

SINOBOOM EXTENDS 'N' BOOM LINE

Sinoboom has added two new 'Narrow' electric articulating boom lifts - the 43ft AB13ERJN and 48ft AB15ERJN with working heights of 15 and 16.8 metres respectively. The new models are designed to reach and work in tight workspaces, such as between machine tools or production lines in manufacturing facilities.

The lift mechanism is a classic dual riser, two section telescopic boom and a jib, with 140 degrees of articulation on the AB13 and 100 degrees on the AB15, giving a maximum outreach of 7.4 metres at an up & over height of six metres on the AB13 and 7.1 metres at a height of eight metres on the AB15. The unrestricted platform capacity on both is 230kg with a full 180 degrees of platform rotation.

Both machines are 1.5 metres wide and have a stowed height of just less than two metres, while the AB13 is 5.4 metres long in stowed transport mode, while the AB15 is 5.82 metres long. Total weight is 7,700kg and 8,500kg respectively.

The standard battery packs are lead acid, with the option of Lithium, driving AC direct drive wheel motors. Finally slew is 355 degrees, with zero tailswing BUT the risers on the AB15 are on the long side, which therefore requires a decent ceiling height in order to be able to slew fully in a tight aisle. They also limit the outreach, but on the other hand provide a better up & over clearance... as always its 'horses for courses'. Check out the comparison below.

Sinoboom's head of product planning Peter Peng said: "Our customers and partners have been very happy with the AB10ERJN predecessor machine, appreciating its ability to work in confined places. These two models give that same flexibility, with greater height and reach."

So how do they stack up?

The Sinoboom v Dingli and Niftylift models



The AB13ERJN

Make	Sinoboom	Dingli	Niftylift	Sinoboom	Dingli	Niftylift
Model	AB13ERJN	BA15NE	Nifty HR15N	AB15ERJN	BA17NE	HR17N
Working Height	15m	15.5m	15.5m	16.8m	17m	17m
Outreach	7.4m	9.7m	9.7m	7.1m	9.7m	9.7m
Up & Over clearance	6.0m	5.5m	5.6m	8.0m	7.0m	7.0m
Jib articulation	140°	130°	150°	100°	130°	150°
Max platform capacity	230kg	225kg	225kg	230kg	225kg	225kg
Platform Rotation	180°	180°	180°	180°	180°	180°
overall width	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m	1.5m
overall height	1.98m	2.07m	1.99m	1.98m	2.07m	1.99m
overall stowed length	5.48m	5.06m	4.93m	6.98m	5.06m	4.93m
Total Weight	7,700kg	7,580kg	7,250kg	8,500kg	7,950kg	7,780kg

FIRST NEW FRANNA IN 25 YEARS

Australian articulated pick & carry crane Franna, part of Terex cranes, will use Vertical Days for the European launch of its new 22 tonne AT22-2. The launch will be held in partnership with the Terex Franna distributor for the UK, Crowland Cranes, on its stand at the big UK event at Newark Showground in early September.

The AT22-2 is the first new Franna crane to arrive in Europe for 25 years. It features a 17.9 metre four section boom, can handle its maximum capacity at up to 1.4 metres radius, or at a height of up to six metres. It features a 2.5 metre extension that takes the maximum tip height to 20.5 metres at which point it can handle just over three tonnes. Maximum forward reach on the main boom is 15.8 metres with a capacity of 1.7 tonnes, or 18.8 metres with the extension installed. A work platform attachment offers a 20.2 metre working height and an outreach of up to 18.5 metres. The crane has an overall weight fully rigged of 20 tonnes, with 12 tonnes on the rear axle. Power comes from a Mercedes diesel linked to an Allison 6 speed transmission giving a maximum road speed of 80kph/50mph.



