

TEREX CRANES SALE COMPLETES

The sale of the Terex Crane business - tower and Rough Terrain cranes - to tower crane manufacturer Raimondi/KBW Holding has completed. The combined companies will be held by sister company Arada Industries - part of the Arada group - a developer and holding company established by KBW owner prince Khaled bin Alwaleed and sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed Al Qasimi.

The deal includes the Terex Tower Crane plant in Fontanafredda, and the Rough Terrain facility in Crespellano. It will also include the Terex North America Cranes service and support operation in Wilmington, North Carolina, but does not include the Franna business, which is part of Terex's Materials Processing division.

Raimondi chief executive Luigi Maggioni said: "This transformative move marks the most significant acquisition in Raimondi's history, and is a milestone into our journey to become a fully fledged global lifting conglomerate. Terex Cranes along with their US service hub, will enable Raimondi to take its first major step toward diversification."



NEW PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR PLATFORMS

US/UK based Tapeswitch has launched a new anti-collision system for aerial work platforms dubbed HaloProtect. It is said to provide 'rapid-response collision protection' to help avoid equipment damage from platforms working near an aircraft fuselage or other delicate structures, while also minimising operator risk.

The system - produced at the group's plant in the UK - combines Tapeswitch's ribbon switch technology with heavy duty replaceable urethane bumpers and a built-in failsafe control system. While it has been designed and engineered to stop platforms immediately on contact with an obstacle it can also help with avoiding some forms of operator entrapment.

Tapeswitch business development manager Blake Shields said: "Many safety products only tackle part of the problem. HaloProtect brings together collision prevention, operator safeguarding and compliance into a single, easy to install system. For Aviation MRO - Maintenance, Repair, and Operations - teams and rental fleets alike, it offers a smarter way to reduce damage, downtime and risk."



The HaloProtect system installed on a 19ft scissor lift

TEREX TO MERGE WITH REV AND SELL GENIE

Terex has entered into a definitive merger agreement with the Rev group, in a stock and cash transaction. As part of the agreement the merged company will look to sell or seek a separate listing for Genie while retaining the Terex Utilities operation.

When the merger/acquisition has been completed Terex chief executive Simon Meester will become chief executive of the combined company. Terex will have seven seats on the board while Rev will have five. The deal is expected to close in the first half of next year.

Terex shareholders will own 58 percent of the combined business which will continue to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange as Terex (TEX). The merged business will have revenues in the region of \$7.8 billion - \$5.4 billion from Terex and \$2.4 billion from Rev. Publicly quoted Rev manufacturers and sells specialty vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks and Recreational Vehicles.



CRANE DUMPING COMPLAINT

Four crane manufacturers - Liebherr, Manitowoc/Grove, Tadano and Sennebogen - and the German equipment manufacturer's associations VDMA and Intralogistics Association have filed an anti-dumping complaint with the European Union, asking it to investigate its claims that a number of large Chinese crane manufacturers have been using unfair tactics to infiltrate the European market for All Terrain, Rough Terrain and Crawler cranes - or to be more precise, mobile cranes of more than 30 tonnes capacity.

The complaint said: "European manufacturers not only meet EU and global environmental and data protection standards, but they have invested to improve substantially the safety and performance of mobile cranes while providing quality and value for their customers. The unfair trade complaint emphasises the need for Europe to preserve the viability of this strategically vital European industry and avoid future dependence on non-EU suppliers."

Each of the participating manufacturers issued a statement. Aaron Ravenscroft of Manitowoc said: "We believe in fair competition and have urged the European Commission to address the material injury to European industry caused by the dumping tactics of Chinese exporting producers. We call on the Commission to restore a level playing field across the EU."



TWO NEW BRAVI PLATFORMS

Italian low level platform manufacturer Bravi has launched two new low level platforms - the Leonardo HD 430 and the Residential 170.

HD 430

The HD 430 is very similar in design and look to the popular Leonardo HD but offers a 6.3 metre working height compared to the HD's 4.9 metres. The platform capacity however, is a little lower at 180kg rather than the HD's 227kg, and it is 120kg heavier at 680kg.

