang
- Air France Flight 447 from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, crashes into the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 228 on board
- Swine flu, is declared a global pandemic
- Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is re-elected as the president of Iran following claims of massive vote rigging spurring mass demonstrations.
- Protestors barrack BNP leader Nick Griffin as he abandons a press conference outside the Houses of Parliament in London
- Sweden assumes the presidency of the European Union
- Iceland's parliament votes to apply to join the EU.
- The longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century occurs over parts of Asia and the Pacific.
- Michael Jackson dies



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**July Industry News**



**Rival**, confirms details of its new UK operation - Rival UK.

**Cumberland Industries** completes a 38 metre, Terex Utilities insulated boom truck mounted platform, the largest sold in Europe.

**Palfinger** launches another heavy-duty loader crane - the PK40002-EH.



**Ainscough**, announces further management changes including the departure of Grant Mitchell.

**Valla** parts company with its long time UK distributor, Valla UK and re-appoints Peter Hird of Hull.

**Steve Shaughnessy**, managing director of Loxam UK, announces he will be leaving the business.



Two of the world's largest truck mounted platforms - **Wumag WT1000s** - are used to inspect and repair HMS Victory.

**PP Engineering** takes delivery of a 220 tonne Tadano Faun ATF220G-5.

**JLG** agrees to pay extra compensation to employees who threatened to explode gas cylinders at its plant in Tonneins, France.

**Oktopus UK** is purchased by its directors from administrator.



**A JCB** telehandler helps people to the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square in an Antony Gormley live art work.

**Paulo Troni**, previously with Rent-Up, has taken over Italian aerial lift manufacturer Cela.



US Boom truck manufacturer, **Manitex** acquires Badger Equipment.

**Two men die** after the roof of a stage being built for a Madonna concert in France was dropped during a tandem lift.

**PC Harrington Contractors** is fined £175,000 at the Old Bailey after an accident during the construction of Wembley Stadium.

**A tower crane collapses** onto a block of flats in Liverpool.



**World News**

• **Bernard Madoff** receives a maximum 150-year sentence for masterminding a \$65bn (£38bn) fraud in the USA



• **First World War veteran Henry Allingham** - the world's oldest man - dies at the age of 113.



• **Thousands of fans** brave appalling weather at the world premiere of *Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince* in London.

• **Russian casinos and slot machine halls** close down as gambling laws are reformed.

**Allan Access Hire**, the company that took over from Allan Access when it went into administration last year, fails.

**EPL**, one of the longest established powered access companies in Europe, files for administration.



**Dinolift** unveils its first tracked spider lift, the Dino 185XTC.

FTSE 100 July **4234 DOWN**



**August Industry News**

**WD Bennett** is fined £125,000 plus £264,299 in costs but with the company currently undergoing liquidation there is little or no chance of the fines or costs being paid.



**Markus Liebherr**, 61, one of Hans Liebherr's sons purchases Southampton Football Club.



**Emsley Crane Hire** places an order for its fifth Liebherr LTM 1055-3.2 with David Milne, who retires as managing director of Liebherr UK.

**The Lavendon Group** has purchased the assets and trade of EPL the UK-based powered access rental company.

**Michelin** issues a statement warning that its 445/95 R 25 X Crane 174F tyres should not be used with axle weights above 15.6 tonnes.

The 104 metre **Bronto HLA104** makes its first appearance at Platformers Days in Germany.



**GBK** the Glasgow-based crane rental company appoints an administrator.

**Mammoet** announces that it has designed a larger - 160,000 tonne/metre version of its recently announced PTC120DS.

Italian aerial lift manufacturer **Iteco** is acquired by construction equipment manufacturer Imer Group.



**PB Lifetechnik** launches a new 11 metre/33ft platform height big deck electric scissor lift.

**Rapid Platforms** is the first to order the new Multitel MX225 in the UK.

**Penny hydraulics** launches its second mini crane mounted on a Hinowa crawler carrier - with 1.2 tonnes capacity

**Bravi**, the Italian-based aerial lift manufacturer unveils a new improved version of its popular Leonardo.

**Manitowoc** is dropped from the S&P 500 after its market capitalisation dropped below \$900 million.

**BMW** in the UK takes delivery of the first two tonne Galizia pick & carry cranes.



**Bruno Fille**, executive vice president and director of Manitou resigns.

**Bronto** appoints Ian James, previously of APS, as its sales director for the UK and Ireland.

**Meis Baumaschinen** of Reken, Germany introduces a fully self propelled platform attachment for Bobcat telescopic handlers.