The Franna AT22-2

ALMAC ACQUIRES EASY LIFT

Italian tracked aerial lift and spider crane manufacturer Almac has acquired spider lift manufacturer Easy Lift in an all-share purchase deal supported by private equity firm Wise Equity which acquired a majority stake in Almac in 2022.

Easy Lift founders and senior managers Michele and Emanuele Soriani will remain with the company in their current roles and will join the Almac board of directors. Easy Lift will also continue to operate as a separate brand and business within the new 'group' and retain its separate sales and distribution network.



US CUSTOMS FINDS AGAINST SINOBOOM

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency says that it has found substantial evidence that Sinoboom North America did import products into the United States 'through evasion'. It specifically refers to products made in Poland that incorporated Chinese sub-assemblies and components, without "appropriately disclosing" China as the country of origin. As a result, applicable duties were not collected during the period of investigation - June 26th 2023, to date.

This ruling is in relation to an investigation launched last October into possible duty evasion under the Enforce and Protect Act, triggered by a complaint from the Coalition of American Manufacturers of Mobile Access Equipment.



WOLFFS FOR SAUDI STADIUM

German tower crane manufacturer Wolffkran will provide 21 tower cranes for the new 47,000 seat Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Stadium in the new Qiddiya leisure area of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, one of the venues for the 2034 FIFA World Cup.

The 21 tower cranes include eight 60 tonne Wolff 1250B and nine 42 tonne 630B luffing jib models, plus four flat top models - three 16 tonne 7534.16 Clear and one 20 tonne 8038.20 Clear. Further units may be added as the project develops. All cranes will be supplied, installed, maintained and operated by Wolffkran teams with 180 Wolffkran personnel working on site during the project's peak phase.

One 1250B and two 630Bs will reach freestanding heights of more than 100 metres, which would make them the tallest freestanding tower cranes in Saudi Arabia. To meet the site's height and wind resistance requirements operating in D50 wind conditions, Wolffkran has developed a 3.3 metre wide by six metres long tower section that it has named the Wolff XT 33.



A Wolffkran crane in Mecca

SMARTLIFT'S NEW SLX 2000

Danish glass handling equipment manufacturer Smartlift has announced the 1,000kg SLX 2000 glazing robot, which will make its debut at Vertical Days in September on the Central Platform Services (CPS) stand.

The SLX 2000 can handle its one tonne capacity at its 5.25 metre maximum lift height at 750mm beyond the front bumper, or a metre out at five metres high. Alternative it can handle 420kg at its 2.75 metre maximum forward reach. The unit has an overall width of just over a metre, weighs 1,900kg and can turn within its own length thanks to 90 degree rear steer.

The machine features a rotary head/yoke with continuous rotation which can also pivot 88 degrees to either side. A quick change system enables switching between electric, hydraulic, standard and custom tools. All functions operate via remote control with optional remote drive controls.

For more information on the SLX 2000 see the Glass Handling feature starting page 39.



SLX 2000

TWO MORE ACQUISITIONS FOR KILOUTOU

French international rental group Kiloutou has signed agreements to acquire two new companies, one in Denmark and one in Italy. Danish heavy earthmoving and telehandler rental company Thor Jørgensen, is based in Rødekro South Jutland, while Italy's F.I.M. is an aerial lift and telehandler rental business operating along the Turin to Milan corridor.

Thor Jørgensen operates around 100 big machines and has revenues in the region of DK150 million (€20 million). The business will be merged with Kiloutou's existing subsidiary GSV, extending its geographical coverage and taking it into a new equipment sector. F.I.M. is owned and managed by president Vincenzo Basilicata and the deal is intended to strengthen Kiloutou Italia's aerial lift range and reinforce its network in the Piedmont region.

Kiloutou now generates 40 percent of its €1.25 billion revenues outside of France. Over the next five years, it aims to raise this to 50 percent and be among the top three players where it operates - Denmark, Portugal, France and Spain.



