

All electric truck crane

Chinese manufacturer Zoomlion has launched what it claims is the world's first pure electric powered truck crane - the ZTC250N-EV. The three axle 25 tonne crane is based on the company's regular 25 tonne truck crane but power comes with a high density lithium iron phosphate battery pack rather than the usual diesel. A sophisticated energy and battery management system is claimed to get the most out of the battery pack and protect it from damage.



Zoomlion's new 25t battery powered truck crane

The crane has the same performance as the regular model and can reach road speeds of up to 90kph/56mph. It has a road travel range of up to 160 miles or 260 kilometres, and once on site it can be plugged into a customer's AC power outlet if available. Noise levels are said to be 65 decibels. The crane has a five section 40 metre main boom and an eight metre offsetable swingaway extension for a 50 metre maximum tip height and is rated at 3.5 metres radius. It can handle six tonnes on the fully extended boom.

Details on the rest of the crane are scant and the company has declined to send a full specification or answer questions, stating that the crane is not aimed at the European market.

Zoomlion crane technical director of engineering Wang Qitao said: "We set up a specialised team in 2018 consisting of staff from research, engineering, manufacturing and quality control departments and completed the project in two years. We partnered with the world's leading suppliers of green energy parts and tailored them to working conditions of truck cranes. We also used a high energy storage density LFP battery which is the safest in the world."

Bobcat's new 18m T40.180SLP



Bobcat Stage V telehandlers

Bobcat has launched new 75hp Stage V powered versions of its fixed frame telehandler range. The new line up includes 11 models comprising, the six and seven metre TL26.60, TL30.60 and TL30.70 compact, the 10.5 and 12 metre T35.105, T35.105L and T36.120SL mid range models and the 13 and 14 metre T35.130S, T35.140S T35.130SLP and T41.140SLP models. It also includes the 18 metre T40.180SLP.

The new machines are equipped with D34 Stage V diesels with a DPF after treatment system with automatic regeneration but do not require Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) eliminating the need for AdBlue fluid while still allowing operation in emission regulated zones. The engine claims an average of seven percent lower fuel consumption with a 14 percent increase in torque than the previous Stage IV diesel.

In addition to the new engine, the machines have a lower, steeper profile cover for increased visibility reducing blind spots on the right hand side of the machine by 15 percent. Access to the engine compartment has also been improved, enabling easier maintenance.

Sany ships 4,000 tonne crawler

Chinese crane manufacturer Sany unveiled its latest heavy lift crawler crane - the 4,000 tonne SCC40000A - at a ceremony held at its plant in Huzhou, China.

According to information provided by the company, it has a maximum load moment of 90,000 tonne/metres, suggesting that it might be rated at around 22 metres radius. In comparison, Liebherr's 3,000 tonne LR13000 has a load moment of 65,000 tonne/metres.

The new crane uses a twin boom design with a maximum length of 120 metres, twin derrick booms and a suspended counterweight allowing it to lift up to 2,000 tonnes on 100 metres of main boom. The first crane has completed its test programme and was shipped to a customer in Shandong, having been ordered last August for the construction of a nuclear power station.



The Sany SCC40000A launch



Wolffkran launches 16 tonne luffer

Wolffkran has launched a new 16 tonne luffing jib tower crane - the 235B - to replace the 224B and fitting into the company's luffing jib crane line between the 166B hydraulic luffer and the 275B.

The new crane can handle eight tonnes on a single fall with maximum line speeds of up to 130 metres a minute and a rope storage capacity of 620 metres. Two falls are required for the 16 tonne maximum, which can be achieved at a 20 metre radius on a 30 metre jib. Jib lengths range from 30 to 60 metres, with a capacity of 1.65 tonnes at its maximum 60 metre radius. The company says the new crane delivers its best performance with a 50 metre jib, where it offers a 4.1 tonne jib tip capacity.

The 235B can reach a free standing height of 82 metres with the standard two metre square UV/TV 20 tower. The minimum jib radius is 10 percent of the jib length - so six metres for the full jib and five for the optimum 50 metre. A key focus point in the development programme was fast, easy installation, so the jib-luffing and hoist winches are identical. The lift hoist is mounted on the jib, so that it can be fully rigged on the ground and lifted into place in one piece. The counterweight is made up of just four blocks - so just four lifts.

