



The new Wacker Neuson TH408 mini telehandler

## New telehandlers from Wacker Neuson

Wacker Neuson has launched two new telehandlers - the TH408 and TH522 - expanding the company's compact series to four models with lift heights of four to six metres.

The four metre TH408 has a maximum capacity of 800kg, an overall width of 1.4 metres an overall height of 1.9 metres and total weight of 2,270kg making it easy to transport with a two axle trailer. An inside turning radius of 595mm makes it ideal for smaller warehouses and tight areas. The TH522 has a lift height of 5.5 metres and a 2,200kg capacity, it is 1.8 metres wide, 1.95 metres high and total weight is 4,200kg.

The new machines include Wacker Neuson's Vertical Lift System (VLS) overload protection. The system prevents the machine tipping in a longitudinal direction without interrupting the working cycle through partial automation of the telescope function. The operator can choose between bucket or stacking mode. In bucket mode, the boom always retracts while lowering, with the retraction ratio designed to prevent an overload. In stacking mode if the boom angle is less than 40 degrees the boom retracts if approaching an overload, while at angles greater than 40 degrees it always retracts on lowering but this can be overridden if it is within the machine's capacity.

## AFI invests in AJ

UK-based rental group AFI has acquired a majority stake in AJ Access Platforms, the UK-based distributor of new and used access equipment. Founder and owner Tony Mort retains a significant holding in the business and will continue to manage it completely independently of the AFI group.

AJ Access Platforms is based in Caldicot, South Wales, was founded by Mort in 1990 and sold its rental operation to AFI in 2011. It currently has revenues of around £10 million, selling new and used access equipment worldwide, while providing service, maintenance and training within the UK. It was recently appointed as Holland Lift distributor for the UK.

## Loxam acquires Workx

French international rental company Loxam has acquired Dutch rental company Workx from Amsterdam-based H2 Equity Partners.

Workx was formed at the end of 2007 following H2 Equity's buy-in to the Jaston Groep and consolidated a string of acquisitions including: PR Verhuur, Cramo NL, AA Verhuurcentrale, Steimach, Amarent, HuurCenter, Bollen Verhuur, Roos Verhuur, Jaston Steigerbouw, DSS, Dokter Steigerbouw and Hi-Reach. Today the company has 41 branches, 280 employees and revenues of €35 million. Loxam which has global revenues of €805 million already has a substantial business in the Netherlands, having acquired Spreeuwenberg in 2006 and Stammis Verhuur in 2011. It currently operates from 12 locations in the country. Financial details of the deal have not been disclosed.



## New Genie booms

Genie unveiled two new articulated boom lifts at Apex last month - the Z-62/40 which we covered in the last issue replaces the current Z-60/34 and an all new 33ft compact electric boom.

The Z-33/18 is designed for Europe to compete in the lightweight 12 metre working height boom lift market, currently dominated by Niftylift's HR12 range and Snorkel's A38E (previously the UpRight AB38N), although it will be marketed on a global basis. The new lift has an overall width of 1.5 metres, 5.5 metres of outreach, 4.28 metres up & over reach and a total weight of 3,640kg. Drive is AC direct electric, giving 30 percent gradeability and extended battery life. The 200kg capacity, 1,160 x 760mm platform is fixed and there is no platform rotation option. The platform can descend to ground level with the riser fully elevated, a feature shared with the new Z62/40 and dubbed 'Fast Mast' by Genie. Standard tyres are solid non-marking with a turf tyre option.

In summary the new machine is an excellent model, closer in type to the Snorkel A38E than the Niftylift HR12 range which extends to three main models with numerous power variations. It is also likely to boost this market sector in Europe, but even more so in North America, although the lack of platform rotation may be an issue in the region.



The new Genie Z-33/18

### So how does the new Genie Z-33/18 stack up?

Make	Model	Platform Height	Platform Capacity	Outreach	Up&Over	O/A Width	O/A Length	O/A Height	Grade	GVW	Platform Size	Platform Rotator	Turning Radius
Genie	Z-33/18	33ft	200 kg	5.5m	4.28m	1.5m	4.17m	1.98m	30%	3,650kg	1.16x0.76	No	1.90m
Niftylift	HR12N	33.5ft	200kg	5.6m	4.2m	1.5m	4.1m	1.9m	25%	3,100kg	1.1x0.65m	No	2.20m
Snorkel	A38N	37.7ft	215kg	5.9m	5.0m	1.5m	4.04m	2.0m	36%	3,770kg	1.32x0.58m	Yes	0.40m
Airo	A12E	33ft	200kg	5.98m	4.45m	1.5m	4.15m	1.97m	25%	3,900kg	1.36mx0.8m	Yes	0.95m

# ATN unveils Piaf 660R

French aerial lift manufacturer ATN unveiled a new mast type self-propelled lift at Apex, the Piaf 660R with a 15.2ft platform height providing a working height of 6.65 metres.