BG SPIDER CRANE GOES ELECTRIC

Italian crane manufacturer BG Lift has launched an electric version of its four tonne M400 spider crane. The M400 will be available by the end of summer and features a four section main boom with a three section articulated jib for a maximum tip height of 21.1 metres, at which point it can handle 750kg, or 170kg at its maximum radius of 17 metres.

Without the jib, the spider crane has a maximum hook height of 14.8 metres with a 1,900kg capacity, while the maximum radius is 12.1 metres at which point it can handle 420kg.

When equipped with the work platform it offers a working height of 23 metres and 14.5 metres outreach with the 200kg unrestricted platform capacity. The stowed height is 1.96 metres, with an overall width of 1.2 metres and overall length of 4.25 metres, with an all up weight of 4,300kg.



The work platform attachment offers a working height of 23 metres or an outreach of up to 14.5 metres

IPAF RENTAL REPORTS

IPAF has published its annual aerial work platform rental market reports which suggest slower growth across most markets in 2024.

The reports estimate the size of the worldwide aerial work platform rental fleet while also estimating rental revenues and rates, fleet size, utilisation levels, fleet mix, machine power sources, investment and annual retention period. The analysis covers Europe, the United States and Asia.

For more details on the report see IPAF page 65.



NEW NAVIGATORS

A new UK based aerial work platform manufacturer, Navigator Lifts of Leicester, has announced the launch of two new manually powered push around mast type lifts - the 8.6ft Explora and 5.4ft Scout - with working heights of 4.6 and 3.65 metres respectively. Both machines can be seen at Vertikal Days in September.

The new machines use a ratchet type wind up elevation system and join the Navigator 6 and Navigator 4.5 previously manufactured by Metal & Modular. The new company acquired the IP for the Navigator lifts in April and is currently updating them.

The Explora features a 722mm by 840mm platform with a maximum capacity of 150kg. The machine has an overall width of 775mm with an overall length of 1.5 metres and a stowed height of just under two metres, while weighing 395kg.

The smaller Scout has a capacity of 150kg in the 542mm by 600mm platform, it is just over a metre long with an overall width of 750mm, a stowed height of 1.72 metres and weighs 310kg. Both models have an optional pull out stabiliser for a full outdoor rating and fold down step-up for an additional 300mm of working height.

The new company is managed by Scott Williams, while Michael Brown - who conceived and designed the original Navigator platforms - is technical director.



LIEBHERR'S LiSIM CRANE SIMULATOR

Liebherr has launched a mobile harbour crane simulator for operator training - the LiSIM Move. The system provides training for Liebherr LHM 550 and LHM 800 mobile harbour cranes across container, bulk and breakbulk operations and includes Liebherr controls, virtual reality and instructor interface.

The simulator can be used for skills development, recruitment assessments and onboarding. Training scenarios include basic manoeuvres and operational challenges, with ULCVs, Post Panamax vessels, hoppers, barges and breakbulk zones. According to Liebherr, the LiSIM Move saves 99 percent of CO2 emissions compared to real crane training and it will deploy them to 50 locations worldwide.

PALFINGER HD SPIDERS FOR GGR

UK based GGR has taken delivery of two 30 tonne Palfinger PCC 115.002 heavy duty spider cranes, one of which will go to work on one of the UK's nuclear power projects. The PCC 115.002 features a six section articulated boom for a maximum radius of 20.7 metres with 3.5 tonnes capacity.

A six section jib takes the maximum radius to 33.3 metres, at which point it can handle 940kg. Maximum tip height is 22.5 metres on the main boom and 36 metres with the jib. The machines are fitted with non-marking tracks and powered by a Stage V diesel with 415 volt electric mains capability. Overall weight is 33 tonnes. A two man work basket is also available.



EQSS LAUNCHES OVERWATCH 9

Australia's EQSS has launched an updated version of the OverWatch anti entrapment system for scissors lifts - the OverWatch 9 - improving the operator experience while maintaining high levels of protection from overhead entrapment risks. There are already more than 20,000 OverWatch devices in operation worldwide.