The luffing gear can be mounted either on the counter jib or the tower top allowing the entire tower top including the pre-reeved luffing gear to be transported and lifted onto the crane as a single unit. The cab and switch cabinet can also be placed on the empty counter jib to save shipping space.

Product manager Wouter van Loon said: "The Wolff 235B was developed in close collaboration with customers from the UK who have decades of experience in handling luffing cranes on inner city construction sites. The result is a crane with a proven duty chart that is unrivalled when it comes to assembly and versatility."

The new Wolff 235B



New tracked road/rail crawler boom

Platform Basket has launched a new 25ft tracked RR9/200 Road Rail self-propelled articulated boom lift for the railway maintenance sector. The unit features a single short riser, a fixed length boom and a short articulated jib with an end mounted platform. It offers a working height of 9.5 metres, an outreach of up to 4.7 metres with an up & over height of just over four metres and an unrestricted 200kg platform capacity.



Platform Basket's new tracked RR9/200 Road Rail boom lift

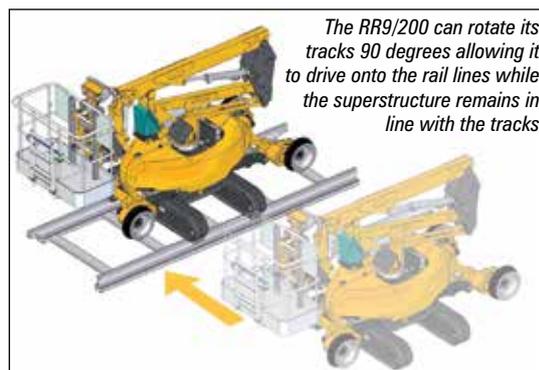
The superstructure also includes automatic levelling allowing it to level up on rail inclines or banked tracks of up to 180mm or eight degrees. It can also be used as a regular self-propelled boom lift, but with a slightly reduced 8.5 metre working height and an outreach of 4.3 metres and can work on side slopes of up to three degrees. With the riser fully elevated the RR9/200 has zero tailswing so that it can be used alongside a live second track.

In order to get onto the rail lines, the machine's rubber tracks rotate 90 degrees, allowing it to drive into position before lowering its rail wheel undercarriage into place and lifting its crawlers free so that they can be rotated back in line. The travel speed on normal ground is 2kph, but on rails it can travel at speeds of up to 10kph.

With an overall weight of just 2,900kg, the RR9/200 offers a stowed length of 4.12 metres, a stowed height of 2.3 metres and an overall width of 1.6 metres. Power comes from a Kubota diesel, but a lithium-ion battery powered version is also available. Other features include radio remote controls, Platform Basket's tele-diagnostics and geo-location systems, a smaller one-man basket and non-marking tracks.

The company said: "The aim of this project was to offer an extremely light and compact machine that can be transported on the back of a 3.5 tonne trailer. The RR9/200 offers the possibility of having a self-propelled platform for both rail and civil aerial work and offers excellent traction on any ground conditions, together with low ground pressures to allow it to be used on the delicate floors of railway stations."

The first units are going through railway approvals with full production set for September.



The RR9/200 can rotate its tracks 90 degrees allowing it to drive onto the rail lines while the superstructure remains in line with the tracks



The RR9/200 on the rails

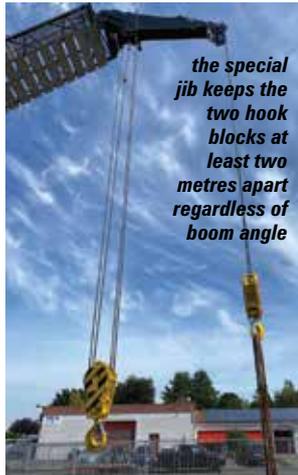
Modified Kobelco for Epping

The Epping Rohrvortrieb subsidiary of German contractor Kramer group has taken delivery of a new specially modified 100 tonne Kobelco CKE900G-3 crawler crane to install large pipe sections for gas, water, electricity and fibre optic cables at Duisburg inland harbour in Germany, as part of the area's redevelopment.

