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# 2011 but big

As we predicted 2011 was a far better year than the previous two for the industries we cover, with companies bouncing back into profit and rental rates moving steadily towards more sustainable levels.

However our hope that 2011 would see "steady progress back to more consistent and confident times" has not materialised. In fact in spite of the majority of both manufacturers and rental companies having had a good year in terms of profits and debt reduction, the world is a far less certain place than it was a year ago.

The state of some economies in the Euro zone has led the uncertainty, fuelled by credit agencies trying to win back lost credibility, threatening to downgrade national credit ratings as the mass media wallows in the creation of negative 'second guessing' and 'doom and gloom' news.

In spite of all this, lead times for telehandlers some cranes and most aerial lifts are still getting longer. Prices are rising along with rental rates and most companies are looking at a reasonably positive start to 2012. So while the year looks set to continue along the lines of 2011 - at least in the first half - there are way too many uncertainties out there to predict how the year might develop.

One thing is for sure it will be an interesting year.

# a better year on uncertainty

C&a look back 2011

## January Industry news

**Tadano** and **Link-Belt** end their supply agreement for All Terrain cranes.

**Tadano America** expands operations in Central and South America opening an office in Panama.

**IPAF** technical officer **Gil Male** retires.



**Ashtead** joins **TVH** in a £185 million take-over bid for **Lavendon**, with the two agreeing to split the business. **Lavendon** quickly rejects the approach and the bid is dropped.

**Terex Cranes** president **Rick Nichols** and Terex group

president **Tom Riordan** leave the company. **Kevin Bradley** takes over from Nichols.

**JLG** agrees a deal to fit **Firestone DuraForce MH** long-life tyres to its American-built telehandlers.

UK-based **Kimberly** acquires Poole-based **High Level Platforms**.

**Manitou** and **Genie** extend their supply agreement to include slab electric scissor lifts.



**Ashtead's** US subsidiary, **Sunbelt Rentals** acquires scaffold rental company **Empire Scaffolding** for \$38 million in cash.

UK-based **Bryn Thomas Crane Hire** enters administration, its owners buy the assets and continue to trade as **Bryn Thomas Cranes**.

**Bravisol** launches the **Bravi Lite** - a lighter, more compact and less expensive Leonardo model.



**Dinolift** appoints **Karin Nars** - daughter of owner **Lars-Petter Godenheilm** - as managing director.



UK's **Construction Equipment Association (CEA)** announces plans for a new earthmoving equipment show **Plantworx**.

**Palfinger** launches the 22.1 tonne/metre **PK 23501-W** loader crane aimed at the waste recycling sector.



**Cramo** acquires **Theisen Baumaschinen** with locations in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Hungary for around €85 million.

Hamburg-based **AFI GmbH** appoints an administrator, after filing for protection under Germany's insolvency laws.

**JLG** announces a new **1500SJ.P** a 150ft/45.72 metre telescopic boom lift with telescopic jib, big brother to the company's **1350SJ.P**.

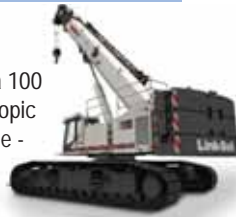
Brazilian based rental company **Mills** purchases a 25 percent stake in **Rohr Estrutura Tubulares** for R\$ 90 million (\$54 million).



**John MacGregor**, mobile cranes area sales manager at **Liebherr-GB** retires after 27 years with the company.



**Link Belt** announces a 100 tonne telescopic crawler crane - the **TCC1100** and a new 137 tonne/150 ton lattice boom crawler crane - the **238HSL**.



**Renzo Pagliero**, of **Multitel-Pagliero**, is elected president of PLE - the aerial work platform producers section of ANFIA.

**Terex** launches its smallest truck-mounted under-bridge inspection platform - the **Hydra HPT 11/38**.



## World news.. World news..

**Estonia** becomes the 17th country to adopt the Euro.

**Southern Sudan** votes in favour of becoming an independent state.



37 people are killed and 180 wounded in a bombing at **Domodedovo International Airport** in **Moscow, Russia**.

The so called '**Arab Spring**' kicks off with the fall of the **Tunisian** government after a month of increasingly violent protests.



US Republican congresswoman **Gabrielle Giffords** is shot in the head outside a shopping centre in **Tucson, Arizona**.

Egyptian anti-riot police clash with protesters in **Cairo, Egypt**.

## February Industry news

**Wemo-tec** opens a UK under-bridge inspection equipment rental operation.

The **UK Strategic Forum Plant Safety Group** unveils its 'Safe Use of Telehandlers in Construction' document.

**Genie** introduces three new compact Rough Terrain scissors, the **2669RT**, **3369RT** and **4069RT**.



**Ramirent** acquires Danish access rental company **Jydsk Materiel Udlejning**.

**Palfinger Marine** launches its PFM range 'heavy-duty foldable' marine crane range.



Reports of 'catastrophic' structural chassis failures on **Land Rovers** fitted with **Gardner Denver** aerial work platforms emerge.

UK-based **APS (Access Platform Sales)** acquires Huntingdon-based access rental company **Height For Hire**.

**Terex Cranes** announces a 300 tonne/metre **CTT 321** flat top tower crane.

UK-based rental company **GT Access** acquires Hereford-based **Plat4ms**.

The Imer group forms **Imer Access** headed by **Paolo Pianigiani**, uniting Iteco production, sales and service but not **IHmer** spider lifts.