So how does it stack up against other products in the heavy duty 12 to 16ft mast lift market? The new lift is closer to the Haulotte

Star 6 than the volume sellers in the sector, but does offer the useful extra metre of working height and is still weighs in comfortably below 1,000kg at 920kg. It is a little long, but does offer a 360mm platform extension, platform capacity and gradeability are little lean at 200kg and 20 percent respectively. It does offer an alternative to the Skyjack

SJ16 for those looking for a little more than the usual 12ft, but price will be a critical issue. The company originally designed the lift with an additional mast section to provide 7.9 metres working height, it says that if demand warrants it will introduce the higher machine at a later date.



The ATN Piaf 660R

## How does the Piaf 660R stack up?

	Snorkel TM12	JLG 1230ES	Skyjack SJ12	Skyjack SJ16	Haulotte Star 6	ATN PIAF 660R	Genie GRC12	Bravi 460
Platform height	12ft/3.63m	3.66m	3.65m	16ft/4.87m	13ft/4m	15.2ft/4.65m	12ft/3.66m	15.2ft/4.62m
Capacity	226kg	230kg	227kg	227kg	180kg	200kg	227kg	280kg
O/A length	1.36m	1.36m	1.37m	1.37m	1.5m	1.46m	1.37m	1.6m
O/A width	762mm	762mm	762mm	762mm	760mm	780mm	800mm	760mm
Entry height	554mm	520mm	450mm	570mm	550mm	650mm	460mm	750mm
GVW	780kg*	790kg	782kg	966kg	810kg	920kg	948kg	1,265kg
Platform size	960 x 740mm	1250 x 680mm	930 x 690mm	930 x 670mm	800 x 680mm	900 x 710mm	990 x 750mm	1,600 x 680mm
Extension	500mm	No	410mm	410mm	No	380mm	401mm	776mm
Gradeability	25%	25%	30%	30%	20%	20%	30%	35%



Hiab army crane

## Hiab cranes for Finnish military

Hiab has received an order worth €6.4 million from Scania Finland for loader cranes and hooklifts which will be supplied to the Finnish Defence Forces.

The order includes 13 units of the company's X188 loader cranes, 172 Multilift XR1Z hooklifts which have been prepared for the retro fitting of 20ft containers and 16 Multiift CHU units. Delivery is scheduled for completion in 2017.

## Grove dealership for Crowland

Universal Cranes, a division of Crowland Cranes has been appointed as the exclusive UK dealer for the entire range of Grove Rough Terrain and Yardboss industrial pick & carry cranes.

The Grove Rough Terrain crane range runs from 30 to 135 tonnes, while the Yardboss industrial carry deck range goes from 8.1 to 22 tonnes. Established in the 1960s, Crowland has worked with Manitowoc UK for some time, building an increasingly close working relationship which included sharing the Manitowoc stand at Vertical Days this year. In addition to crane sales, Crowland offers a full inspection, testing, repair and refurbishment service, along with sales of spare parts.

## Six 185 footers for Rival

Rival has concluded a deal with JLG for six 185ft JLG1850SJ ultra booms, the world's largest self-propelled boom lift with a working height of 58.6 metres. Deliveries will begin during the first quarter of 2015. Rival chief executive Norty Turner said: "As a leading aerial work platform rental specialist, we strive to provide our customers with the most advanced solutions available.

The investment supports our drive to deliver the best customer experience in the industry."



Norty Turner (L) of Rival concludes the deal with Karel Huijser of JLG

## Quick Shift furniture lift available

Time International/Versalift has added a furniture lift to its range of compatible Quick Shift equipment.

The lift, a Böcker Simply HD 21/1-5, has a maximum capacity of 250kg and lift height of between 5.65 and 21.10 metres using a hydraulic extendible rail system operated from the side of the rear pick-up bed. The whole lift can slew 100 degrees either side of centre and requires no outriggers as the vehicle uses Time's axle locking system. The furniture lift is attached to a special mounting frame that is connected to the company's Quick Shift system allowing owners to switch between a Versalift work platform and the furniture lift or other attachments in less than half an hour. It can be installed on VW Amarok, Ford Ranger or Isuzu D-Max chassis.