Kobelco designed and manufactured a special boom and heavy duty offset jib combination for the job in cooperation with a local engineering company prior to the crane being delivered to Epping's yard. The Stage V

compliant CKE900G-3 was assembled by Kobelco engineers before carrying out a series of test lifts and transporting to site. Main contractor Zueblin specified the custom 2.8 metre jib to provide a minimum of two metres clearance between the main and auxiliary hook blocks, regardless of main boom angle. The crane offers a capacity of 55 tonnes at six metres radius, or 20 tonnes at 12 metres.

The CKE900G-3 was rigged with 24 metres of main boom, the special jib and two hook blocks to lift the 2.5 metre diameter, six metre long, 20 tonne pipe sections into a series of 27 metre deep shafts. Once lowered into the shaft, the horizontally positioned pipes are hydraulically pushed to form an underground pipeline running underneath the harbour basin. An optional elevating cab rises to five metres above ground - 1.6 metres higher than the conventional cab - and 1.4 metres closer to the load, giving the operator an excellent view to line up the pipes for pushing.



the special jib keeps the two hook blocks at least two metres apart regardless of boom angle



The 2.5m diameter six metre long pipe sections weigh 20 tonnes



The elevating cab



A bigger, better AlmaCrawler

Earlier this month Almac launched a new 46ft tracked self-propelled/self-levelling telescopic boom lift - the Jibbi 1670Evo - at a series of 'virtual events' earlier this month, hosted at its manufacturing facility in Viadana, Italy.

The Jibbi 1670Evo features a three section telescopic boom topped by an articulating jib giving a working height of 16 metres and an outreach of 6.7 metres with the 250kg maximum platform capacity, 7.7 metres outreach with 140kg, while the maximum outreach is 8.5 metres with 80kg in the platform - depending on the track width selected and the superstructure slew position. The new variable undercarriage track width allows the operator to extend the tracks from 1.35 to 1.9, 2.2 or 2.45 metres to provide a range of configurations for applications ranging from narrow aisle work to providing maximum 360 degree stability on side slopes. The platform can also be driven at working heights of up nine metres.

As with the three Jibbi 1250 models in the company's JT boom lift range, the 1670Evo incorporates automatic dynamic 'Pro-Active' levelling, allowing the machine to drive at height on slopes or undulating ground of up to 40 percent, with 15 degrees of side to side and 15 degrees of longitudinal levelling. The overall weight of the machine is 3,850kg, with a maximum ground bearing pressure of 316kg per square metre (0.5psi). A new radio remote control panel - incorporating the 'MyAlmac Control Panel' telematics - continuously monitors the machine's service status, while offering the possibility for owners to remotely modify the machine's operating parameters.

Power comes from a three cylinder Yanmar diesel. Overall stowed length is 5.17 metres which can be reduced to 4.4 metres thanks to a quick disconnect platform. The overall height is just under two metres and overall width 1.35 metres. A larger 1.8 metre wide platform can replace the standard 1.4 metre basket - both of which offer 140 degrees of platform rotation. An ultrasonic secondary guarding system combined with an upper and lower 'anti-crush barrier function' comes as standard, while options include the 200 Series winch kit to convert the platform into a small tracked crane.

4,000 trucks with Hiab hook loaders

The MAN truck division of Rheinmetall has won a new €2 billion order from the Germany military for up to 4,000 HX 8x8 All Terrain vehicles with swap body systems and Hiab hook loaders, for delivery between 2021 and 2027.

Deliveries of the first tranche of 540 vehicles is due to begin early in the new year. The hook loader developed by Hiab can rapidly lift or set down a range of interchangeable bodies including flat racks, closed bodies or 20ft containers etc.



Platform screens

Finland's Bronto Skylift is offering its customers the drawings for its Bronto Shield divider - designed to shield the platform operator from those working from the platform - free of charge to allow its local production. The vast majority of Bronto truck mounted work platforms have a working height of more than 40 metres and are rented out complete with operator. The shield is intended to help maintain social distancing for the safe use of its platforms.

The drawings outline how users can create their own shields in-house using basic tools and materials. The designs are fully approved by Bronto and comply with CE certification and designed to endure standard 12.5 metres a second wind loadings. The shield does not interfere with the platform extension mechanism.