**TVH** acquires **Gunco/HDW** one of Holland's leading access/telehandler rental companies - and **HDW** - the **Genie**, **Teupen**, **Isoli** and **Unic** distributor.



**Potain** launches a 550 tonne/metre **MD560B** tower crane at the top end of its MD range.

**Gary Smith** re-enters the UK rental market with **Bella Access**, purchasing Niftylift booms and Skyjack scissors.

**Loxam** acquires six rental depots in Ile de France and Picardy from **Régis Location**.



**Liebherr** introduces a log handling version of its **LRS 645** reach stacker.

**Demag Cranes** acquires UK software developer and consultant **DB Controls**.

**Faraone** launches the **PK50S** a self-propelled 10ft/3m platform height lift that weighs less than 300kg.



**Coast Crane** resigns as **Manitowoc** and **Grove** cranes distributor, but continues to represent **Potain** tower cranes.

**Manitowoc Cranes** announces its first South American production facility in Paso Fundo, southern Brazil.

**JLG** announces an ANSI/CSA version of its **FS60 LiftPod**.

**TNT Crane & Rigging** acquires **Louisiana Crane's** San Antonio and Houston branches.

**Link Belt** announces an 'American style' five axle 250 tonne All Terrain crane, the **ATC3275**.

**Manitowoc** restructures its European sales operations following the departure of **Frans Vanwinkel**, dividing his duties between three regional vice presidents.



**Sarens** tests its new 3,250 tonne **SG120** heavy-lift ringer crane with a 625 tonne load at 120 metres radius with 130 metre main boom.

**Power Tower** unveils two new Nano self-propelled aerial lifts, the **Nano SP Zero** and **Nano SP Plus**.



### World news . World news . World news

Egyptian President **Hosni Mubarak** resigns after widespread protests calling for his departure.

The Arab Spring moves to other states, including **Bahrain** and **Libya**, the UN imposes sanctions on Libya.

A 6.3-magnitude earthquake hits **Christchurch**, New Zealand, killing at least 181 people.



Ireland's Taoiseach (prime minister) **Brian Cowen** requests the dissolution of the 30th Dáil, his party **Fianna Fáil** drop from 71 to 20 seats. Fine Gael leader **Enda Kenny** becomes Taoiseach, in a coalition with Labour.

### Academy Awards

**Best picture** - The King's Speech

**Best Actor** - Colin Firth for his role in The King's Speech.

**Best Actress** - Natalie Portman Black Swan.

**Best Director** - Tom Hooper for The King's Speech.



## March Industry news

**Manitowoc** starts production of its new **Potain MC 125** tower crane at its plants in Zhangjiagang, China and Pune in India.



**Vertikal.net** launches a mobile news service for i-phone, Android and Blackberry.

**Prangl** announces a €45million investment in new cranes, aerial lifts and telehandlers.

**Hinowa** delivers the first 23 metre lithium powered spider lift, the **Lightlift 23.12III S** to Italian rental company **Edocar Noleggi**.

**AFI** orders 100 units of the new **Bravi Lite** low-level self-propelled lift.

**Skyjack** president **Ken Myers** departs after six months in the role.

**Skako Inc** reverts back to the **ReachMaster** trading name.



A Statement of Best Practices of Personal Fall Protection Systems for Aerial Work Platform Equipment is published in the USA by IPAF and other associations.



**Coast Crane** is appointed a **Tadano** distributor for several US states.



**Kobelco Cranes** launches new 'green' **G Series** crawler cranes with capacities from 60 to 250 tonnes.

**CTE** ships the 5,000th lift - built at its Sequani facility - a 20 metre **ZED 20CH** truck mounted lift.

**Snorkel** announces the 66ft **T66JRT** telescopic and 62ft **A62JRT** articulated booms.



**Linden Comansa** announces two new luffing-jib tower cranes - the **LCL 310** and **LCL 280**.

**Easi UpLifts** opens a new branch in Manchester.

**Bobcat** launches a new generation of compact telehandlers, the 3,000kg/six metre TL360 and 3,500kg/seven metre TL470.



Power-Lift is acquired by Netherlands based **Beuzekom/ Hoogwerker Centrum** and renamed **Power Lift Deutschland**.

**Sany** launches three new crawler cranes the 300 tonne SCC8300, the 200 tonne SCC8200 and the 100 tonne SCC8100.

**Vertikal.net** celebrates its 10th anniversary.



**Sumner Lift** opens a new Dutch warehouse and distribution centre.

**MEC** launches the Crossover scissor lifts combining the benefits of a 26 /32ft electric slab scissor with Rough Terrain capability.



World news.. World news.. World news..

Protests and demonstrations erupt in **Iran**.

Warner Bros sacks **Charlie Sheen** from TV show two and a half men.



**NFL** owners start player lock out.

**Sendai Earthquake** hits 9.0 on the Richter scale - the largest since 1900 - and causes a massive Tsunami that hits the coast of Japan and sets off the melt down of the Fukushima I and II nuclear power plants.



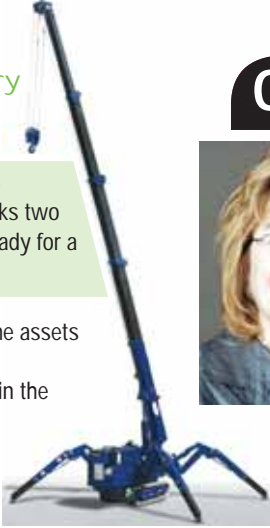
**Germany** closes pre 1980 nuclear power stations and announces withdrawal from nuclear power.