The latest version is now available for download and can be installed on existing systems along with new installations. The OverWatch 9 system stops the machine if it identifies the operator has moved into a potential entrapment situation. Improved accuracy of the system reduces false triggering and allows operators to move freely at the platform controls to view objects and hazards in the path while driving the machine.

Other features of the OverWatch system include the Prone Operator Alarm which escalates in frequency during a cutout until the operator moves and releases the controls; the lower and reverse functions are enabled after a cutout, allowing the operator to move themselves away from a risk; and the system start up announcement will now state the software version installed.

The improvements in the latest update have been driven by feedback from equipment operators and safety officers. EQSS will be exhibiting for the first time at Vertikal Days in the UK this September and will be demonstrating the system on its stand.



LIFTING TACKLE IN A BOX

UK based lifting and spreader beam manufacturer Britlift has launched a 10 tonne container lifting system that combines multiple components into a single package to serve companies which require occasional container lifting capabilities.

The system includes Britlift's T13 modular spreader beam which offers spans from 500mm to 6.5 metres with a maximum capacity of 13 tonnes, along with shackles, CLB container lifting lugs and polyester round slings with all components housed in a weatherproof lock box.



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MODELS	S0607E-2	S0808E-2	S0812E-2	S1012E-2	S1212E-2	S1413E-2
Max. Working Height	7.8m	9.8m/8m (in/out)	10m	12m	14m/9.5m (in/out)	15.8m/10m (in/out)
Platform Capacity	230kg	230kg	450kg	320kg	320kg	320kg



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RELIABILITY IN ACTION

TOWER CRANE AIRLIFT IN AUSTRIA

German crane rental company BKL Baukran Logistik has used a helicopter to assemble a TLS 60 14 Sáez tower crane at an altitude of 2,300 metres in Ischgl - a ski resort village in the Paznaun Valley in the Austrian Alps. Reaching the village with conventional heavy transport was simply not possible. The crane is helping with the construction of a new cable car station. Due to altitude restrictions the lift capacity on the helicopter was limited to 3.2 tonnes, requiring 15 flights in total, all of which were carried out on the same day.

BKL configured the crane without a cab and removed any non-essential components to reduce weight and the number of flights. Crane components were pre-weighted and marked, with tower sections partially assembled on the ground before final bolting during flight breaks. The service team secured the cross base on a pre-concreted surface to eliminate heavy base ballast requirements. Several trucks with shortened trailers transported crane parts to the flight departure point located further down the mountain at the point where they simply could go no further.

BKL Baukran runs 500 tower cranes, 130 All Terrain cranes from 30 to 700 tonnes and 30 mobile self-erecting tower cranes, from nine locations across Germany.



The components being delivered by helicopter



Assembling the crane



The tower crane almost fully assembled

FIRST LIEBHERR 440 HC-L

Liebherr has delivered its first 440 HC-L luffing jib crane to Irish contractor John Paul Construction. The new crane - installed on the Donore project in Dublin's south inner city - was purchased and delivered through local distributor Armorum.

Announced late last year, the 24 tonne 440 HC-L - 12/24 has a jib tip capacity of 3.9 tonnes at a 65 metre radius and a maximum free standing height of 76.4 metres. Features include a new EMS-4 control system, a 12 inch display screen with the Tower Crane Operating System (TC-OS), and a redesigned counter jib system with enhanced safety features and more efficient assembly. Other features include Load-Plus, Micromove, and electric wind release.

In total there will be six Liebherr cranes on site, a collaboration between the Land Development Agency and Dublin City Council to deliver 542 new homes. Founded in 1949, John Paul Construction purchased its first Liebherr crane around 50 years ago and operates from offices in Dublin, Cork, Galway, London, Amsterdam, Riyadh and Bahrain.