In similar moves, Loxam's UK operation Nationwide Platforms has developed its own system - 'SkyShield' - for use with its fleet of truck mounted platforms. Made from a shatterproof polycarbonate material and weighing less than 15kg, the divider provides a physical barrier across the width and height of the basket, cordoning off the operator from customers working from the platform.

And in France rental company Joly Location - which runs a mostly Ruthmann truck mounted fleet including two new 90 metre models - has developed the 'Stop-Cov' screen in co-operation with screen and sign manufacturer 'Hello Pub Dijon' and truck body builder ALM, to help protect its operators and customers. The screen has been designed to



The Bronto Shield



maintain separation and shield against microscopic projections, covering the full height and width of the platform. The polycarbonate material is said to be "ultra-transparent, flexible, scratch resistant and unbreakable". It also has operators with face shields for their helmets, masks and gloves, while platforms are equipped with hand sanitiser stations.



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Narrow jacking CTEs

Italian aerial lift manufacturer CTE has introduced narrow jacking versions of its 25 metre Zed 25, and 23 metre Zed 23.3 articulated truck mounted platforms. The HN version - indicating 'H' type Narrow outrigger set up - has only jacks, with no outrigger extension beams. The Zed 25 HN offers a maximum outreach of just over 12 metres at an up & over height of 10 metres with a reduced 100kg platform capacity while maximum platform capacity is 250kg. The first unit has been delivered to the cleaning and maintenance division of Slovakian manufacturer TreeGuard.



CTE's new 25m ZED 25HN

The Zed 23.3 JHN - 'J' for Jib - offers an outreach of 10 metres at an up & over height of 11 metres with an unrestricted 250kg platform capacity throughout the entire work envelope, except when positioned over the front of the chassis. At this point it is reduced to 200kg for the final metre.



CTE ZED 23HN

Both models are mounted on six tonne Iveco Daily chassis and feature the company's dual sigma type riser. The Zed 23.3 is topped by a two-section telescopic boom and articulating jib, while the Zed 25 is topped by a three section telescopic boom but no jib. Both units feature the company's S3 Smart Stability System, which automatically adapts the working envelope to match the position of the boom and the weight in the platform.

Haulotte telehandlers for the ministry

The Algerian Ministry of Defence has taken delivery of 10 Haulotte 17 metre/4,000kg HTL4017 telehandlers.

The units were delivered by Haulotte distributor Farrisia to the ECC construction engineering division of the ministry. The HTL4017 can take 2,500kg to its full height and handle 700kg at its maximum forward reach of 12.9 metres. Farrisia also provided a full training session for six ECC employees on the safe use, efficient operation and routine maintenance of the new machines.



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Changes at the top at Genie

Earlier this month Genie president Matt Fearon announced that he will leave Terex/ Genie on August 1st after 25 years with the company. Terex group chief executive John Garrison has already taken over his duties as Genie president and will manage the role alongside his existing group responsibilities.



Matt Fearon

Simon Meester, currently Genie vice president global sales and marketing administration, will be promoted to Genie chief operating officer, while Clint Weber will continue to manage the Terex Utilities business as general manager. Both report directly to Garrison. Speaking of the development Garrison said: "We thank Matt Fearon for his many contributions to Terex. He has been a dynamic and much admired leader who helped Genie grow from a regional brand to a global powerhouse. He arrived as an engineer 25 years ago and went on to key roles including vice president operations, managing director of the Europe, Africa and Middle East region, general manager, the Americas and ultimately president."



Simon Meester

Meester joined Genie in 2018 from Eaton Corporation where he was general manager of the Industrial Control division.



John Garrison

September trade shows to go ahead

The French government has confirmed that exhibitions, fairs, congresses and major events can resume from September 1st, just in time for this year's crane, access and telehandler event JDL.

France's only dedicated lifting show will once again be held at the Palais des Congres in Beaune on September 9th, making it the first exhibition in our sector to be held since Conexpo in March. The German access and lifting event Platformers Days in Germany is scheduled to be held the following week at its new venue in Karlsruhe.



JDL is all set for September 9th



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Financials round-up

Ashtead profits slip on higher revenues

Ashtead - owner of Sunbelt Rentals in the USA, Canada and the UK - has reported group revenues for the full year to the end of March of £5.05 billion, up 12 percent on last year. Pre-tax profits however slipped 7.5 percent to £982.8 million.



