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A 48 PER CENT increase in the population of Brazil's São Paulo would see its inhabitants dropping off into the Atlantic like pollen from an Oak tree in summertime. Similarly, the same increase in the size of the hole in the ozone layer would see holiday makers scrapping for valuable beach space amongst the half a million or so Emperor penguins that annually dig in for -70° C winters along the coastline of Antarctica's

South Georgia Island.

Ok, maybe not quite so dramatic, but bearing significance all the same, the UK telehandler market since 1998 has born witness to the same unit percentage increase as mentioned in the above, maybe slightly exaggerated scenarios. Visitors to the recent Intermat exhibition in Paris a couple of months back would have made note of the wealth of new telehandler unveilings from the sector's manufacturers. The development and introduction of new telehandler models from companies such as Haulotte and Genie, which are not primarily known for their involvement in this sector, has to be an indication of the growing acceptance of these versatile machines across Europe's construction sites. And by all accounts, the growth is set to continue, at least for the next couple years.

On page 27 of this issue, C&A kicks-off its special 4-page feature on the UK and Ireland telehandler markets and offers a full round-up of all the latest equipment available on the market today from the likes of Caterpillar, Manitou, Case and JCB.

On a final note, all at The Vertikal Press would like to congratulate its founder and publishing editor, Tim Whiteman, who was recently named as managing director designate of the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF). Whiteman will take on his new role, effective from August 4, and eventually fill in the position left by IPAF's current managing director, Paul Adorian, who retires at the end of the year.

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