First Liebherr 440 HC-L



DYNAMIC QR ACCESS

Telehandler manufacturer Magni TH has launched Magni Assist, a QR code based technical support system. Every Magni now features a unique QR code on the cab which is activated before shipping. The code is linked to the machine's serial number providing access to information specific to that unit.

Scanning the QR code with a smartphone or tablet provides access to the machine's data sheet along with video tutorials, digital manuals, routine checklists and safety information specific to that serial number. The system provides updated resources without requiring additional app downloads or software installations.

Go to <https://app.magnith.com/ejcds-767sm-w33h6-3ws48> to test an example of Magni Assist



NEW AI TOOLS FROM MCS

MCS Rental Software has launched MCS AI Insights, a collection of Artificial Intelligence tools designed to support rental companies with solutions for daily operations, focusing on efficiency and decision making processes.

The initial tool is the 'Equipment Manual Assistance' feature which enables users to access equipment manuals through language/voiced queries, designed to reduce time spent searching through documentation. The tool operates alongside MCS eScan technology, providing access to equipment documentation via QR codes placed on machinery. Users can then receive operational guidance, safety information and maintenance instructions through the AI-powered interface.

HAULOTTE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

French aerial lift manufacturer Haulotte is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and kicked off its events with an open day at its UK base for customers and suppliers.

In addition to the festivities there were demonstrations of machines and new technology, including the Fastn harness attachment safety system and Sherpal telematics. The Pulseo range of all electric work platforms were also on show with the company announcing that two brand new models will be unveiled at the Vertikal Days in September. More on Haulotte's 40 years in future issues of Cranes & Access.



A tour of the facility was included for all attendees

FIRST FIBRE CRANE IN SPAIN

Steel maker ArcelorMittal has installed a 40 tonne Liebherr 1188 EC-H Fibre tower crane at its Gijón facility in Spain to assist in the construction of an electric arc furnace.

The company claims it is the first time a fibre rope equipped tower crane has been used in the country.

Fibre rope not only weighs less than steel rope, but the manufacturer claims that it provides up to four times the service life along with reduced maintenance.



The crane in operation at the Gijón facility

HARD HAT FOR ALL

Quebec based Canadian engineering and project management company AtkinsRéalis has introduced an all new hard hat - the V-Gard 930 - to provide head protection for a diverse range of hair types and styles including religious headwear.

AtkinsRéalis' surveyor Laurienne Buhinja said: "As a black woman with braided hair, I found the conventional 'one size fits all' hard hat was not fit for purpose and provided considerably less protection as a result. Construction workers these days are not all one standard size, shape or gender, and PPE equipment supplied needs to reflect that."



The new hat is designed to fit all hair types



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FINANCIALS ROUND-UP

Alimak has reported a half percent fall in revenues to SK3.5 billion (€314.2 million) but order intake increased 5.9% to SK3.72 billion (€332.1 million) and pre-tax profits jumped 36% to SK495 million (€44.1 million) thanks to lower cost of sales and reductions in operating expenses. Net debt was cut by 17% to SK2.65 billion (€236 million)



Hiab has reported first half sales of €814 million, down four percent on last year with services now making up 29% of Hiab's revenue. Order intake increased 3% to €55 million, leaving the order book/backlog 14% lower at €556 million. Pre-Tax profit was flat at €123.1 million.

A TIME FOR ACQUISITIONS...

Mateco acquires Sergruco

Mateco España, the Spanish operation of Belgian owned German rental group Mateco, has acquired crane and access rental company Sergruco from owner Miguel Pérez in an all share purchase deal. No details of the transaction have been released.

Established in the late 1990s as a crane and transport business, Sergruco is based in Teruel, roughly half way between Zaragoza and Valencia, and runs a 700 unit rental fleet including aerial work platforms, a full line up of fixed frame telehandlers and a crane fleet with All Terrains up to 160 tonnes, as well as earthmoving equipment and cabins. Revenues are in the region of €7.5 million with 30 employees across the two locations.