Revenues included:

Sunbelt USA with \$5.49 billion - up 10 percent on the year with an operating profit of \$1.56 billion, marginally better than last year.

Sunbelt Canada with C\$421 million - a jump of 22 percent due to acquisitions with operating profits flat.



A-Plant - now Sunbelt Rentals UK - achieved revenues of £469.2 million, down 1.5 percent while operating profit almost halved to £36.4 million.

Gross group capital expenditure for the year was almost eight percent lower at £1.48 billion, or £1.21 billion net of fleet disposals - a reduction of 12 percent. The average age of the fleet as of the end of March was 36 months compared to 34 months at the same time last year. The company also spent £453 million on 18 'bolt-on' acquisitions. It is forecasting capital expenditure this year of just £500 million.

A slight dip for Vp

UK rental group Vp - owner of telehandler rental company UK Forks, spider lift specialist Higher Access, low level access company MEP and general rental business Brandon hire - has reported full year revenues to the end of March of £362.9 million, down five percent on the year. Pre-tax profit before exceptional items and write downs was slightly higher than last year, hitting a new record of £47.1 million, however the company took some substantial goodwill write downs as well as restructuring costs involved with the ongoing merger of its Brandon Hire and Hire Station operations, reducing pre-tax profits to £28.36 million, a decline of more than 15 percent. The UK Forks division - which also covers Higher Access - had a relatively positive year with strong demand for its telehandlers, particularly in the house building sector, while general construction and telecoms were quieter. Site closures in March hit the business, but the company says that demand has started to pick up in May. Capital investment meanwhile remained at similar levels to 2019. Revenues from the MEP low level access and press fitting division were flat while the tool hire business saw similar drop offs and pick up as UK Forks.



Speedy upbeat/CFO to depart

UK rental group Speedy reported preliminary results for the year to the end of March of £406.7 million, up three percent on the year. Pre-tax profits fell 11 percent to £20.7 million. The average age of its fleet at the end of March



JLG to close Romanian plant

JLG has submitted plans to the union for closure of its manufacturing facility in Medias, Romania. The initial plans are looking to cease production by the end of June 2021.

Karel Huijser of JLG Europe said: "In an effort to optimise and better align operations to support our customers and enable sustainable growth, JLG conducted an assessment of its global manufacturing footprint and has made the decision to close the company's manufacturing facility in Medias, Romania. This move follows significant investments that we recently made in a new manufacturing facility for Power Towers and a JLG Customer Innovation Centre in the United Kingdom and a state of the art JLG Service Centre in Stockholm, Sweden."



was 41 months - up from 39.6 months last year - while net debt was 100 percent lower at £79.3 million. It says that since March debt has fallen to £68 million.

Its statement said that trading in April was ahead of expectations but 35 percent down on the same quarter last year, while May activity levels steadily improved with revenues at the time just 17 percent lower. Speedy also announced that group finance director Chris Morgan will leave the company at the end of July by mutual agreement. The company has also written off all goodwill associated with the training business Geason, which it acquired for £9.3 million in December due to a lack of performance and the fact that it is subject to a claim from a funding agency alleging poor financial controls and over payments of up to £2.6 million over a three year period from August 2017.

Mediaco acquires Chieuse Leverage

France's leading crane and access rental company Mediaco has acquired Chieuse Leverage, a regional operator in the south of France, from the Chieuse family. Established in 1975 as Les Arcs Leverage, it changed its name as it began expanding to other locations. It runs a fleet of 37 machines including mobile cranes up to 130 tonnes from four locations. Revenues in 2018 were €2.55 million.



BMS moves into Vietnam

Danish crane and access and heavy lift group BMS has formed a strategic alliance with Vietnam's Dang Gia corporation. The Alliance between BMS Heavy Cranes and Dang Gia's crane sales and rental division is aimed at the provision of heavy cranes and lift planning for upcoming heavy lift work in the country, including a number of wind power projects. As part of the alliance, BMS will provide Dang Gia with a number of 750 tonne Liebherr LG 1750 truck cranes and other equipment.