The furniture lift fits Time Versalift's Quick Shift connector

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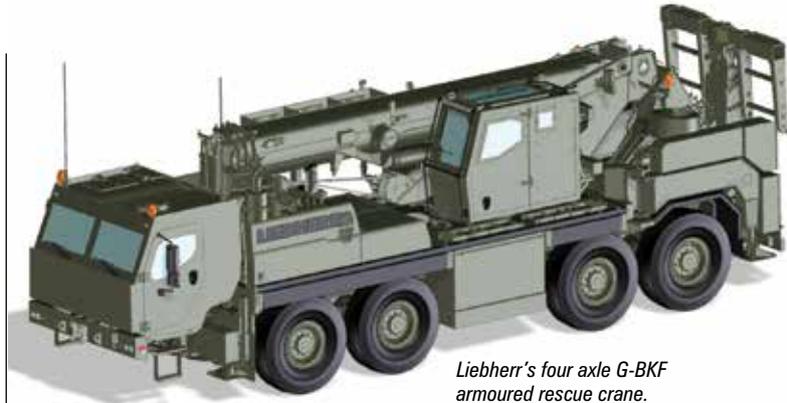
# Bronto unveils S47XR

Bronto finally unveiled the latest model in its XR range, the S47XR, at Apex last month. The first unit has been sold to Swiss access rental company Maltech as part of an order for five units - four S47XRs and a 56 metre S56XR.

Mounted on a two axle chassis the S47XR is the latest addition to Bronto's three-model XR (Extreme Reach) range launched at Bauma last year. Features include a larger working envelope, a short articulating 'sky jib' which features more than 160 degrees of articulation and Bronto's B+ Geometric Control System.



Bronto's new 47m S47XR



Liebherr's four axle G-BKF armoured rescue crane.

# Liebherr develops armoured crane rescue vehicle

Liebherr has developed a four axle armoured crane rescue vehicle for the German Army. The G-BKF can rescue and tow the latest generation of armoured vehicles. It is also capable of providing tactical infantry cover over long distances, providing repair and handling support as well as deployment for rescue, recovery and emergency aid tasks.



The crane is capable of dual winching.

The four axle carrier is based on a standard All Terrain crane chassis and is fitted with a 20.9 metre main boom which can handle loads of up to 20 tonnes. Despite its weight and size it is said to have excellent off-road properties and manoeuvrability. In towing mode, vehicles weighing up to 16 tonnes can be mounted on the lift cradle at the rear. An extensive range of accessories allows it to tow almost all German Army wheeled vehicles.

Liebherr worked with leading European military technology company Rheinmetall Defence to produce the armoured chassis and crane cabs with a key focus to protect its occupants. As a result the driver's cab was extended by 250mm to provide storage space for the extensive personal protective equipment for the crew and integrate the military communication equipment. The cab also features a double-thickness steel bulkhead and special glass offering ballistic protection yet meets all road traffic requirements.

# Euro Towers launches one man tower



Euro Towers' new Euro One tower system

UK aluminium tower and podium manufacturer Euro Towers has launched the Euro One tower system. Offering four different working heights up to 4.1 metres the self-contained Euro One tower has been designed for use and assembly by a single person.

It has an overall width of 700mm, a length of 1.3 metres and weighs 130kg. Platform capacity is 150kg. The tower's base and platform forms a trolley, in which to store and easily transport all the other components.

# More Leonardo HDs for MyLift

Bravi and MyLift Sweden have strengthened their long term business relationship with the supply of another container of Leonardo HD mast type self-propelled work platforms.

The new units will all be delivered to MyLift's main depot in Gothenburg, taking its fleet of Leonardo HD to over 65 units. MyLift, which operates in both Sweden and Norway, first introduced the Leonardo HD to its customers in late 2012 and placed further orders during 2013. This latest order is the first so far in 2014.

Bravi sales director Marina Torres said: "The success of the Leonardo HD on a rental market as challenging as Sweden, where other types of mast lifts are already well established, is once again a confirmation of the unique features offered by our product."



The Leonardo HD.

# NCCCO certifies 100,000th operator

The USA's National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has certified its 100,000th crane person. The company issued its first CCO certification in April 1996 and since then carried has out more than 850,000 written and practical exams, with most crane operators certified for three different crane types, while other certifications include rigger, signal person and crane inspector.

# H.A.B bankruptcy update

German scissor and boom lift manufacturer H.A.B. Arbeitsbühnen remains closed under the control of an insolvency administrator. Its debts - mostly to unpaid suppliers - are substantial and we understand that most of the company's intellectual property - such as the product drawings and design rights - had been removed from the business, thus virtually eliminating any chance of a rescue or of finding a buyer for the company. Just before the company declared bankruptcy in April it separated into two parts and H.A.B. Service Center in Kronau remains open, supplying spare parts and service.