The overall stowed dimensions - 760mm wide by just under 1.2 metres long - are the same as the HD, although the 430 is very slightly higher when stowed at 1.76 metres. One key difference is that the HD 430 does not feature dual deck extensions, having a simple 1.15 metre fixed length platform compared to the HD's 1.7 metre fully extended platform.

Residential 170

The Residential 170 mast type self-propelled platform has been specifically designed for residential job sites. It has a maximum working height of 3.7 metres and a maximum platform capacity of 180kg/one person in the 1.9 metre by 590mm platform.

The 170 has similar styling and build quality to the highly popular 4.9 metre working height Leonardo HD, but it only weighs 360kg, and has both self-propelled and push around modes. The new model has an overall length of 1.15 metres, an overall width of 667mm and a stowed height of 1.75 metres, at which point it can be driven at its maximum speed of 3kph, or 0.6kph when elevated. The platform can also be equipped with Bravi's 'Solo-Gyps' attachment for drywall panel handling and installation.



50,000TH LIEBHERR CRANE

German rental company BKL Baukran Logistik has purchased the 50,000th crane - a 300 tonne LTM 1300-6.4 - to be manufactured at Liebherr's Ehingen facility.

Liebherr Ehingen was established in 1969 as a sole proprietorship of founder Hans Liebherr to build mobile and ship cranes. It delivered its 20,000th crane in 2006, its 30,000th in 2014, and its 40,000th in 2020.

The first 500 tonne plus crawler crane shipped in 1978, and from 1980 onwards the company concentrated on mobile cranes, with ship, offshore and container cranes transferred to Liebherr Nenzing. By the mid 1980s, truck crane production had fully switched to All Terrains. Today, Liebherr Ehingen builds around 2,000 cranes a year.



JLG UPDATES 360 TELEHANDLERS

JLG is updating the range of 360 degree telehandlers, built by Dieci, that it sells in certain markets - mostly North America - and introducing a new, higher capacity 30 metre/97ft model - the 6,000kg/ 30 metre R13100 - which replaces the 5,000kg/30 metre R11100.

The R13100 is based on the Dieci Pegasus 60.30 with a maximum lift height of 29.6 metres and joins two other 6,000kg JLG models in this range, the 20 metre R1370 and 24 metre R1385. All three share an almost identical base configuration, and the same two speed, stop to shift hydrostatic transmission, while the R13100 features a more powerful engine.

All models in the range include:

- ClearSky Smart Fleet, two way fleet management and communication platform
- Redesigned counterweight with integrated lights
- A standard remote controller with integrated mounting and improved joystick controls.
- 'Woodcracker Ready' for the Woodcracker CS750 Smart grip tree saw option.
- Automatic Attachment Recognition
- Load Management Information System
- Load Stability Indication



450 MANITOUS FOR ARDENT

The UK's largest telehandler rental company Ardent Hire Solutions has placed a £40 million order for more than 450 new Manitou telehandlers, the largest single order ever placed with Manitou UK and almost half of Ardent's annual fixed frame telehandler purchases.

The order, part of the fleet renewal and expansion programme, includes fixed frame models from the four metre/2,000kg MT420 H sub compact to 18 metre/4,000kg MT1840s. Deliveries will get underway in January.

LIMITED EDITION BOBCATS

Bobcat has unveiled a limited edition model of its new V-Drive telehandlers. It says that it will only build 50 'Black' versions of its new 3,800kg/7m TL38.70HF and 4,300kg/8m TL43.80HF agricultural models which form part of its new V-Drive line launched earlier this year.

The new models include higher flow hydraulics with a larger, newly designed tank, and the V-Drive continuous transmission providing seamless acceleration up to 40kph with Bobcat's Maximum Speed Limiter and Stop/Start functions built in. The limited edition models feature 'Black' paint, black patterned cloth and leather seat covers with signature edition branding and individually numbered plates in the cab.



LIEBHERR MODERNISES BIBERACH FACILITY

Liebherr is investing a nine figure sum in the modernisation of its Biberach tower crane production facilities. The project will be carried out in five phases in order to avoid disrupting ongoing operations, with all phases due for completion by 2034.