Space shuttle **Discovery** completes its last mission.



## April Industry news

Japanese based **R&B Engineering** CE marks two of its spider cranes ready for a European launch.



**Ramirent** acquires the assets of Stavební Doprava a Mechanizace (**SDM**) in the Czech Republic.

**Ruthmann** appoints **Time Danmark** as its distributor for the Danish market.

**Huisman** installs the world's largest (5,000 tonne/metre) offshore mast crane aboard the vessel the Seven Borealis.

**Rival** Denmark acquires the 700 unit **BMS** aerial lift fleet in Denmark, along with relevant personnel and associated delivery trucks.

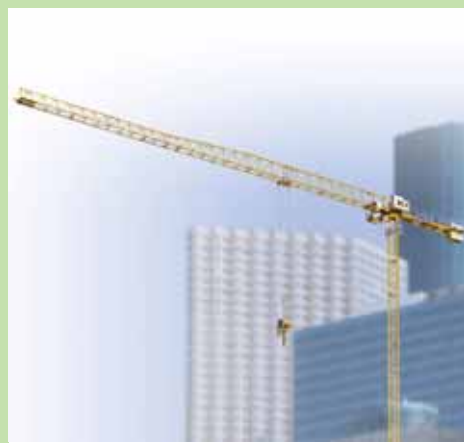


**Multitel Pagliero** announces the 20.5 metre Multitel MX 205.

Irish-based **Skylift** is taken over by a receiver as the business goes into administration.

**United Rentals** acquires the **Venator** Group, a seven-location equipment crane and general rental company based in Ontario, Canada.

**Liebherr** launches the 85 EC-B 5 FR. tronic flat top tower crane, with a maximum capacity of 5,000kg with 1,300kg at the 50 metre jib tip.



**Wayne Lawson** of JLG takes over as president of **IPAF** following the departure of Steve Shaughnessy.



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**Hertz Equipment Rental** appoints **Lois I. Boyd** as president.

Private equity firm **PAI** takes a 51% stake in French rental company **Kiloutou**, in a deal that values the business at €535 million.

**Palfinger** announces three new loader cranes in its High Performance range, the PK 20001, PK 20001-K and PK 23001-EH.



World news.. World news.. World news..

A month of **tornadoes** and storms in the USA, one storm across Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee kills 350 and is declared the second most deadly in history.



The wreckage of **Air France Flight 447**, which crashed in June 2009, killing 228 people, is found in the Atlantic Ocean

**Rupert Murdoch** and News International admit to hacking mobile phones via its **News of the World** newspaper and issues an "unreserved apology".

The United States Congress reaches a deal on the 2011 **federal budget** an hour before the deadline that would have shutdown government.

**U2's 360° Tour** becomes the highest grossing music tour of all time.

Past president of Ivory Coast, **Laurent Gbagbo** is captured in Abidjan ending the civil war and enforcing the election of **Alassane Ouattara**.

**Goodluck Jonathan** of Nigeria wins the presidential election

**Prince William** second in line for the British throne, marries **Kate Middleton** at a ceremony in Westminster Abbey.



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## May Industry news

**Terex** bids for **Demag Cranes**, owner of Gottwald port cranes and Demag industrial overhead cranes. The initial offer is rejected.

**Ramirent** acquires Czech rental company **Rent MB** with locations in Boleslav and Liberec. Then buys Finnish-based scaffold company **Suomen Sääsuoja** from Pekkaniska.

**Altrad** acquires UK-based scaffold company **Beaver 84**.

**Power Towers Nederland** is founded to distribute the UK manufacturer's low level powered access equipment.

**Youngman** launches its first 'anti-surf' podium steps.

**Chris Wraith** of Lavendon moves to IPAF as its technical officer, following Gil Male's retirement.

**Altec** acquires the assets of **Aerial Lift of Connecticut** following its bankruptcy at the end of April.

**FEM** publishes a position paper, virtually outlawing the lifting of people with cranes for entertainment purposes.

**Manitou** appoints **Eric Lambert** as president of its Rough Terrain Handling division.



**Multitel Pagliero** announces the 19.5 metre HX195 truck mounted lift.

**ALE** launches its Mega Jack system, capable of lifting 50,000 tonnes to 25 metres.

**Cargotec** announces the 58 tonne/metre Hiab XS 622 loader crane with 32 metres of outreach.



**Terex** announces the formation of a Joint Venture to build construction and road building equipment in Russia with the **GAZ Group**.



**Ruthmann** launches the 33 metre T330 truck mounted lift on a 7.5 tonne chassis, offering 21 metres of outreach and 320kg of platform capacity.

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**Loxam Netherlands** acquires rental company **Stammis** from Riwal.

**Tadano Faun** unveils its new 400 tonne six axle ATF400G-6 All Terrain crane.



World news. World news. World news. World news. World news.

**Osama Bin Laden** is killed by American hit squad.

**Mississippi river floods** reach the highest levels since 1927, over 1,000 are evacuated in Memphis, Tennessee and more than 2,000 in Mississippi.

An **E-coli outbreak** in Germany caused by contaminated fenugreek/bean sprouts affects around 4,000 people and results in 50 deaths.

The **Sahara Hotel and Casino** in Las Vegas closes after 59 years of operation.