**Liebherr** releases the first image of its new LTC 1045 3.1 City crane.



**World News**

• **England** regains the Ashes with a momentous 197-run win in the deciding Test to seal a 2-1 series triumph



• **Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi**, imprisoned for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 is released by the Scottish government on compassionate grounds

• **Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt** claims another world record setting 19.19 seconds for the 200 metres



FTSE 100 August **4671 UP**



# September Industry News

**Trad Safety Systems** of the UK takes delivery of its first batch of Monkey Towers for its rental fleet.

**IPS**, the international parts and service company and German-based Powerlift launch a joint venture online parts service.

**Cumberland Industries** is appointed Terex Utilities distributor for the UK, Ireland, Jordan and Iraq.

**The UK HSE** warns farmers not to use telehandlers to drive fencing posts into the ground.



**Badger equipment**, unveils a new 30 ton cab down Rough Terrain crane.

**Merlo** launches new 17 metre Panoramic P40.17 telehandler.

**Thomas Ostermann** is named vice president and managing director for Terex's newly acquired Fantuzzi and Noell port equipment business.

**UpRight Powered Access** launches a range of push-around scissor lifts.



**Niftylift** launches the safety Siops system.

**Paolo Troni** and investors form First Step to purchase Socage from Fassi joining the Cela business acquired earlier in the year.

## World News

- *Orange and T-Mobile merge UK operations to create the country's largest mobile phone operator*
- *The G-20 summit of world leaders in Pittsburgh announces it will replace the G-8 in an effort to prevent another financial crisis.*
- *Roman Polanski is arrested in Zurich, pending extradition to the USA.*
- *The Walt Disney empire announces it is to buy the superhero stable Marvel Entertainment for \$4bn (£2.5bn)*



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look back 2009

**Debbie George**, marketing manager at Genie in Redmond, leaves the company after 25 years.

**Ruairi Duggan**, joint founder of Uplift, joins UK-based Horizon Platforms.

**Baker Access** puts the world's largest spider lift fleet up for sale.

**Kobelco** develops the new 300 tonne capacity 'SL4500 Light Configuration'.

**Holland Lift** unveils a new 21ft/6.5 metre platform height crawler mounted scissor.

**A Mini Crane Hire Co** takes delivery of its first Maeda mini cranes for its fleet in the North West of England.

US Crane rental company, **Lewis Equipment** files for voluntary chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**Lifterz** takes delivery of the first PB Lifttechnik 225-12E, narrow aisle electric scissor lifts in the UK.



**Alpas Hendrion** purchases 250 new Aichi aerial lifts.

**Ranger Equipment** relinquishes its UK distribution agreement with Finnish manufacturer Dinolift.

**Manitowoc** unveils the base structure of its new 2,300 tonne 31000 crawler crane.

**Select Plant Hire** is fined £100,000 for the Croydon tower crane accident in June 2007.

**The UK Co-operative** food group purchases 10 JLG scissor lifts for general access duties in its warehouses.



**A Hewden owned Cat** telehandler is used to help Britain's largest puppet walk.

FTSE 100 September **4820 UP**



# October Industry News



**Mammoet UK** takes delivery of the first Tadano Faun HK70 truck crane.

**HSS** shifts aerial lifts from Ireland to London.

**Lavendon Access Services** officially launches EPL-Skylift merging EPL Access, Skylift and Rise Hire.

UK lift manufacturer **Aldercote**, announces an integrated fork mounted work platform.



**Link Belt** launches attachments for its 70 tonne TCC-750 telescopic crawler crane.

**Caterpillar** unveils its new TH417 telehandler.

**Cargotec**, sells its off-road Loglift forestry crane business to Finnish-based manufacturer Mesera Salo Oy.

**National Crane** launches its largest boom truck to date, the 55 ton NBT 50 Series.

**Palfinger** shows off its new Power Link cable winch for its High Performance crane series.

Manchester-based **Higher Access** takes delivery of eight CTE tracked platforms.