The first phase involves the renovation and expansion of the current production plant. Initial investments include automated welding robots, a linked edge rounding system with robots, a metal processing centre and an assembly assistance system.

Liebherr's international tower crane production sites will also be integrated, with Pamplona in Spain focusing on bottom slewing cranes - largely regular self-erectors - while Pune in India concentrates on top slewing cranes. The Tower Crane Centre will relocate from Bad Waldsee to Bad Schussenried, with a new centre for rentals, repairs and testing.

The project will replace or renovate production buildings on Memminger Straße in Biberach southern Germany dating from the early 1980s. The modernised facility will be capable of manufacturing around 500 top slewing cranes, 200 mobile self-erecting tower cranes and 3,000 tower sections a year.

Development managing director Werner Seifried said: "We are building one of the most state of the art crane production plants in the world here in Biberach. The market is changing, competition is growing, and our customers' requirements are increasing."



A computer generated image of the new facility

SINOBOOM OPENS MEXICAN PLANT

In mid November Chinese aerial lift and telehandler manufacturer Sinoboom opened its new production facility in Silao, Guanajuato, Mexico, just 15 months after 'breaking ground'. The facility covers 186,667 square metres and will serve markets throughout the Americas.



Production will eventually include most of Sinoboom's slab and Rough Terrain scissor lifts, boom lifts and telehandlers. It has been designed from the start for intelligent manufacturing, with a high level of automation in areas such as welding, painting and assembly, with smart monitoring systems to maximise production efficiency and quality levels.

It has also been designed to have a low environmental impact, in terms of energy efficiency, along with minimal waste or emissions from paint and other processes. The company hopes that by 2028 it will have the capacity to manufacture up to 20,000 units a year.



At the opening ceremony

GENIE'S AI CHAT BOT

Genie has launched an AI powered chatbot - dubbed Genie Assist - designed to help service technicians locate machine information, manuals and documentation.

The tool is accessible through the company's MyGenieLift portal. It uses natural language processing to search all Genie manuals for torque specifications, wiring diagrams and safety notes, as well as bills of materials for specific units.

MAGNA'S TYRE SIZING TOOL

Crane and off road tyre supplier Magna Tyres has launched an online tool that helps simplify the search for available tyre sizes by rim diameter. The tool displays all of its tyres grouped by rim size.

The company said: "The new tyre sizes tool gives direct, structured access to all available Magna Tyres dimensions. By presenting every size clearly grouped by rim diameter, it will enable faster verification, reduce selection errors and support precise planning, especially when managing diverse fleets. In summary, it is designed to minimise guesswork and provide immediate clarity on compatible options."



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AINSCOUGH ALERT

Following an initial investigation, the UK's leading crane rental company, Ainscough Crane Hire, has issued a statement relating to an incident last month in which a counterweight dropped into the road from an All Terrain crane. The edited statement below aims to alert crane owners & operators to take steps to avoid it happening to them. The full statement can be found on Vertikal.Net

"On Wednesday, 29th October, a Liebherr LTM 1100 Mobile Crane was travelling on the A249 Detling Hill, near Maidstone, when the rear fixed counterweight detached from the crane and landed on the carriageway.

Our investigations are ongoing, but the primary cause is that one of the main fixed counterweight securing bolts failed. This caused the counterweight to drop on one side, causing the failure of the other main fixing bolt due to lateral loading.

Whilst the crane in question was compliant with our policy of periodically inspecting, removing, refitting and retorquing all counterweight fixing and stabilising bolts, we have initiated a campaign to inspect the bolts on all cranes with fixed rear counterweight slabs, and are reviewing our criteria for this maintenance action in conjunction with the manufacturer."



BRITLIFT BOAT BEAMS

UK lifting and spreader beam manufacturer Britlift has developed bespoke lifting frames for UK specialist military boat and equipment manufacturer SubSea Craft.

The modular frame includes 12 lifting points and can be dismantled into four sections for storage and transport. Following the delivery of the first frame, SubSea commissioned additional frames for lifting engines and battery packs in its manufacturing and testing processes.