**Queen Elizabeth II** makes first state visit to Ireland by a British monarch since independence in 1921 and the first British monarch to visit Ireland in 100 years.

Bosnian Serb military leader **Ratko Mladić** is ruled fit to stand trial in The Hague.

Saudi Arabia sends troops and armoured vehicles into **Bahrain** to help quell demonstrations.

**Dominique Strauss-Kahn**, head of the IMF, is arrested in New York for an alleged sexual assault.



## June Industry news

**Kevin Appleton** chief executive of **Lavendon**, leaves the company.

Lavendon-owned **Gardemann Arbeitsbühnen**, appoints **Matthew Hickin** following the departure of managing director **Maarten Mijnlief**.

**Altrad** group acquires UK-based scaffold group **NSG**.

**Grove** launches the 35 tonne GBT35 truck crane assembled in Russia with a 39 metre five section full-power boom.



**Kimberly Access** appoints tower crane veteran **Alex Lowe** as group operations manager, **Peter Higgins** as group commercial manager and **Jonathan Stagg** as group marketing manager.

**Ruthmann** takes over Hanover-based **Time Deutschland Versalift**, becoming Time's German distributor.

German rental company **Mateco** acquires Krefeld-based rental company **Schmelzer** further strengthening its coverage in North Rhine-Westphalia.

**JMG** unveils the MC110, a new 11 tonne battery powered pick & carry crane



US-based aerial lift replacement parts supplier **C-Tech Industries** opens a European operation in the UK.

US rental company **RSC** acquires **Independent Aerial Equipment** of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**H.A.B** launches the S142-12E2WD an ultra-compact 40ft/12.1 metre narrow aisle scissor lift at Vertikal Days.

**Mammoet** unveils its new PTC super heavy lift cranes with capacities of between 140 and 200 thousand tonne/metres.



**Ramirent** acquires a seven location rental company in southern Sweden.

New Orleans-based **B&G Crane Service** acquires the Texas operations of **Ray Anthony International**.

**Ramirent** acquires **Rogaland Planbygg** a temporary accommodation provider to the oil and gas industry in Norway.

**IPAF** establishes a Brazilian Country Council.

**Ascendant** launches a new 26 metre A26-17TJ truck mounted lift at Vertikal Days, with 17 metres of outreach and 280kg platform capacity on 7.5 tonne Iveco chassis.



**Sany** launches the 3,600 tonne SCC86000TM crawler crane, designed at its development centre in Kunshan, Jiangsu province.

**Cramo** acquires Norwegian rental company **Stavdal Utleiesenter** and Gothenburg, Sweden-based **Tidermans Hyrmaskiner** and **Tidermans Hyrmec**.

**Terex Utilities** unveils a new range of over-centre aerial lifts within its Hi-Ranger line, the SCM48, SCM50 and SCM55 offer working heights of 16.2, 16.8 and 18.3 metres.



World news. World news.

**Yemen's president Ali Abdullah Saleh** survives a bomb attack while praying and leaves the country for Saudi Arabia.



The **Syrian uprising** flares up in face of a government crackdown that kills more than 1,000 people demonstrating over the torture and killing of Hamza al-Khateeb, a 13-year-old boy.

Nato efforts to oust Colonel Gadhafi in **Libya** is stepped up with more air strikes, including hits to his central Tripoli compound.

The FBI captures **Whitey Bulger**, a former organized crime figure from Boston, Massachusetts and one of the agency's top 10 most-wanted.

Britain's **Prince Philip** - Queen Elizabeth's consort - celebrates his 90th birthday.



## July Industry news

**Roderik van Seumeren, Jan van Seumeren** and **Patrick van Seumeren** announce their departure from heavy lift company **Mammoet**.

**Zoomlion** purchases the rights to **Jost's** flat-top tower crane designs

**Terex** gains 67 percent of **Demag's** shares clearing it to press ahead with its take-over.



Private equity firms **3i** and **Pragma Capital** acquire a minority stake in **Loxam**.



**Dinolift** announces its first fully self-propelled boom lift, the 54ft 185XTS with 18.5 metres work height, 250kg platform capacity and 11.7 metres of outreach.

**Brad Boehler** is appointed interim president of **Skyjack**.

**Palfinger** acquires Russian-based loader crane manufacturer **Inman** (Ischimbajskie Neftianiye Manipulirovaniye, JSC).

**JCB** introduces two Wastemaster telescopic handlers - the compact 527-58WM and the high capacity 550-80WM.



**Lavendon** announces its withdrawal from the Spanish rental market.

UK-based **GT Access** acquires Stoke-based **Swift Access**.

**AFI** acquires the powered access rental division of **AJ Access Platforms** strengthening its presence in South Wales.



**Nacanco** opens new facilities in Milan and Rome as it celebrates its 10th anniversary of opening in Italy.



**Merlo** acquires 100 percent of its UK distribution company Merlo UK as Merlo UK's MD, joint founder and shareholder **John Iles**, 73, retires.



New company **Sky Aces** is formed by **Paolo Balugani** to build specialist platforms, the first of which is a special tunnel maintenance machine.

**Oil&Steel** unveils its 23 metre Snake 2311 truck mounted lift with over 11 metres of outreach.

**Isoli** announces two new 3.5 tonne truck mounted lifts, the 23 metre PNT 230 and 20.5 metre PNT205LNX.

**Manitou** takes over the European sales and marketing of the **Gehl** product range, following its full integration.

**GSR** announces two new lifts, the 32 metre E320PXJ on an 18 tonne chassis and a 17 metre van mount, the E170TJV.



### World news. World news.

A gunman, **Anders Behring Breivik**, opens fire at a Labour Party camp in Utøya.