CICA/Worksafe accident statistics

The Victoria/Tasmania branch of CICA - the Crane Industry Council of Australia - has been working with Worksafe Victoria to collect raw data involving crane incidents in the state.

The first report covers the full year statistics for 2019. Given that some of the data is sensitive, details that might have identified any particular incident have been removed leaving broad categories and preliminary factual descriptions of equipment type, job type and incident type. In 2019 there were a total of 84 incidents and 42 near misses. The three largest categories were:

1. Struck, pinned or crushed by a load - 25 percent
2. Falling objects - 24 percent
3. Crane impact during operation - 19 percent

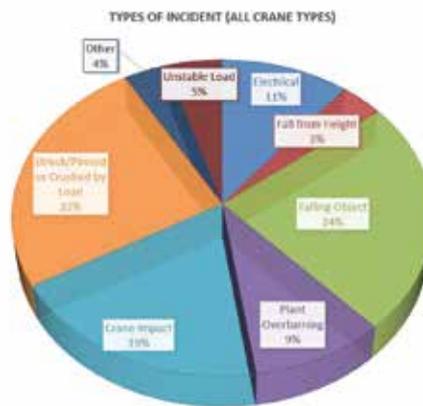
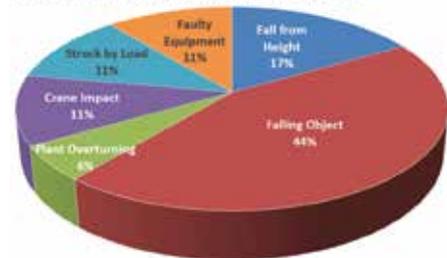
Incidents in the first category resulted in a 95 percent injury rate, 58 percent relating to hands, 32 percent involved whole body or limb crushing - mostly from slewing cranes - and 10 percent head injuries - two serious - caused by swinging loads or chain sling disconnects. Categories two and three were largely injury free. CICA said: "Large numbers of dogmen (slingers/riggers) are being struck or crushed by loads while slinging or landing them. We must remain vigilant and remember the golden rule: 'If something doesn't look right, don't lift it'."

"The data shows that crush injuries happen for many different reasons, but each incident has one thing in common, it was avoidable."

The first quarter data has been released with 18 incidents recorded and a remarkable swing away from crushing or trapping to falling loads which represented 44 percent. 56 percent due to slinging issues or unsecured loads and two cases involving failed lugs in pre-cast concrete panels. Falls from height while working on the crane was second at 17 percent, two of them resulting in serious injury, while the third was saved by the properly functioning inertia reel lanyard and safety harness.

The bulletins are available at:
www.cica.com.au/past-safety-bulletins

Chart 1: 18 Incidents Involving Cranes Q1-2020



Liebherr centre approved for ECOL

Liebherr's training centre in Ehingen has been certified to train and test crane operators for the new European Crane Operators Licence (ECOL), following audits by Lloyd's Register. The first three mobile crane operators have been trained at the centre and passed the examination to gain their licences. The European crane and heavy transport association ESTA has been working on the ECOL project since 2013, supported by the European Materials Handling Federation (FEM), and working groups comprising national associations, manufacturers, rental companies and operators.



The Mammoet Academy in the Netherlands carried out the first trials in 2019 and became the first ECOL training centre, followed by Liebherr and EUC Lillebælt in Denmark. Liebherr currently offers two of the three ECOL courses - a three week course for crane operators with four years' experience, and a one week course for those with eight years or more with 16 hours theoretical and 16 hours practical. Liebherr recommends additional training before applying for this course. Details can be found on the ECOL Foundation website: www.ecol-esta.eu.