SubSea's lead boatbuilder, Ian McCabe said: "We use some pretty big lithium battery packs that fit into a very tight space in the craft, so we needed a special lifting frame built within highly specific tolerances, Britlift was able to deliver that. With the battery lifting frame, they worked with us to get it bang on, and it works perfectly."






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VERTIKAL FRAUD & THEFT ALERT

The Vertikal Press has launched a secure reporting system to highlight and perhaps help combat fraud and recover stolen equipment. The new platform allows users to report suspicious activity, fraudulent emails, phone numbers and scam attempts, helping alert other businesses to similar threats.

It also allows users to log the serial numbers of stolen equipment with the aim that anyone offering a machine or asking for spare parts for that unit, will be able to check the Fraud & Theft database to see if it has been reported as stolen.

Recent months have seen an increase in sophisticated fraud attempts in several countries, targeting sales & rental companies, ranging from fake purchase orders and payment diversion scams to impersonation of legitimate suppliers and customers. The reporting system aims to create a network of shared intelligence, enabling the industry to identify and respond to threats more quickly.

Users who have been targeted by fraud, have had equipment stolen, or have encountered suspicious activity are encouraged to visit <https://vertikal.net/en/fraud-and-theft> and complete the report form. All submissions are treated confidentially, and anonymity is available for those who prefer not to disclose their identity.

We hope that the information will alert the wider industry worldwide about emerging threats and patterns of theft and fraudulent behaviour. Its success though, will depend entirely on people using it, as until the theft section is well populated, it will be ineffectual.



LEE A CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The annual LEEA (Lifting Equipment Engineers Association) conference and exhibition was held at the Exhibition Centre in Liverpool's Dockland area, this month, followed by the annual LEEA awards dinner at Anfield, home to Liverpool Football Club.

A LEEA Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Chris Towne, chairman of construction and crane rental company Towne Group who stepped down from the association's board in November after 20 years of service having served in various positions over the years, including chairman, vice chairman, and chairman of learning and development.



THREE NEW MAGNI AGRIS

Magni has unveiled three new THA agricultural telehandlers, the 3,500kg/7m THA 3.5.7, the 3,500kg/9m THA 3.5.9, along with the more powerful 5,000kg/8m THA 5.8 L for cycle loading operations on farms and in recycling centres. The THA range will eventually run to eight models.

Standard features on the regular models include two speed electronic hydrostatic transmissions, reversible fans, a new configurable/customisable shortcut keypad, a more spacious cab, a full Load Moment Indicator or continuous load monitoring and LED lights.

The THA 5.8 L is equipped with a larger FPT engine and a reinforced boom nose to handle big buckets on continuous cycle work. Standard features include a fully suspended cab for operator comfort over long shifts and air conditioning.



PLATFORM PARTS ACQUIRES CPS

Belgian aerial lift spare parts and used equipment company Vertimac/Platform Parts has acquired a majority stake in UK replacement parts supplier CPS/Cherry Picker Shop, purchasing all of the shares held by Richard Tindale and family. Co-owner Tom Cribb retains his minority stake in the business and takes over the management of the business. Tindale, 65, will retire but will remain on call for a transitional period.

Based in northeast England, Cherry Picker Shop was established in 2020 by Tindale and Cribb to sell new and used platforms along with spare parts for discontinued product lines such as Simon. More recently, the two decided to change the trading name/brand to Cherry Picker Parts or 'CPS' to reflect and focus on the side of the business that was delivering the vast majority of its revenues. It was also appointed as a Genie Authorised Parts Provider earlier this year.

Vertimac was established in 2011 as a used equipment business and began shipping spare parts with its used equipment deliveries. In the years since, the parts business has grown into a major operation, to the point where in August it adopted the Platform Parts branding. CPS will continue to trade under its current identity but with the benefit of Vertimac/Platform Parts resources.