Huntley Plant's 18 tonne Manitou MHT 10180 Heavy Lift telehandler

## Huntley takes heavy duty telehandler

UK telehandler and access rental company Geoff Huntley Plant has taken delivery of an 18 tonne Manitou MHT 10180 Heavy Lift telehandler from Newcastle-based dealer Lloyd.

Weighing just over 24 tonnes, the MHT 10180 has a maximum lift height of 10 metres and a maximum forward reach of 5.5 metres. At maximum height it can lift up to nine tonnes at an outreach of 1.3 metres, Plant director Stephen Huntley said: "We understand this is the

largest capacity telehandler in any UK rental fleet. The machine is already generating a great deal of interest throughout the UK. We are focussing our buying on MHT Heavy Lift and MRT roto telehandlers and plan to significantly grow our fleet over the next 12 months."

## Liebherr and Kamaz team up

Liebherr and Russian truck manufacturer Kamaz have signed a joint partnership for the development of a range of six-cylinder inline diesel and gas engines.

Intended for Kamaz's latest series of trucks and buses, as well as stationary diesel and gas generators, the new 12-litre Kamaz engines will range from 450 to 700 horsepower. Offering low fuel consumption and emissions, the engines will also feature common rail injection and Liebherr's engine control units. They are designed to comply with Euro 5 emissions standard, and meet the Euro 6 standard in future. Service intervals can be extended to 150,000 km. Scheduled for production in 2016, Kamaz is consulting with Liebherr to build new production facilities in Naberezhnye Chelny, Russia.



A Liebherr D936-A7 diesel engine with rail injection and engine control systems



The Ruthmann T480

## Ruthmann announces 48m on two axles

Ruthmann has announced the availability of a 48 metre T480 truck mounted lift on a two axle chassis. The move follows the launch of its 40 metre T400 at Apex last month.

The company claims that the new lift was developed at the same time as its 46 metre T460 and features the same configuration, but by reducing the overlap between each boom/jib section it has extended the working height to 48 metres. Outreach remains at 31 metres. As with other machines in the Height Performance range the T480 will

have a platform capacity of 600kg. The company said that it did not detect any real customer demand for 48 metres, but with the launch of Bronto's 47 metre S47XR and Palfinger's 48 metre WT480, felt it was timely to announce the availability of the T480. It will build the first unit when it receives an order.

## TVH takes EPW

Belgium-based international replacement parts specialist TVH has acquired the assets of California-based Equipment Parts Wholesale, which specialises in the supply of replacement aerial lift parts and components.

EPW will now serve as a sales division of TVH continuing to focus on aerial lift equipment and the rental industry under the EPW brand. TVH vice president Dirk von Holt said: "The staff at EPW has a wealth of product knowledge and industry experience which TVH intends to combine with its knowledge base and distribution network to enhance service and product availability to customers of both companies."

EPW was founded in 2001 and shared ownership with MEC aerial work platforms.

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(L-R) Franz Jenissen, Yama Saha and Harry Lorentsen of Ommelift with Roberto Ferramola, Ilaria Benassi and Christian Rybczyk of Airo and Stephan Opfer of Ommelift

## Ommelift Germany takes on Airo

Ommelift Germany has taken over the Airo distribution for Germany Austria and Switzerland from Hoffmann Arbeitsbühnen having taken over the Isoli distribution for Germany and Austria from Hoffmann in May.

Ommelift has also recruited Franz Jenissen, who has previous experience with Airo and Isoli products, having worked for Hoffmann. Ommelift Germany now distributes the Ommelift, Ihimer, Airo and Isoli brands.

## First LR 11000 goes to work

The first 1,000 tonne Liebherr LR 11000 crawler crane has been delivered and carried out its first lifts. Owned by Austrian crane rental and heavy haulage company Felbermayr, the crane was transported directly from Liebherr's plant in Ehingen to the Plojesti refinery in Romania, in order to lift several large vessels into place.

With a working area of just 35 by 35 metres and a five metre wide corridor in which to assemble the crane's lattice boom and 36 metre luffing jib, the LR 11000 was rigged with over 700 tonnes of counterweight. The weight of the largest vessel was originally said to be 280 tonnes, however by the time additional items were added on site at the last minute, it had increased to 335 tonnes. Thankfully the new crane was still able to manage the lift. A 750 tonne Liebherr LR 1750 crawler crane was used to tail in and steady the vessel until it was fully upright. When the LR 11000 took the full weight of the vessel it totalled 357 tonnes with hooks and rigging and had to be lifted at a radius of 27.5 metres.