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- Crane and access exhibition **JDL** has been approved to go ahead as planned in Beaufort on September 9th, 10th & 11th.
- UK crane man **Bill Sands** has died after a battle with cancer - he was 72.
- Germany's **CT Kranservice** has taken a 100t **Demag AC 100-4L**.
- US tower crane company **Morrow Equipment** has promoted **Peter Juhren** to COO and **Mark Beals** to CFO.
- The first unit of **CTE's** new 25m ZED 25 HN truck mounted platform has been delivered to **TreeGuard** Slovakia.
- Canada's **Quickline Crane** has taken a 250t **Liebherr LTM 1250-5.1** All Terrain.
- **Hy-Brid Lifts** has appointed **Nik Fleischfresser** and **Dave Wanta** as sales directors.
- Germany's **Weiss Kranservice** has taken a 220t **Demag AC 220-5** and 300t **AC 300-6**.
- US-based **Alta Equipment** is to acquire **Hilo Equipment & Services**, a three outlet operation in New York.
- Turkish manufacturer **ELS Lift** has appointed **Msafe** as distributor for India.
- UK-based **Pop Up Products** has agreed a new 10 year partnership with Dutch access company **Altrex**.
- Brazil's **Guindaste Aranha** has taken the first 3.2t **Jekko SPX532** in S. America.
- US-based **Nebraska Crane** has taken a 149t **Grove GRT9165** Rough Terrain crane.
- Denmark's **Stark Udlejning** has taken 15 **JLG X20J-Plus** spider lifts.
- US-based **Able Equipment** has opened a location in West Chester, Pennsylvania.
- **Erik Geene** has joined **Sinoboom BV** as business development VP.
- US-based **Bigge Crane and Rigging** has ordered six **Link Belt** telescopic crawler cranes.
- The first six Italian designed **Dingli** booms for Europe have shipped from China to the **Magni** facility in Italy.
- **Liebherr** has completed the \$60 million expansion of its US headquarters in Newport News, Va.
- Germany's **Zimmerie Quistorf** has taken a 2.4t **Böcker** trailer crane.
- **Falcon Freight** has taken eight **Volvo** trucks and 27 flatbed trailers.
- Genie president **Matt Fearon** is to leave the company, **John Garrison** has taken over in addition to his role as CEO of **Terex**.
- **IPAF** has added facial recognition to its online operator theory modules.
- **Sunbelt Rentals** - previously **A-Plant** - has opened a new depot in Inverness, Scotland.
- A new **Potain** purchased by **Uperio** is working on the renovation of the Notre Dame in Paris.
- Telehandler/fork truck veteran **Lindsay Shankland** has been appointed CEO of **Magni** South Africa.
- UK-based **Branchwalkers** has taken a 25m **Cela** Spyder DT25 and ordered a 30m truck mount.
- A **Snorkel** boom lift was used to remove the Colston name from the Bristol, UK, concert hall.



Bill Sands



Nik Fleischfresser



Dave Wanta



Erik Geene



Matt Fearon



John Garrison

- UK-based **Ainscough Crane Hire** has appointed **Peter Gibbs** as CEO, **Andrew Tyler** as chairman and **Ian Scapens** as CFO.
- Spain's **Grúas Roxu** has taken the first 110t **Liebherr LTM 1110-5.1**.
- US rental group **ALL** has received the first of 16 **Link Belt** crawler, truck and Rough Terrain cranes.
- The **Portuguese Air Force** has taken a 36t/m **Hyva HC361 E5** loader crane.
- **Manitex** has received an order for \$1.8 million of **PM** cranes in Asia.
- Germany's **Gerken** has opened a new location in Hofheim-Wallau near Wiesbaden.
- **Rosenbauer** has relocated its French subsidiary from Chambéry to Meyzieu on the east side of Lyon.
- UK-based **Clements** has hired **Jason McCrae** as business development manager.
- The **IPAF Summit** and awards dinner has been postponed until March next year.
- **Ahern**, owner of **Snorkel** and **Xtreme**, has agreed a partnership with **Trackunit** telematics.
- **Faymonville** has launched the **WingMAX** semi-trailer for transporting XXL wind turbine blades.
- US distributor **Berry Companies** has acquired **Bobcat of Atlanta** and **Bobcat of Huntsville**.
- Spanish local authority **Sarga** has purchased five new **Palfinger PK 8.501 SLD 3** loader cranes.
- Germany's **Thomas Strangemann Baumdienst** has purchased a **Palazzani TSJ 27/C** spider lift.
- Germany's **Schwientek & Sohn** has taken a second 90t **Liebherr LTM 1090-4.2** All Terrain.
- Italy's **Gatim** has taken delivery the first **Bobcat TL43.80HF** Waste Expert.
- **Liebherr Ethingen** has been certified to provide **European Crane Operator Licence** training.
- **Duncan Howard**, previous owner of **Platform Sales & Hire**, has left **Speedy Hire**.
- US manufacturer **Pettibone** has appointed **Super Equipment** as a distributor in Canada.
- The **Algerian Ministry of Defence** has taken 10 **Haulotte 17m/4,000kg HTL4017** telehandlers.
- Italy's **Castra** has taken two **Easy Lift** spider lifts.
- Australia's **CICA** has published the first results from its collaboration with **Worksafe** Victoria to gather data on crane accidents.
- Germany's **Sommer** has taken a 450t **Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1** All Terrain.
- Scotland's **Bernard Hunter** has added a **Liebherr LTM 1230-5.1** and **LTM 1050-3.1** plus a **Spierings SK1265-AT6** self-erecting tower crane to its fleet.
- Gran Canaria's **Elevaciones Archipiélago** has taken five **Snorkel** scissor lifts.
- UK's **Bryn Thomas Cranes** has opened a sixth depot and taken four new **Liebherr** cranes.
- China's **Sinoboom** has appointed **Kolin Kirschenmann** as CEO of **Sinoboom North America**.
- **Cargotec** has sold its stake in its Chinese JV, **Rainbow-Cargotec Industries**.