**George Ellis** is appointed as president, Terex Construction.

**Valla** launches an all new 2.5 tonne electric pick & carry crane.

**Kranlyft** introduces a new 300kg glass suction lift developed in partnership with Wirth.

New crane manufacturer **PC Produzioni** shows its 50 tonne RT crane.

**JCB** launches its new 515-40 Miniscopic - the smallest telescopic handler it has ever built.



**Galizia** launches the GK20 - its first track mounted crane.

**John Milne**, previously president of United Rentals, pleads guilty to conspiracy to falsify the company's books and faces 27 months in prison.

**Manitowoc Cranes** opens its new consolidated parts distribution centre in Jeffersonville, Indiana, USA.

**Edmolift** shows a compact low-level lift for gaining access through a standard ceiling panel.

**JLG** says it is to discontinue production of its Gradall telehandlers from the end of the year.

**Hinowa** launches a Lithium battery-powered spider lift with AC drive.

**GGR** opens a new location in Glasgow.



**Steve and Danni Hitchen**, previously of Ainscough Crane Hire, form One Stop Hire Ltd.

**Merlo** enters the small spider lift sector and considers the mainstream access market.



**Liebherr Nenzing** opens two new sales and service companies in Turkey and Azerbaijan.

FTSE 100 October **5024 UP**



## World News

- *The 2016 Summer Olympics are awarded to Rio de Janeiro.*
- *Ireland holds a second referendum on the EU's Lisbon Treaty which approves the treaty.*
- *Royal Mail postal workers picket the entrance to the Glasgow mail centre in Springburn.*
- *British Airways agrees a £4.4bn merger with Spanish rivals Iberia*
- *Jenson Button wins the World Formula One championship*



## November Industry News

**World Lift** announces that it is building a 52 metre Falcon spider lift, the first of which is sold to Easi UpLifts of Ireland.

**Roger Brown** retires from Genie.



**Mark Butler** buys out Andy Ainsworth (R), his 50 percent partner in Zenith, the UK based truck mounted aerial lift rental company.

UK crane hirer **MSD Lifting** - renamed JD Marine - goes into liquidation.

Private equity firm, **Odyssey Investment Partners** acquires US company Safway Scaffolding from ThyssenKrupp.

**Artic Cranes** Raptor 84 articulating tower crane goes into service with its launch customer City Lifting in the UK.



**UpRight** announces more models including a revised Speed Level.



**UK-based Lavendon** announces raising £80.8 million through an open offer of new shares.

UK construction magazine, **Contract Journal** closes its door after 134 years.

**Youngman** adds BoSS X3X and X2 to its push around scissor lift range.

**JCB** chief executive Matthew Taylor announces his replacement as chief executive by Alan Blake.



**Palfinger** opens its new hydraulic cylinder plant in Tenevo, Bulgaria.

**Multitel** launches two new truck mounted lifts on 3.5 tonne chassis, the MT202DS straight boom and the MX200 with straight line jacking.

First pictures of **Kobelco** SL3500 Light



### World News

- CERN restarts the Hadron Collider in Geneva.
- The Czech Republic becomes the final member of the European Union to sign the Treaty of Lisbon.
- The prime minister of Belgium, Herman Van Rompuy, 62, is appointed as the first permanent president of the European Council.
- Dubai requests a debt deferment



- Tiger Woods takes time off from Golf following a number of revelations.
- Gold has hit a fresh all-time high, to a new record of \$1,108.05 an ounce.



FTSE 100 November **5037 UP**

## December Industry News

**Terex** sells its mining division.

**Sumitomo** buys into US rental company Sunstate.

German-based **hoist**, mast climber and suspended access specialist **Geda**, closes its Swedish plant.

A new UK group of independent access rental companies - the **Access Alliance** - is formed.

**General Crane** of Florida files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

**Australian Crane and Machinery** launches a new 20 tonne articulated pick & carry Panda crane in co-operation with XCMG.



**Steve Shaughnessy** is appointed president of Skyjack.

A telehandler operator in the UK is jailed for 21 months for manslaughter, resulting from gross negligence following a fatal accident in 2007.