Mathieu Naessens of Platform Parts (L) with Tom Cribb

FINANCIALS ROUND-UP

Telehandler and aerial lift manufacturer **Manitou** reported revenues for the nine months to the end of September of €1.84 billion, 8% lower than this time last year, although parts & services revenue was 2% higher at €314. Third quarter revenues declined 4% to €568 million, however order intake for new equipment jumped 70% to €429 million, although this still left the order book 9% lower at \$1 billion.



JLG saw revenues for the nine months fall more than 17% to \$3.32 billion with telehandlers down 32% to \$830 million, while aerial work platform sales were 13% lower at \$1.65 billion. Operating profit plummeted 40% to \$402.7 million. The backlog/order book at the end of December was 66.5% lower at \$721.2 million. The full year revenue forecast is \$4.3 billion which represents a 16% decline on 2024.



Genie revenues for the nine months to the end of September fell 19% to \$1.97 billion, while operating profit plummeted 45.5% to \$93 million due to the lower volumes and product mix. Revenues in the third quarter were 13.2% lower at \$537 million, however order intake improved from \$83 million last year to \$582 million this year, leaving the order book/backlog down 32% at \$397 million. Full year revenue forecast is around \$2.1 billion.



Terex has also announced that it will seek a buyer for **Genie**, following its merger/acquisition of **Rev** group. **Terex** revenues for the nine months slipped 6% to \$4.1 billion, while pre-tax profits slumped 49% to \$209 million.



Loader crane manufacturer **Hiab** saw revenues for the nine months decline 6% to €1.16 billion. Order intake was 1% higher at €1.1 billion, the order book 12% lower at €557 million and pre-tax profit 7% lower at €161.8 million.



Danfoss Powered Solutions has acquired Italian hose fitting manufacturer **Hydro Holding**. It offers carbon and stainless steel fittings and adapters, hose assemblies and formed steel tubing with annual revenues of €60 million.



Manitowoc - which includes **Grove**, **Potain** and **National Crane** - reported nine month revenues of \$1.56 billion, down 1%. Order intake was 10% lower at \$1.47 billion, while the order book declined from \$742.1 million to \$666.5 million. The company broke even for the nine months, compared to a \$2.3 million profit this time last year. Third quarter revenues increased 5.4% percent to \$553.4 million, and order intake jumped 15.7% to \$491.4 million. Last year's \$7.3 million pre-tax loss was converted into \$7.5 million profit this year, thanks to the higher volumes and a reduction in operating costs.



Finnish aerial work platform manufacturer **Leguan Lifts** reported 50% revenue growth for its 2024/2025 fiscal year. Sales of new aerial work platforms totalled €22.5 million, compared to just under €15 million last year.

Danish rental company **Slagelse Liftudlejning** has acquired Aarhus based rental company **Liftservice** from owners Erik Jacobsen and Jens Dueholm who will remain on board as manager of Slagelse's new Aarhus branch.



UK based **Reactive Rentals** has filed for liquidation. Directors, Steve Skeates and Gary Sprecht instructed FTS Recovery to place the company into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation. Unsecured creditors are owed almost £2.4 million, many of them other rental companies, while secured creditors are owed just over £100,000. Reactive was incorporated in September 2022.



US based **Herc Rentals** reported revenues 21% higher at \$3.17 billion. Pre-tax profit however declined from \$334 million to \$16 million. Third quarter revenues improved 35% to \$1.3 billion, but pre-tax profits fell from \$160 million last year to \$38 million this year. The company has opened 17 greenfield locations so far this year.



Telehandler manufacturer **Wacker Neuson** posted nine month revenues of €1.63 billion, down 5.6%. Pre-tax profit declined 14% to €78.5 million while net debt was cut 34% to €258 million. Third quarter revenues improved 6.3% to €550.3 million.



Finnish reach stacker and straddle crane manufacturer **Kalmar** reported total revenues for the first three quarters of €1.25 billion, down 2% on last year. Order intake was 9% higher at €1.3 billion, the orderbook 1% higher at €961 million.