Peter Gibbs



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Ian Scapens



Jason McCrae



Brad Boehler



Chad Diacek



Kolin Kirschenmann

- Finland's **Dinolift** has appointed **Avant Machinery** as its distributor for Belgium.
- **Züger André** has taken the first 26m **Ruthmann TBR 260** in Switzerland.
- **Wiesbauer** has taken the 250th **Spierings SK1265-AT6** 'Mighty Tiny' self-erecting mobile tower crane.
- Spain's **Airpes** has expanded its dealer network in the US.
- The **Sunbelt Rentals** brand in the UK became official on June 1st as **Ashtead** dropped the **A-Plant** brand.
- Germany's **Schickling** has purchased **Genie's** four metre boom platform.
- Italia's **Multitel Pagliero** has become a preferred supplier of the **Cat Allied Vendor Programme**.
- Germany's **HKV Schmitz** has taken a **Liebherr LTM 1230-5.1** All Terrain crane.
- France's **Mediaco** has acquired **Chieusse Levege**, a regional operation in the south of France.
- Hungarian crane company **Daru Unio** has taken a 45t **Demag AC 45 City** crane.
- Italia's **Di Primio Noleggi** has taken a 52m **Palazzani XTJ 52+** spider lift.
- Australia's **Flinders Port Holdings** has ordered a third **Konecranes Gottwald** mobile harbour crane.
- UK rental company **Lincs Lifts** has restarted as a new company at the same location.
- **Zoomlion** has launched what it claims is the world's first pure electric powered truck crane, the **ZTC250N-EV**.
- Russia's **Novatek** has taken 21.2m **Easy Lift R210HY** hybrid spider lift.
- **Brad Boehler** has joined the advisory board of US load stability system manufacturer **Vita Inclinata Technologies**.
- Germany's **Bruns Schwerlast** has taken a second **Liebherr LTM 1130-5.1** All Terrain crane.
- **XCMG's** 4,000 tonne **XGC88000** crawler crane has completed the world's heaviest wash tower lift.
- US manufacturer **Hy-Brid Lifts** has appointed **Chad Diacek** as regional territory manager.
- **Mammoet** has won its largest contract ever involving lifts totalling 500,000 tonnes for the **Arctic LNG 2** project.
- Germany's **GAAC Commerz** has taken a 60t **Tadano ATF 60G-3**.
- Denmark's **Kranexpressen** has taken its first **Spierings** mobile tower crane.
- **CTE** has introduced narrow jacking versions of its **Zed 25** and **Zed 23.3** truck mounted platforms.
- France's **Balineau** has taken a 100t **Kobelco CE900G-2** crawler crane.
- UK's **Davies Crane Hire** has taken a 25t **Kato CR-250Rv** city crane.
- **Tadano Oceania** has moved into its new headquarters and support centre in Brisbane, Australia along with **Demag**.
- Denmark's **Slagelse Liftudlejning** has had two of its **Niftylift** boom lifts totally refurbished by Poland's **Nifty4sale**.
- US-based **Empire Crane Company** has appointed **Mike Walker** as sales rep for New England.

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