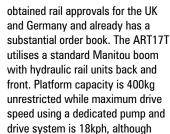
Wet, cold and mud but a gre success

Platformers Days - the German powered access show - returned to Hohenroda in mid-September only to be faced with torrential rain during build up resulting in a waterlogged show ground, making it impossible for some exhibitors to get their equipment onto their stands. However some hasty reorganisation - squeezing non rough terrain equipment onto hard standing areas around the site - managed to place all of the equipment within the time schedule.

The opening day remained wet and unseasonably cold, however this did not stop a record number of visitors not only attending, but also spending time on the outdoor stands, some of which were unbelievably boggy. The atmosphere was extremely positive in spite of the weather, with most exhibitors delighted with the number of visitors in a buying mood. Day two was forecast to be more of the same, but remained dry and was noticeably warmer.

In spite of the show coming only two months after Apex there were new product launches, with Ruthmann unveiling a new 28 metre TU280 truck mounted lift destined for self-drive urban applications. Palfinger launched its new 16 metre P160 as well as showing its 26 metre 3.5 tonne telescopic - the PT260B. New self-propelled models were limited to niche suppliers, including the Almac Bibi 630 tracked scissor lift, with the ability to level on sloping ground and mast boom, which is an update of the Lehmann Emu with eight metres of outreach. IPS used the show to launch its new German parts operation and finally the Bezeukom group unveiled a road rail version of the Manitou 160AJ articulated boom lift. So far the company has

Hemetec's new 15 metre Helix 1508







regulations limit this to 12kph in the UK.

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The following is a photographic overview of the event, for those wishing to see and read more check out the online review on Vertikal.net or see the review in sister magazine Kran & Bühne.









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