**Prince Albert** of Monaco marries **Charlene Wittstock**, the Olympic swimmer.

**Christine Lagarde** officially starts as managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

**Amy Winehouse**, 27, is found dead at her London home.



**News International** closes the British newspaper the **News of the World**, as a result of a phone hacking affair.

Space Shuttle **Atlantis** completes its final mission marking the end of the 30-year Space Shuttle programme.



Two **bullet trains** collide near Wenzhou, Zhejiang province, China, killing at least 35.

## August Industry news

The **Leoni Sceti Group** invests in UK-based crane rental company **MSD Industrial**.

**Skako** sells its spider lift division - **Falcon/ Falck Schmidt** - to the company's managing director **Finn Schlitterlau** and financial director **Thyge Mikkelsen** - trading as **TCA Lift**.



**Loxam** acquires **Locarest** from its principal owners EPF Partners.

**REpower Systems** places an order for 48 **Palfinger** cranes for service and maintenance of its offshore turbines.



**Ainscough** and **ALE** announce an official partnership for UK-based contracts.

**Alimak Hek** extends its Light Range of hoists with the introduction of the TPL 300 and TPL500.



**Imer** announces a new self-propelled version of its Iteco Easy Up 5 push around scissor lift, the Easy Up 5 SP.

**Terex Cranes** confirms the end of crane production at its Wilmington, North Carolina, facility. Terex acquired the plant with its takeover of American Hoist & Derrick in 1998.



**Ernst van Hek**, previously of Hek and Alimak-Hek establishes a new trading and distribution company - **van Hek & Partner** - in Tyrol, Vomperebach, Austria.

**Jim Haigh** junior re-enters the UK powered access market after a 12 year absence with **Eagle Platforms** Ltd.

**Coates Hire** acquires Perth-based Tru Blu Hire from owner David Harders.

Battery charger specialist **Gantic** opens a new UK operation based in Leicestershire.



**Teupen** announces the Leo 15GT Plus and Leo 18GT Plus - premium product spider lift developments and the 3.5 tonne truck mounted EuroB18GT.

**Edmo Lift** launches the four model range of low level aerial work platforms under the AIR brand, with 2.5 or three metre platform heights, available in push around or self-propelled formats.



### World news. World news.

**Riots** break out on the streets of London and several other English cities. Parliament is recalled.



**Steve Jobs**

resigns as the chief executive of Apple, **Tim Cook** takes over.

A state of emergency is declared in North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Casinos in Atlantic City close as residents are evacuated and New York City shuts its subway in the face of **Hurricane Irene**, which takes over 40 lives.

**Muammar Gaddafi's** regime in Libya collapses as Tripoli falls to the Transitional government.





**Genie** becomes the latest company to introduce a 14 metre working height mini scissor with the GS4047.

Italian crane manufacturer **Locatelli SpA** files for bankruptcy and sells its assets and business to Bergamo-based Plana group and a new company

**Locatelli Crane SRL.**

Belgian boom and trailer lift manufacturer **SkyHigh** is declared bankrupt and closes its doors.

**Socage** celebrates 30 years in business with the announcement of nine new models for 2012.



**Manitou** launches two new articulated/telescopic booms - the 260TJ and 280TJ with 79 and 85ft platform heights respectively.



**Sany America** moves into its new facility in Peachtree City Georgia and appoints three new distributors in the USA. Imperial Crane Services, Illinois, Custom Truck and Equipment and Four Seasons Equipment of Texas.

US-based boom truck and lift manufacturer **Elliot** launches the L140 HiReach, a 42 metre/140ft platform/6.3 tonne crane.

**Jonathan Wiseman** moves from CTE UK to a new business **CMC/Sup Elefant UK** Ltd.

**RAM** and **Bluelift** launch the Gemini 20.35PTJ a 20 metre articulated boom lift on a 3.5 tonne Nissan Cabstar chassis.

**Cela** launches the D24, a 24 metre version of its innovative D21 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift.



**Lavendon** appoints **Don Kenny**, 56, as chief executive, he joins the company from contractor Carillion.



**Genie** launches Trax steered crawler models of its S-40 and S-45 telescopic boom lifts.

**Moog** introduces a new trailer mounted aerial work platform for inspecting and working on harbour walls.

South African-based fork truck distributor **Goscor Group** acquires a majority stake in **Hi-Reach Manlift**, the Genie and Custom Equipment distributor.

**New Holland** announces that it will withdraw its heavy products, including telehandlers, from the North American market.

Italian crane manufacturer **Galizia** unveils a six tonne pick & carry crane, come telehandler, come work platform - the Multis 636.



World news . World news .

The remains of Australian bushranger **Ned Kelly** are found.

Memorial ceremonies are held to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the attacks on **New York's twin towers**, the Memorial Plaza is opened on the site.



Hundreds of people occupy **Wall Street**, demonstrating against corporate dominance and tax evasion by the super-rich.

**CERN** researchers report experimental results that appear to show neutrinos exceeding the speed of light.

The president of the Palestinian National Authority, **Mahmoud Abbas**, makes a bid for UN recognition in a unilateral declaration of a **Palestinian state**.