Mills acquires Next

Brazilian rental company Mills has acquired the equipment and rental operations of Next Rental Locações and its wholly owned subsidiary Linha Amarela Rental including all equipment and contracts but excluding its debt, for R\$180 million (€28 million.)

Next Rental is a subsidiary of Pesa Empilhadeiras (Paraná Equipamentos) the Caterpillar distributor for southern Brazil. Next focuses on the rental of Cat earthmoving equipment, forklifts, generators and a few aerial work platforms covering 14 Brazilian states. The transaction includes 738 machines which are managed by 210 employees.



Alimak to acquire Century

Swedish mastclimber and hoist manufacturer Alimak is to acquire the sales & service division of Webster, Texas based hoist sales and service company Century Elevators from BrandSafway. Established in 2009, Century offers a wide range of permanent rack & pinion industrial elevators, as well as transport platforms. The company is a Pega hoist and Böcker dealer and the acquired division had revenues last year of around \$9.7 million. The Century business was acquired by BrandSafway in 2019, which will retain Century's rental division. No details of the transaction have been published.



Ritchie acquires J.M. Wood

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers has acquired Alabama based J.M. Wood Auction which was founded in 1973 by Malcolm and Brenda Wood and is one of the leading equipment auction houses in the USA with a strong base in Alabama and the surrounding states. The current leadership team will remain on board and Ritchie has said that it intends to maintain J.M. Woods Alabama location, in person auction format, staff and culture.



Platinum Elite acquires Equip Rasen

New UK company Platinum Elite Holdings has acquired agricultural parts, component, tools and battery supplier Equip Rasen. The business will be rebranded as Equip Global Supplies with plans to introduce a new battery distribution division under the name EGS (Equip Global Supplies) which will be managed by John Richards, the co-owner and managing director of Platinum Elite Holdings. Richards is a previous sales director of battery distributor Platinum Batteries/ Platinum International the activities of which were taken over by Alliance Automotive.



...AND JOINT VENTURES

Empire/Ellevo JV

US based Empire Energy and UK based Ellevo have established a joint venture to provide lifting and transport consultancy services for the offshore wind industry across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and South America. The partnership will operate as Empire Energy-Ellevo and covers early stage reviews, engineered lift planning, lifting operations management, inspection and verification, third party assurance and consultancy.

Ellevo was established in 2023 by Jordan Kelly and John Baker and earlier this year set up a joint venture with Petrofac Qatar (Petro-Q) to provide heavy lifting and transport solutions in Qatar. Empire Energy is based in New York and already has a partnership with Sarens, covering projects in Europe, Asia, the US, but not Australasia.



Manitou/Hangcha JV

French telehandler and aerial lift manufacturer Manitou and Chinese forklift and aerial lift producer Hangcha have signed an agreement to create a joint venture to manufacture and distribute lithium-ion batteries in France. An existing site in Le Mans will be home to the new business. The deal is subject to European approvals.

The business will operate independently from either company and plans to address the growing lithium-ion battery market. The move also supports Manitou's 'Lift' roadmap to expand its electric product range to 28 percent of all sales by 2030.



FOUR 1,850T LIFTS

Belgian international heavy lift company Sarens recently carried out four 1,850 tonne lifts at the Wergeland base in Gulen, Western Norway, using a 2,500 tonne Liebherr LR12500-1.0 crawler crane. The job involved lifting four foundation blocks - each weighing 1,850 tonnes and measuring 25 metres high by 27 metres wide - out of the water and onto the quay. They were then lowered onto supports ready for SPMTs to load and transport them to a recycling facility.

The LR12500-1.0 was rigged with 80 metres of main boom and 1,240 tonnes of Superlift counterweight at a 35 metre radius. In this configuration the crane could handle the load at a radius of 25 metres with a hook height of around 72 metres. The company also provided a 2,000 tonne shackle to connect the hook and rigging.