Liebherr's 1,000 tonne Liebherr LR 11000 crawler crane carrying out its first job in Romania



Robert Páldeák, Skyjack's area sales manager Scandinavia, Lars Rønne and Axel Rask from Time Danmark

## Skyjack appoints Time Danmark

Skyjack has appointed Time Danmark as its distributor for the Danish market. The agreement was finalised at Apex last month, and makes Time responsible for both the sales, service and support for Skyjack's full product range.

## 200 telehandlers for Plant Hire UK

UK-based rental company Plant Hire UK has placed an order for more than 200 JCB telehandlers in a deal worth £11 million. Supplied through JCB's dealer Gunn JCB the order includes machines with lift heights ranging from four to 20 metres. All models will be fitted with JCB's Tier 4i/ Stage IIIB Ecomax engines as well as the company's LiveLink telematics and immobiliser systems.

Plant Hire UK managing director Graham Jones said: "We are a relatively young company and in the space of nine years have achieved a tremendous rate of growth, illustrated by the fact we have now purchased more than 1,500 JCB telehandlers. One of the keys to our success is having a young and modern fleet with all our JCB Loadalls under two years old. Our telehandler fleet is also exclusively JCB, a conscious decision we've made, driven by our customers."



Plant Hire UK's latest order brings its total of JCB telehandler purchases 1,500.

## New high speed crane tyre

BKT has launched its Airomax AM 27 All Terrain crane tyre - currently available as a 445/95 R 25 - which has been designed for good performance on road and over unfinished ground.

The new tyre is approved for speeds up to 80 kph and is said to be particularly good for longer distances. Maximum load at full speed is 6.7 tonnes per tyre - offering 13.4 tonne axle loads - however this rating is likely to be higher at

lower speeds and on smaller sizes. The company says that its extremely strong carcass, in conjunction with its broad shoulders and open tread guarantees excellent traction and good self-cleaning properties for off road use. At the same

time, it benefits from a solid rubber compound, which protects against cuts and punctures. The tyres are also subject to a final x-ray inspection and runout test.

The new BKT Airomax AM 27 crane tyre.



ALE's new Mega Jack 800



## ALE launches Mega Jack 800 system

Heavy transport and lifting company ALE has unveiled its new Mega Jack 800 system, which is made up of individual jacking towers each with a capacity of 800 tonnes.

Scalable to accommodate a wide variety of projects the Mega Jack 800 is containerised, can be built completely at ground level and utilises a low assembly height for installation. Multiple towers can also be combined with a starter beam to create 1,600 tonnes and 2,400 tonnes capacity per jacking point. It can also be integrated with other equipment such as skidding systems, for applications such as bridge launching.

## Hiab sells NZ business

Hiab has signed a distribution and asset sale agreement with New Zealand Trucks, a division of Hellaby Equipment. The deal moves Hiab from a direct sales/wholly owned distributor model to a classic independent dealer. Hiab's seven employees are expected to move to New Zealand Trucks.

## UK changes abnormal load restrictions

The UK's Metropolitan Police has changed its abnormal load restrictions for the London area. Times have been changed to accommodate rush hour periods, with new restrictions introduced for movements taking place on Sundays and bank holidays. Restrictions on the M25 have been relaxed however. The 'Change to Abnormal Load Registration' publication can be found in the Abnormal Loads section of [www.content.met.police.uk](http://www.content.met.police.uk)



## Terex Boom Booster ready

The Terex Cranes Boom Booster kit for the CC 8800-1 crawler crane, which is said to increase capacities by up to 90 percent, is now ready to ship.

The kit comprises five 10 metre long by 10 metre wide bolt-together boom sections, plus two bolt-together 11 metre tapered sections providing a new extra wide base boom of 72 metres. Standard boom sections can be added to provide a long heavy duty boom. Walkways and fall protection systems are built into the new boom sections which will fit into standard 40ft open top containers.

Terex Cranes' Boom Booster is said to increase the capacity of its CC 8800-1 by up to 90 percent.





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## 100 Bravi Leonardos for Boels

Dutch international rental company Boels has ordered 100 Bravi Leonardo HD self-propelled lifts with delivery scheduled for completion by the end of July. Weighing 510kg the Leonardo HD provides a fully self-propelled maximum working height of 4.9 metres with a 180kg platform capacity. Features include 87mm ground clearance and 40 percent gradeability.