Tadano, which now includes **Manitex**, **Valla**, **Oil & Steel** and **PM**, saw nine month revenues increase 13.1% to ¥240.5 billion (\$1.56 billion), mostly down to the Manitex acquisition. Pre-tax profits were 8% higher at ¥17.8 billion (\$114.9 million), thanks to one off gains of ¥10.4 billion (\$67.5 million). 'Ordinary profit' was 54.1% lower at ¥7.8 billion (\$50.8 million) due to higher costs and higher interest charges etc.



German rental company **HKL Baumaschinen** has acquired **Aicheler Baumaschinen Service** which it will rebrand to HKL Centre Herrenberg. Founded in 1970, HKL Baumaschinen operates from 180 centres in Germany, Poland and Austria with a combined equipment fleet of around 160,000 units.

German spider crane and glass handling company **Uplifter** has appointed a preliminary insolvency administrator following an order from the Amberg District Court. The company continues to operate and trade while it restructures its finances or finds a buyer.





1,000 LIEBHERRS FOR MAXIKRAFT

German crane rental company MaxiKraft has taken delivery of its 1,000th Liebherr crane, 33 years after its first Liebherr crane arrived. The company was unable to name which of its new cranes was the 1,000th, as it typically orders and takes delivery of cranes in packages. The current crane fleet numbers around 200 units including both telescopic and lattice boom cranes with capacities from 30 to 1,000 tonnes. The company says that it typically replaces its mobile cranes every three years to keep up with technology and developments.

Founded in 1992 by Maik Kanitzky in Zülldorf/Herzberg, near Berlin, MaxiKraft opened five branches in its first seven years and has since expanded to five companies following the establishment of MaxiMum in 2000, Kranlogistik Sachsen in 2002, Kranlogistik Lausitz in 2004 and Treffler in 2019. It now operates from 26 locations with a team of 500 employees.

Maik Kanitzky said: "Highly qualified employees, reliable partners and innovative machines are the key factors for our success. Liebherr has been providing us with the technology and support for more than three decades."

MULTITEL'S GRAVITY LOWERING SYSTEM

Italian aerial work platform manufacturer Multitel Pagliero has introduced a new gravity lowering system on its new 71 metre MJE 710 truck mounted lift, developed in collaboration with Flodraulic Motion Systems.

The system uses a high precision proportional valve, which keeps the rod side of the cylinder filled with oil as the barrel side empties under gravitational forces, preventing cavitation or shocks while lowering the boom under load.

Giovanni Vaccari of Flodraulic said: "In simple terms, we control gravity. Normally, the cylinder must push to counteract the weight, but in this case the descent is intelligently regulated using gravity itself, for a more efficient, smoother, and safer system."

The first MJE710 has been delivered to Italian rental company Ciemme Noleggio, which ordered the new model 'on spec' and had some input on its design as the lead customer.



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

■ **Manitou** North America has appointed **Brad Boehler** as president



Brad
Boehler

■ UK's **DM Cranes** has taken its fourth **Liebherr** MK 140-5.1 mobile self-erecting mobile tower crane

■ **MCS** has partnered with **IPLICIT** to integrate rental management with finance software

■ Drinks can manufacturer **Ball Packaging** has taken a **Valla** V36R pick & carry crane

■ France's **Foselev** has taken delivery of an 80t **Grove** GMK4080L All Terrain crane

■ Austria's **Ponsold Dach** has taken a 133ft **Haulotte** HT43RTJ Pro telescopic boom lift

■ Sweden's **Kranpunkten** is expanding its fleet with 50 new boom lifts

■ UK's **Emsley Crane Hire** has taken a 13t **Kato** CR-130Rv City Type crane



Phil
D'Ath

■ New Zealand's **Agtrans Crane** co-founder **Phil D'Ath** has retired and a new leadership team has formed with **Phil Harrison**, **CJ Mahony** and **Logan Willemen**

■ Italy's **Ciemme Noleggio** has received the first 71m **Multitel** MJE 710 truck mount

■ Wind turbine maintenance company **GE Vernova** presented UK's **Forsyth of Denny** with its 'Best Performing MCU Crane company Award'

■ Germany's **Gerken** has taken a 250t **Grove** and a **Liebherr** MK 120-5.1 mobile self-erecting tower crane