The LR12500-1.0 prepares to lift one of the four footings



JEKKO PARTNERS WITH TRACKUNIT

Italian spider crane manufacturer Jekko has formed a partnership with Danish telematics company Trackunit to develop J-Link, a fleet management and monitoring system for its range of spider and pick & carry cranes.

The system will provide real time fleet management, machine monitoring and predictive maintenance through data analysis, allowing operators to track and geolocate machines and monitor their operating status.

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- Ireland's **RMP Hire** has taken 20 **Zoomlion** work platforms
- Germany's **dship Carriers** has ordered eight **Liebherr** LS 250 heavy lift ship cranes
- Atlas cranes & excavators has appointed **Glenn Frey** as head of marketing 
- UK's **Flannery Plant Hire** has taken 220 **JCB** machines 
- UK's **John Sutch Cranes** has taken a 60t **Sany** SAC600E All Terrain
- Austria's **Jüly Abfallservice** has taken a **Liebherr** T 60-9s telehandler 
- **Elevah/Faraone UK** has appointed **Angela Evans** as business development manager 
- UK's **Cadman Cranes** has achieved net zero status for Scope 1 and 2 emissions
- **Brigade Electronics** Benelux has marked 15 years in business
- Singapore's **Peck Tiong Choon** has taken a 120t **Liebherr** LTM 1120-4.1
- **ALN Carpentry & Joinery** has taken the UK's first 4.5t **Klaas** K2500 truck crane
- Norway's **Sorby Utleie** has purchased multiple **Leguan** spider lifts
- UK's **Hire Safe Solutions** has ordered a large number of **Magni** telehandlers 
- **Peter Steel**, a former director of **Coles Cranes**, has died 
- Germany's **Gebäudereinigung Wasserle** has taken a 26m **BlueLift** SA26 spider
- Saudi Arabia's **Ms Nasser Al Hajri** has taken 34 **Magni** telehandlers
- Brazil's **Super Terminais Comercio e Industria** has ordered three **Konecranes** **Gottwald** ESP.10 cranes
- US's **Alpha Welding and Boat Repair** has taken a 90t **Liebherr** LRT 1090-2.1 RT 
- US rental company entrepreneur **Ralph McCurry** has died 
- Germany's **Rothmund und Montage** has taken a fourth 230t **Liebherr** LTM 1230-5.1
- UK's **Elliot's Builders Merchants** has acquired **New Forest Hire**
- **Orascom Services** has sold the first two 60t **Grove** GMK3060L-1 to arrive in Egypt
- **Niftylift's Nick Fox** completed a 200km+ ultramarathon in memory of **Brailor Cuevas**
- Germany's **Würzburger Kranverleih** has taken a 100t **Liebherr** LTM 1100-5.3
- **AER Rents** in the UK has ordered 50 **Sany** machines

■ UK's **Access Platform Sales (APS)** has appointed **Andy Bray** as managing director



Andy Bray

■ UK based **APS** has launched an online parts shop

■ Italy's **Multitel Pagliero** has appointed **Utilben** as its dealer for Romania

■ **Associated Terminals** in the USA has taken two 105t **Liebherr** CBG 500 E transshipment cranes

■ **Imer Access** has appointed **Reinhard Sebulke** as after sales specialist in Germany



Reinhard Sebulke

■ **Speedy Hire** in the UK has formed a charity partnership with **Prostate Cancer UK**

■ Switzerland's **Interkran** has taken a 250t **Tadano** AC 5.250-2 All Terrain

■ German crane companies **Richter Kran**, **JenKran** and **GuR Saalfeld** have jointly taken three new **Liebherr** cranes


■ UK's **Elavation Platforms** has taken four **Hinowa** spider lifts

■ Taiwan's **Dong Fang Offshore** has purchased a 250t **Huisman** knuckle boom crane