The first of the 100 machine order to Boels

## 67% profit jump at Ashtead

Ashtead, owner of Sunbelt Rentals in the USA and A-Plant in the UK, has unveiled strong full year numbers with total revenues up 20 percent at £1.63 billion and pre-tax profits jumping 67 percent to £356.5 million. Capital expenditure increased 28 percent in the year to £741 million, cutting the average age of the fleet from 32 to 28 months.



## Solid result from Vp



Vp has reported a strong set of results for 2013-14. Its telehandler rental company UK Forks increased revenues by 19 percent to £16.3 million, while Hire Station which rents tools, towers and low level powered access increased revenues by seven percent to £66.2 million. TPA, which rents

ground protection mats and temporary roadways in the UK and Germany, also posted increased revenues up six percent to £15.8 million. The group as a whole achieved revenues of £183.1 million, 10 percent up on the year, while pre-tax profits also increased 10 percent to £18.9 million.

## Strong crane sales at Liebherr

Liebherr has issued its annual results for 2013 which show strong growth in crane sales, while overall revenues were flat. Mobile crane sales improved 7.1 percent to €2.08 billion, while tower crane sales jumped more than 10 percent to €395 million. Sales of maritime cranes grew marginally to €830.1 million giving total crane sales for the year of €3.3 billion.

The earthmoving and mining business both suffered declines in revenues, while other sectors, posted gains. Total group revenues were down 1.4 percent to €8.96 billion, while pre-tax profits slumped more than 30 percent to €566.5 million.



## SGB and Hünnebeck return

Following the acquisition of Harsco Infrastructure

by Brand last year the Harsco name has been dropped.

In the UK, the SGB brand returns for access equipment and services, while its industrial services business will adopt the Brand Energy and infrastructure name.



The group's shoring and formwork operations will adopt the Hünnebeck brand. In the Netherlands the entire group will switch to Brand for access and all other services, while in Germany, Austria, Poland, Romania, Russia and the Ukraine the group will trade under the Hünnebeck brand name.

## Hertz to restate results

Hertz has announced that it will restate 2011 and review two subsequent years of financial results to correct at least \$46.3 million worth of errors in its 2011 statements. The errors it seems relate to the car rental business and not the equipment rental operations. They relate to two issues: capitalisation and depreciation of non-fleet assets, and the allowance for doubtful accounts in Brazil. As a result it will restate the 2011 financial statements and review those for 2012 and 2013.

## Hirepool float abandoned

Australian private equity firm Next Capital has withdrawn the flotation of New Zealand rental company Hirepool after local institutions were put off by an overinflated asking price. They effectively drove the indicative pricing down from \$1.50 to \$1.10, before Next decided to pull the plug on the offering. A number of major institutions had made it known that they considered anything over 70 to 80 cents a share overly optimistic and effectively boycotted the issue.



## CTE opens Danish branch

Italian truck mounted and spider lift manufacturer CTE has opened a new distribution company based in Næstved, Denmark - CTE Danmark A/S. The new company is headed by director Hans Erik Nielsen, and will sell the company's entire product line locally, while support sales on other parts of the Nordic region.



The CTE Danmark team at the factory

## Tat Hong sell off

Tat Hong has sold its 70 percent stake in Singapore-based mobile crane rental and transport company Hup Hin Transport to Hup Hin Capital for S\$20.6 million (\$16.5 million) in cash. Hup Hin Capital is owned by Hup Hin's managing director Woon Wee Peng (who also owns the other 30 percent of Hup Hin Transport) and his children.

Tat Hong has also sold five properties owned by its Australian company Tutt Bryant in a sale and leaseback deal with TransLinQ, worth A\$30 million (\$28 million). Both deals are intended to raise cash to pay down corporate debt.

# Tower crane ballet



The 'Dance of the Cranes'

The Greek National Opera presented the 'Dance of the Cranes' open air concert/ballet involving 10 large tower cranes on the construction site of the new Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre in Athens, Greece, which is due to open in 2016. The 10 cranes were choreographed by Renato Zanella to music from Gustav Holst's The Planets and performed by the GNO Orchestra. To watch the video visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y-BvZQYxHM#t=643](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y-BvZQYxHM#t=643)

## Multiple fatalities in man-basket failure

Seven men were killed and one seriously injured at the Matarredonda offshore fabrication yard in Veracruz Mexico, when a man-basket suspended from a crawler crane fell around 40 metres to the ground. The men were removing scaffolding from the Ayatsil-C platform being built for state-owned oil producer PEMEX by a joint venture between contractors Empresas ICA and Flour. Six of the deceased were employed by ICA-Fluor and one by crane rental company ESE ASA. An investigation is ongoing, although a failed cable appears to have been a factor.