The first **Boeing 787 Dreamliner** is delivered to All Nippon Airways.



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October Industry news

**Multitel Pagliero** celebrates 100 years in business with a party and open day at its headquarters.



**Liebherr** unveils its Power Boom option, which significantly increases long boom and jib capacities on its larger crawler cranes.

UK-based **AFI-Uplift** announces the Sanctuary Zone anti-crush protection for boom lifts.

**Cargotec** launches a telescopic boom loader crane for emerging markets - the 3,200kg **Hiab ST 080**.



**Manitou** introduces the MHT 10180 and MHT 10225 heavy duty telehandlers.

**Terex** launches the 40 tonne Crossover 4500 truck crane in the USA.

**Terex Utilities** acquires a controlling interest in **Ritz do Brasil**, a producer of aerial lifts and equipment for live line work.

**Liebherr Nenzing** celebrates its 35th anniversary.

**Lavendon** acquires **Blue Sky Access** an aerial lift attachment and safety systems designer and introduces the Sky Siren anti-crushing system for boom lifts.

Baetsen, BKF, Van Grinsven, Heeren, **Kuiphuis Kraanverhuur** and Nederhoff form an alliance under the banner **Kraanverhuur Nederland (KVN)**.

The mechanic charged in the 2008 tower crane collapse in New York, **Tibor Varganyi**, 65, changes his plea to guilty and implicates his boss **Jimmy Lomma**.

**Tadano** launches four new Rough Terrain crane models, the 30 tonne capacity GR-300EX, 50 tonne GR-500EX, 60 tonne GR-600EX and the 80 tonne GR-800EX.



**LTC** is appointed as UK and Ireland distributor for Jost luffing jib tower cranes.

Terex Cranes

unveils two all new **Chang Jiang** truck cranes the 25 tonne Toplift 025G and 55 tonne Toplift 055G.



Finnish-based **Havator** acquires Swedish crane rental company Norrlandskranar and its subsidiaries.

**Isoli** launches the 23 metre PNT 230 articulated boom, 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift.



**Skyjack** opens a new distribution and support facility in Australia.

**Dong Energy** of Denmark orders 111 Palfinger Wind cranes for the Arnholt offshore wind farm.

**Link Belt** announces a Series II version of its three axle 100 tonne RTC-80100 Rough Terrain crane.



World news World news

An Italian appeals court overturns **Amanda Knox's** sentence for murder.

**Helle Thorning-Schmidt** becomes the first female prime minister of Denmark.



**Apple** announces its iPhone 4S.

**Paul McCartney** marries Nancy Shevell in London.

An oil spill from the ship **MV Rena** off the coast of Tauranga in New Zealand becomes the country's worst environmental disaster.

Floodwaters threaten the Thai capital of **Bangkok**.

**Muammar Gaddafi** is killed by a lynch mob in Sirte, Libya.



Basque separatist organisation **ETA** declares an end to its 43-year campaign of violence.

**Wiki-leaks** suspends the publication of classified files to focus on fundraising.

**Michael D. Higgins** wins the Irish presidential election.



November Industry news

**Linden Comansa** announces the world's largest flat top tower crane range, topped by a 64 tonne model.

**Barry Barnes** of Terex Cranes retires.

**JLG** ships the 1,000th Toucan 10E.

**Manitowoc** crane's plant in Manitowoc Wisconsin is hit with a strike.



**Palfinger** unveils two new loader cranes - the heavy-duty PK 44502 and PK 48002 EH High Performance.

**Skako** sells its **Denka** trailer lift business which moves back to its original Holbæk facility.



**Gardner Denver** pulls out of the powered access business.

**Hertz Equipment** rental acquires **Delta Rigging & Tools'** offshore rental division.

**Genie** launches three electric RT scissor lifts GS-2669 DC, GS-3369 DC and GS-4069 DC with similar performance levels to the diesel versions.



**Atlas** crane owner **Fil Filipov** asks employees "do you want me as owner or not?"

**Odyssey Investment Partners** acquires Houston-based **TNT Crane and Rigging** from MML Capital Partners.

**Zoomlion** announces a strategic alliance with India's **ElectroMech**, to manufacture and distribute tower cranes in India.

**Liebherr** announces the TCC 14000-400 D Litronic crane that serves as both an offshore and mobile harbour crane.



**Sunbelt Rentals** acquires **Pacific High Reach** of Orange, California which filed for Chapter 11 in August.

**Cargotec** sells its component and steel fabrication manufacturing plant in Narva, Estonia to **Komas** and agrees a long-term outsourcing partnership.

**Kobelco** launches its S series crawler cranes aimed at markets outside of Japan, Europe and North America. The 10 model line-up includes cranes from its CKS, BMS and 7000S series ranging from 60 to 250 tonnes.



World news World news

**Julian Assange** of Wiki-leaks loses his appeal against extradition to Sweden for sexual assault allegations.

**Lucas Papademos** is appointed interim prime minister of a new unity government in Greece.



Prime minister of Italy **Silvio Berlusconi** agrees to resign. President Giorgio Napolitano nominates technocrat Mario Monti to replace him.

Three members of the **Pakistan national cricket team** - Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir - and agent Mazhar Majeed are jailed for fixing games.