■ China's **LiuGong** has added **Dragon Plant Sales** and **Lloyd** as UK dealers

■ Germany's **Müller Maschinen** from Hildesheim has joined **Partner Lift**

■ Germany's **Sühlfleisch** has taken an 18m **Platform Basket** 18.95 spider lift

■ UK based **Bennetts Cranes** owner **Edward Seager** has died 

Edward Seager

■ Netherlands' **Roll Group** has opened a new operation in Saint Gabriel, Louisiana


■ Italy's **Omec Noleggi** has taken four 17m **Multitel** MXE 170 platforms

■ **Hiab** has announced plans for a new UK headquarters

■ Scotland's **Palmer & Co** has taken delivery of a 57m **Ruthmann** T570

■ UK's **MEB Crane Hire** has taken a new 6t **Böcker** AK 42 truck mounted crane

■ **Merlo America** has teamed up with **First Citizens Bank Equipment Finance**

■ Dutch company **Van Schaften** has appointed **Ralph Disveld** as sales manager 

Ralph Disveld

■ **Multitel** has appointed **Jøma Lift Teknik** as its dealer for Denmark

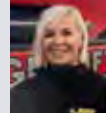
■ South Africa's **Schoeman Crane Hire** has taken a 100t **Grove** GMK4100L-2

■ **Genie** has appointed **CherryPicker Shop** as an authorised parts provider in the UK

■ Argentina's **Transportes Crexell** has taken five **Liebherr** cranes, including the country's first electric crane

■ **TVH** has launched a new division 'Glassinter' for industrial cab glass replacement products


■ Malaysia's **Ban Ngai Rent** has taken its 1,000th **Noblelift** scissor lift

■ UK access industry veteran **Linda Betts** is retiring after 33 years in the industry 

Linda Betts

■ The **Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEAA)** has formed a regional council in Southeast Asia

■ Germany's **Jandt** has celebrated its 75th anniversary

■ Austria's **Braunshofer Arbeitsbühnen** has joined **Partner Lift** 

John Chandler

■ **Sinoboom** has appointed **John Chandler** as UK general manager

■ UK's **Marsden Crane Services** has taken a 50t **Liebherr** LTC 1050-3.1 compact city crane

■ **Easy Lift** has appointed Finland's **Simeri** as its distributor for the Nordic region

■ Ireland's **Allen Crane Hire** has taken a 300t **Tadano** AC 6.300-1 All Terrain

■ **AXCS** in the US has appointed **Paul Michaels** as group product manager 

Paul Michaels

■ Austria's **3W Handelsgesellschaft** has taken an 18m **Ruthmann** BlueLift SA18HB spider

■ **Access Alliance** held its directors' meeting at **JCB** headquarters in the UK

■ Germany's **Mikschl Autokrane** has taken two new **Liebherr** All Terrains

■ UK's **Select Plant Hire** has ordered nine **Skyjack** electric/hybrid boom lifts

■ Ireland's **Liffey Crane Hire** has appointed **Keith Molloy** as sales manager 

Keith Molloy

■ **Liebherr** has purchased 133 acres of land alongside its Ebingen plant for expansion


■ UK's **KM Developments** has taken a new 1.5t **MiDi** LS15.17A-RD trailer crane

■ Bangladesh's **Chittagong Port Authority** has taken a dozen 35t **Grove** RT540E RTs

■ **Sinoboom** has launched the 43ft AB13ERJN and 48ft AB15ERJN Narrow boom lifts

■ **Manitou** has appointed Bogotá based **Chaneme** as **Gehl** dealer for Colombia

■ UK's **Wire Cranes** has taken a 230t **Liebherr** LTM 1230-5.1

■ **Noblelift** has appointed **Oscar Polanco** as access manager for the USA & Canada 

Oscar Polanco

■ UK's **APL** has taken the first four 49ft **Dingli** BA17NE booms in the UK, part of a 100 unit order

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