## UPA takes UK-first in large order

UK based United Powered Access has ordered 58 boom and scissor lifts – including the first six Skyjack SJ6832RTE compact hybrid Rough Terrain scissor lifts in the UK. The boom lifts included Niftylift HR17 and HR21 Hybrids.



Skyjack's SJ6832RTE.



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Tobias Böhler (L) of Liebherr Mexico hands the ceremonial key to Amado Castro of Grupo DPH

## 30,000th Liebherr mobile crane

Liebherr has delivered its 30,000 mobile crane - a 500 tonne LTM 1500-8.1 - to Mexican crane and heavy transport company Grupo DPH.

The crane was handed over at the port of Salina Cruz in the south of Mexico, where Grupo DPH has a warehouse which acts as a distribution centre for the wind power plant manufacturer Vestas. The new crane went straight to work loading generators at the

centre and erecting 68 tonne tower segments at a nearby wind farm. Liebherr Ehingen was founded in 1969 and delivered its 20,000th crane in 2006. Liebherr has sold 450 units of the LTM 1500 since its introduction 16 years ago.



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- **Versalift UK** managing director and **IPAF** president **Steve Couling** will join **IAPS** as managing director and shareholder in September.
- **Isoli** has delivered four NH205 truck mounted lifts to **Electrica System** for the Expo Milano 2015.
- Finnish crane company **Havator** has taken delivery of its fourth 500 tonne **Terex AC 500-2** All Terrain crane.
- UK-based **M&M Mobile Crane Hire** has taken delivery of a new 50 tonne **Tadano ATF 50G-3** All Terrain crane.
- **Lavendon** has selected **Trojan** batteries to power its fleet of electric aerial lifts.
- **Manitowoc Cranes Australia** has stopped distributing the **Tidd PC25** pick and carry crane.
- **United Rentals** has launched an online operator and safety training programme for aerial lifts.
- UK-based rental company **Chippindale Plant** has ordered 50 **JCB** telescopic handlers.
- **Hertz** has appointed **Brian MacDonald** as CEO of its equipment rental operation as it separates from car rental.
- **Holland Lift** has announced that it will introduce a 34 metre working height narrow aisle scissor lift.
- **Mammoet** has opened a new office in São Paulo, Brazil and a new crane depot in the Port of Antwerp.
- UK-based **United Powered Access** has appointed **Austin Roberts** as national safety examiner.
- **Martin M. Lin** has been appointed chairman of **Cargotec Industries (China)**.
- **Curtis-Wright Controls** Industrial has appointed **Rekarma** as Penny + Giles and PG Drives distributor in Turkey.
- **Oil & Steel** auctioned an Octopus 180 spider lift for charity on its stand at Apex.
- UAE-based **Manlift** will provide IPAF and PASMA training for the **Middle East Facility Management Association**.
- UK-based rental company **AFI** has selected **Trojan** batteries to power its battery powered fleet.
- **IPS** has appointed **Instant Norge** as its parts partner for Norway and the Baltics.
- German rental company **Rothmund** has taken delivery of a 220 tonne and 70 tonne **Tadano crane**.
- Austrian rental company **Mayer & Schöftner** has taken delivery of a 23.5 metre **Multitel MX235** truck mounted lift.
- **Ruthmann** has appointed **Stefan Linnemann** as managing director of its finance division.
- **Rosenbauer Schweiz** has become the exclusive distributor of Isoli in German speaking Switzerland.
- **Cramo** has signed a new €375 million long-term club loan maturing in 2020.
- US-based **MEC** has appointed **Omega** group as its exclusive dealer for the Benelux region.
- UK-based **Urban Access Rentals** has added a number of **Niftylift** boom lifts to its fleet.
- German rental company **KVS Michael Mross** has taken delivery of a 50 tonne **Tadano ATF 50G-3** All Terrain crane.



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- US-based rental company **Sunstate** has become an **IPAF** Training Centre with several certified instructors.
- **Grove, Manitowoc** and **JLG** distributor, **Honnen Equipment** has opened its new facility in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **International Ship Repair** of Tampa, Florida has celebrated the delivery of a new 250 tonne **Manitowoc 999**.
- **Protea** has delivered an advanced handling crane to Canyon Offshore for its latest trencher, the T1500.
- **Cargotec** has increased its estimates for cost overruns at its **Kalmar** division leading to further losses.
- **JLG** has appointed **Christian Pagel** as director of global procurement and supply chain.
- UK rental company **Specialist Crane Hire** has purchased a new **Liebherr LTM1130-5.1**.