**Conrad Murray** is found guilty of involuntary manslaughter of Michael Jackson and jailed for four years.

**Venezuelan** terrorist **Carlos the Jackal** stands trial in Paris.

**The Arab League** votes to suspend **Syria** over its violent suppression of the Syrian uprising.

An **International Atomic Energy Agency** report says that Iran appears to be working on nuclear bomb technology.

Police and troops in **Brazil** occupy Rocinha, Rio de Janeiro's biggest favela or slum, to clean the city ahead of the 2014 World Cup.



Swedish divers find the wreckage of the warship **Svärdet**, sunk in 1676 during the Battle of Öland.

The British government sells the **Northern Rock** bank, which it nationalised in 2008, to Virgin Money.

**Saif al-Islam Gaddafi** is captured in Libya.

**American Airlines**, the world's fourth-largest airline, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Voters in **Spain's** general election give the centre-right Popular Party a parliamentary majority.

**United Rentals** acquires **Blue Mountain Equipment Rental** of Uniontown Pennsylvania. And then surprises all with the acquisition of the second largest rental company in the USA – **RSC**.



**Frans van Seumeren's** marine business **Roll-Dock** enters the large mobile crane market with subsidiary **Roll-Lift**.

The 100th edition of **Kran & Bühne** magazine is published.



**Volvo Rents** acquires **Midwest Aerials** & Equipment of St Louis.



**Autoguide** launches a track mounted carrier for loader cranes and work platforms, aimed at utility companies.

**Riwal** adjusts its operations in Spain - **Clem-Riwal** - as part of a long term commitment to the Spanish access market.

**Istanbul Vinç** group of Turkey launches a new business **Örümcekci** specialising in spider lift rentals.



**Ramirent** acquires **Consensus Entreprenad**, a

Swedish accommodation module rental company, followed by Swedish access rental company **TLM-Tannefors Lift** - och Maskinuthyrning. In Denmark it swaps its Danish mastclimber and hoist business for the scaffold division of **Ajos**.



**John Cusack** formally launches a new powered access sales and rental company - **Blulift** - in Ireland.

Las Vegas-based rental company **Ahern Rentals** files for Chapter 11 in order to restructure \$500 million of debt.



In the UK **MSD** group restructures, placing MSD Cranes & Equipment into liquidation.

**Lavendon** announces the consolidation of its UK operations under the **Nationwide Platforms** brand.



**JLG** announces "an innovative new accessory to provide enhanced control panel protection for operators of boom lifts."



**Valla** launches the 12 tonne 120EVO compact battery powered pick & carry crane.

**Allan Hemmings** - MD of Peter Hird & Son retires after 18 years having joined from PTP Platforms in 1993.



World news . World news . World news . World news . World news

**Belgium** finally forms a government after 541 days of negotiations, the longest in history, **Elio di Rupo** is appointed prime minister.



Thousands protest in **Moscow** over the 'rigged' outcome of the elections.

UK prime minister **David Cameron**, refuses to join a European Union financial crisis agreement.

**Croatia** signs up to become the 28th member of the European Union in 2013.

The 2011 **United Nations Climate Change Conference** in Durban agrees to begin negotiations on a new treaty.

**Russia** joins the World Trade Organization.



**Canada** withdraws from the **Kyoto Protocol** to avoid large penalties.

Japan announces that the **Fukushima Daiichi** nuclear power plant is in cold shutdown.

**Saab Automobile** files for bankruptcy.



Monitors from the **Arab League** arrive in Syria to assess the peace accord.

**Prince Philip**, the duke of Edinburgh, spends Christmas in hospital with a blocked coronary artery.

**Kim Jong-un** is appointed supreme leader of North Korea following his fathers death.



Nobel Prizes 2011

**Chemistry** – Dan Shechtman  
**Economics** – Christopher A. Sims and Thomas J. Sargent  
**Literature** – Tomas Tranströmer

**Peace** – Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee and Tawakel Karman  
**Physics** – Saul Perlmutter, Adam G. Riess, and Brian P. Schmidt

**Physiology/Medicine** – Bruce A. Beutler, Jules A. Hoffmann and Ralph M. Steinman

Sports results for 2011

Cricket

**India** wins the 2011 Cricket World Cup defeating Sri Lanka by six wickets.



**England** beats Australia 3-1 to retain the Ashes.

Indian cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar** becomes the first player in history to score 15,000 Test runs.

Horse Racing

**Long Run**, ridden by Sam Waley-Cohen, wins the Cheltenham Gold Cup.



**Pour Moi**, ridden by Mickael Barzalona wins the Epsom Derby.



**Animal Kingdom**, ridden by John R. Velazquez wins the 2011 Kentucky Derby.

**Danedream** wins the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the second German horse to win since 1975.

**Dunaden** wins the 2011 Melbourne Cup.

Cycling

**Cadel Evans** becomes the first Australian to win the Tour de France.

Rugby Union

**Leinster** defeat Northampton Saints in the 2011 Heineken Cup Final.



The Australian **Wallabies** defeat New Zealand's All Blacks to win the 2011 Tri Nations Series.

**England** wins the Six nations Championship.

Football - FA Cup

**Manchester City**, wins beating Stoke City 1:0, with Yaya Touré scoring the winning goal.



Basketball

**Dallas** Beats Miami for the NBA title.

Baseball

The **St. Louis Cardinals** win the 2011 World Series, defeating the Texas Rangers 6-2 in Game 7.



**The Netherlands** becomes the first European country to win a professional world baseball championship since 1938, after defeating Cuba 2-1 in the 2011 Baseball World Cup final in Panama.