Canadian mast climber and hoist manufacturer **Hydro Mobile** files for the Canadian equivalent of Chapter 11.

**XCMG Construction Machinery** plans to raise 5 billion Yuan (\$732.5 million) through the sale of new shares to 'finance new nine new projects and obtain advanced technology'.

### World News

- A man attacks Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
- The United Nations Climate Change Conference is held in Copenhagen.



- LCpl Adam-Drane becomes the 100th British soldier to die in Afghanistan in 2009

- Car manufacturer Saab closes with the loss of 3,400 staff in Sweden



**Versalift and the Smith Electric** Vehicle division of Tanfield both display all electric vehicle mounted lifts at the Climate Conference in Copenhagen.



The first **Giraf Track** crawler mounted boom lift - with operators cab - goes to work in the UK.

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## Cranes & Access related departures

**David Ridge**, 62, joint founder of AFI and the current finance director of AFI-Uplift

**Vince Mulvanny**, crane and aerial lift engineer and trainer

**Jack Ford**, 84, the founder of Kato Cranes UK

**Gino Koster**, 48, general secretary of ESTA and manager of safety, health environment and quality for Mammoet Europe



**David Maddicott**, 71, founder and owner of Dainton Crane Hire

**Mrs Lucy Valla**, 69, president of Valla SpA and widow of John Valla



**Dario Piccin**, 77, Italian entrepreneur and president of mini/spider crane manufacturer Imai Jekko

**Roy Wren**, 76, ex regional sales manager for Grove and Coles and speech-master/master of ceremonies at the Cranes & Access - Crane Dinner



**Tom Zorn**, ex CEO of RSC in USA and WorkX in Holland

**Phil Zeitsch**, Australian access veteran of Ace Scaffolding Services

**Andrew Wyeth**, American painter  
(born 1917)

**Ricardo Montalbán**, Mexican-born  
American actor (born 1920)

**Walter Cronkite**,  
American newscaster  
(born 1916)



**John Updike**, American  
writer (born 1932)

**Ingemar Johansson**, Swedish boxer  
(born 1932)

**Bobby Robson**, English footballer and  
manager (born 1933)

**Natasha Richardson**, English actress  
(born 1963)

**Maurice Jarre**, French composer and  
conductor (born 1924)

**J. G. Ballard**, English novelist (born 1930)

**David Carradine**, American actor  
(born 1936)

**Farrah Fawcett**, American  
actress (born 1947)



**Robert McNamara**, 8th  
United States Secretary of  
Defence (born 1916)

**Patrick McGoohan**, American-born  
British actor - 'The prisoner' (born 1928)



**Mollie Sugden**, English actress  
(born 1922)

**Frank McCourt**, Irish-American author  
(born 1930)

**Corazon Aquino**, 11th president of the  
Philippines (born 1933)

**Ted Kennedy**, American politician  
(born 1932)



**Yoshito Usui**, Japanese manga  
artist (born 1958)

**Patrick Swayze**, American actor and  
dancer (born 1952)

**Pavel Popovich**, Soviet cosmonaut (born  
1930)

**Claude Lévi-Strauss**, French anthropologist  
(born 1908)

**Michael Jackson**, American  
performer and recording artist  
(born 1958)



**Richard Todd**, Irish-born British actor  
(born 1919)

**Otto Graf Lambsdorff**, German politician  
(born 1926)

**Gene Barry**, American actor (born 1919)

**Roy E. Disney**, American businessman  
(born 1930)

**Sir Clement Freud**, politician and media  
personality (born 1924)

**Wendy Richard**, British television  
actress (born 1943)



**Jade Goody**, British Big Brother  
'celebrity' (born 1981)

**Keith Floyd**, wine drinking TV  
chef (born 1943)

**Danny La Rue**, female impersonator  
(born 1927)

**Karl Malden**, American actor (born 1912)

**David Vine**, British sports commentator  
(born 1935)

**Allen Klein**, infamous manager of the  
Rolling Stones and Beatles (born 1931)

**Stephen Gately**, pop singer with Boyzone  
(born 1976)

**Edward Woodward**, British film, TV  
and stage actor, (born 1930)

**Sir Ludovic Kennedy**,  
writer and broadcaster,  
(born 1919)



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