Christian Pagel

- **Eric Nielsen**, the president of **Cargotec's MacGregor** crane division, resigned suddenly 'for personal reasons'.
- **GIF Modul** has sold two **Easy Lift EV130** van mounted platforms to **NUSZ**, the Hungarian highways company.
- **Precede Machinery & Equipment** the **Instant** and **Snorkel** distributor for China, has moved its Beijing HQ.
- **Genie** has simplified and upgraded its **SmartLink** control system, following customer demand.
- **Clive Atkinson**, founder of UK loader crane specialist **PE** has died.
- **Daiya** has taken delivery of the first 45 tonne **Grove RT550E** Rough Terrain crane in Singapore.
- Dutch access rental company **HWS** has taken delivery of a number of **Genie** aerial lifts.
- **Trico Lift** opened its new HQ in Mickleton, New Jersey with an event attended by around 150 guests.
- US-based wholesale rental company **Acme Lift** has appointed **Dan Vita** as vice president of business development.
- North German crane company **H.N. Krane** has taken delivery of a second 750 tonne **Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1**.
- **Cargotec**, owner of **Hiab** and **Kalmar** is selling its engineering centre in Pune, India to **Citec**.
- Australian-based **Alfasi** has ordered a number of **Niftylift's** 21 metre **SD210**.
- Trailer manufacturer **Kögel** has appointed **Heinz-Georg Ebert** as sales manager for Eastern Europe.
- UK-based **Upward Powered Access** has appointed **Andrew Bradbury** as manager of its new Slough depot.
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- **Link Belt** has appointed **Dave Tripp** as training manger.
- German aerial lift specialist **Gardemari** has signed an agreement with fork truck rental company **Stapler-Rent**.



Dave Tripp

- Dijon-based **Joly Location** has taken delivery of the first 72m **Ruthmann T-720** to be delivered in France.
- US-based distributor **Titan Machinery** has reported higher losses in spite of revenue improvements.
- UK rental company **LTS Powered Access** has taken delivery of two 30ft **Snorkel SL30SL** Speed Levels.
- New Zealand-based **Hirepool** registered for its long rumoured IPO and then abandoned it after heavy pricing resistance.
- **Ramirent** has refinanced its €145 million revolving credit line.
- UK-based **Sandhurst Equipment Rental** has spent £1 million to expand its access fleet.
- **Collé Rental & Sales** has added its first **JMG** pick & carry cranes to its fleet.
- **Hiab** owner **Cargotec** has appointed **Markku Oja** as vice president, real estate management.
- **Peco** has taken delivery of the first 22 **Terex Utilities** aerial lifts with the **Odyne** hybrid system.
- German-based rental company **Gigalift** has taken delivery of six **Dinolift 105T** trailer lifts.
- Orland-based **Crane Rental Corporation** has taken delivery of a **Terex Peiner SK-415** tower crane.
- Netherlands-based distributor **HDW** has appointed **Mike Van den Bosch** as international market development manager.
- US-based **BlueLine Rental** - previously **Volvo Rents** - has appointed **Phillip Hobson** as chief executive.
- UK rental company **ABA Crane Hire** has taken its first **Terex** crane - a 60t **Challenger 3180**.
- **Deep South** has taken delivery of a 400 tonne **Terex CC 2400-1** and a 1,600t **CC 8800-1** crawler crane.
- **La Signalization de Bretagne (LSB)** has taken delivery of a 10.8 metre **Movex TF10** van mounted lift.
- **Dieci** has appointed **Lencrow Material Handling** as telehandler dealer for Queensland and Victoria.
- German rental company **Merkel Autokrane** has taken delivery of a **Tadano ATF 50G-3** All Terrain crane.
- **Link Belt** has appointed **Kyle Nape** as district manager south central USA, following his departure from **Sany Cranes**.
- Swedish-based **Josefssons Maskinuthyrning** has taken delivery of seven **Omme Lift** trailer lifts.
- UK-based rental company **Horizon Platforms** is expanding its fleet with 100 new boom and scissor lifts.
- **Access Platform Sales (APS)** has ordered the first **Genie Z-33/18** and **Z-62/40** boom lifts in the UK.
- **Tat Hong** has announced the sale and lease back of five **Tutt Bryant** locations in Australia in order to reduce debt.



Markku Oja



Mike Van den Bosch



Kyle Nape

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