**NBA** team owners and players reach an agreement to end a 149-day NBA lockout and to begin the current NBA season on Christmas Day.

Golf

**Darren Clarke** wins the British Open.

**Tiger Woods** drops out of the Top 50 best golfers.

American Football Super Bowl

**Green Bay Packers** defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers by 31 to 25,

becoming only the second NFC wild card team ever to win the Super Bowl.

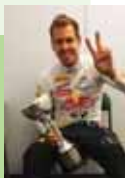
Tennis

**Novak Djokovic** of Serbia wins the Mens Singles at Wimbledon.

**Spain** wins the 2011 Davis Cup

Formula One

**Sebastian Vettel** of Germany wins the World Championship, becoming the youngest driver to win the Drivers' Championship twice.



And finally...

100-year-old British Indian **Fauja Singh** is certified by Guinness World Records as the oldest person ever to complete a full marathon.

The New South Wales boat **Loki** is declared the overall winner of the 2011 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

**Azeri duo Eldar & Nigar** win the 2011 Eurovision Song Contest in Düsseldorf, with the song "Running Scared".

Crane and access industry...

**Braxton Snyder** manager, worldwide sales at Link-Belt Cranes, USA, 62.



**Simon Knott**, a crane and rental industry stockbroker, UK, 80.

**Ferruccio Moritsch** founder of Comedil, Italy, 76.

**James Scheiner**, a director of Harsco, USA, 65.

**Lars-Petter ('Lasse')** Godenhielm, owner of Dinolift and past-president of IPAF, Finland, 70.



**Ulrike Wertz**, managing director of Wertz crane rental, Germany, 43.

**Richard Ambridge**, chairman of NMT Crane Hire, UK, 80.

**Lindsey Easton**, much loved crane operator, UK, 49.

**Bernard Volut**, access industry sales manager, France, 59.

**Kaj Hofmann**, founder and chief executive Alvelins Uthyrnings, Sweden, 69.

**Erich Sennebogen senior**, founder of Sennebogen cranes, Germany, 79.

**Joe Pustizzi**, founder of Trico Equipment, USA, 96.

**Helmut Kemkes**, German crane and access pioneer, Germany, 86.

**Stefano Flisi**, son of Fiorenzo Flisi of Sogace, Italy, 15.

Others...

**Pete Postlethwaite**, British actor (b. 1946)



**Claude Choules**, the last surviving veteran of World War I, Australia, 110

**Johannes Heesters** actor/singer, the world's oldest performer, Netherlands, 108.



**Knut the polar bear**, Berlin Zoo (b. 2007)

**Jane Russell**, Hollywood actress (b. 1921)

**Gerry Rafferty**, Scottish musician (b. 1947)

**Nat Lofthouse**, English footballer (b. 1925)

**Susannah York**, British actress (b. 1939)



**Sargent Shriver**, American politician and diplomat (b. 1915)

**John Barry**, British film score composer (b. 1933)

**Maria Schneider**, French actress (b. 1952)



**Gary Moore**, Irish musician (b. 1952)

**George Shearing**, British-American jazz pianist (b. 1919)

**Warren Christopher**, American diplomat (b. 1925)



**Elizabeth Taylor**, British-American actress (b. 1932)

**Geraldine Ferraro**, American politician (b. 1935)

**Osama bin Laden**, Al-Qaeda leader (b. 1957)

**Seve Ballesteros**, Spanish golfer (b. 1957)



**Garret FitzGerald**, 7th Taoiseach of Ireland (b. 1926)

**Lawrence Eagleburger**, American diplomat (b. 1930)

**Patrick Leigh Fermor**, British travel writer (b. 1915)

**Peter Falk**, American actor (b. 1927)



**Archduke Otto** of Austria (b. 1912)

**Lucian Freud**, German-born British painter (b. 1922)

**Amy Winehouse**, British singer (b. 1983)

**Bubba Smith**, American football player and actor (b. 1945)

**Shammi Kapoor**, Indian film actor and director (b. 1931)

**Nancy Wake**, New Zealand-born French Resistance fighter (b. 1912)

**Raúl Ruiz**, Chilean film director (b. 1941)

**Steve Jobs**, American computer engineer (b. 1955)



**Dan Wheldon**, English racing car driver (b. 1978)



**Joe Frazier**, American boxer (b. 1944)

**Muammar Gaddafi**, Libyan leader (b. 1942)

**Marco Simoncelli**, Italian GP road racer (b. 1987)

**Flórián Albert**, Hungarian footballer (b. 1941)



**Harry Morgan**, American actor (b. 1915)

**Ken Russell**, British film director (b. 1927)

**Gary Speed**, Welsh footballer and National team coach (b. 1969)

**Christa Wolf**, German writer (b. 1929)

**Sócrates**, Brazilian footballer (b. 1954)

**Violetta Villas**, Polish singer (b. 1938)

**Christopher Hitchens**, British-American writer (b. 1949)

**Sir Jimmy Savile**, DJ, presenter and charity fundraiser (b. 1926)



**Cesária Évora**, Cape Verdean singer (b. 1941)

**Václav Havel**, Czech playwright, 1st President of the Czech Republic (b. 1936)

**Helen Frankenthaler**, American abstract expressionist painter (b. 1928)

**Kim Jong-il**, Supreme Leader of North Korea (b. 1941)

**Sir Henry Cooper**, British boxer (b. 1934)

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