■ UK's **Orion Access** has taken two 21m **Easy Lift** spiders and a 75m **Socage** truck mounted lift

■ Germany's **Wiesbauer** has taken its fourth 300t **Grove** GMK6300L-1 All Terrain

■ Switzerland's **Airnace** has taken a 125ft **LGMG** T38JE-2 telescopic boom

■ US's **Oz Lifting** has donated a second police dog to a police force in Iowa

■ The U.S. Army in Germany has taken delivery of a 17m **Oil & Steel** Octoplus 17 spider lift

■ Germany's **H&S Autokran** has taken its third **Tadano** crane - an 80t AC 4.080

■ Germany's **Schmid** has purchased a 37m **Palfinger** K370 KS truck mount



André
Wiemeyer

■ **Haulotte** has appointed **André Wiemeyer** as MD of **Haulotte Hubarbeitsbühnen** in Germany

■ **Bobcat** has appointed Germany's **RST** as an authorised dealer

■ Danish/Norwegian **JV BMS Stangeland** has taken 15 new **Sany** RT and AT cranes

■ Germany's **LMS** is adding new calibration centres in Norway, the Netherlands and Singapore

■ **Noblelift** has opened its new European headquarters in Germany



Jussi
Rautiainen

■ **Konecranes** has promoted **Jussi Rautiainen** to president of business & industrial equipment

■ Austria's **MBT Markus Kogler** has taken its fourth **GSR** truck mount, a 24m B240PX

■ Germany's **Herrmann & Wittrock** has ordered 72 **JLG** boom lifts

■ UK's **Allelys** has promoted **Richard Beardmore** to MD succeeding **David Allely** who becomes chairman



Richard
Beardmore

■ **Liebherr** has developed retrofit electric drive packs for older mobile harbour cranes

■ France's **Acces Industrie** has ordered a large number of **Tadano** AS-15MCJ boom lifts

■ Germany's **Schweri Autokrane** has taken a 45t **Tadano** AC 3.045-1 City Type crane

■ A man has died in Australia when the truck mounted lift he was driving struck and brought down a bridge

■ Africa's **Allied Crane Hire** has taken the country's first 700t **Liebherr** LTM 1650-8.1



Harri
Kervinen

■ **Magni** has appointed Germany's **Kunze** as an authorised dealer

■ **Dinolift** has appointed **Harri Kervinen** as sales director

■ **Haulotte** Germany has signed an agreement with forklift co-operative **Stapler Plus eG**

■ Italy's **Martin Gru** has taken delivery of a 27m **Multitel** MTE 270 EX truck mount

■ UK's **Mann Crane Hire** has taken a 50t **Grove** GMK3050-3 All Terrain

■ Germany's **Sahalift** has appointed **Kristijan Ivankovic** as regional sales manager Southern Germany



Kristijan
Ivankovic

■ **LGMG** has opened its Brazilian distribution business in Indaiatuba, São Paulo

■ California's **MEC** has appointed **Matt Lyons** as senior national accounts manager



Matt
Lyons

■ **Liebherr** has promoted **Simon Schuster** to divisional director of mobile and crawler cranes USA

■ Austria's **W. Reitingner** has taken delivery of its first **Imer** spiders

■ **Manitowoc** has opened a customer support facility in Bouaye, France

■ Italy's **Bettarini & Figli** has taken a 20m **Multitel** MXE 200 truck mount

■ **Tadano España** has appointed **Ignacio Español Escudero** as business leader



Ignacio
Español

■ Peru's **Grúas & Transportes San Lorenzo** has taken a 650t **Tadano** CC 38.650-1 lattice boom crawler

■ Italian contractors **CMB** and **Renco Group** have installed 17 **Potain** tower cranes across Milan

■ Germany's **Schmid** has taken a **Böcker** AHK 36e electric trailer crane

■ **GSR** has appointed Belgium's **Lauwereys** as an official dealer

■ Switzerland's **Laggner** has taken a 57m **Ruthmann** T570HF truck mount

■ **Gary Coke** of **Custom Equipment/AXCS** is to retire

■ Germany's **BKL Baukran** has taken the 50,000th **Liebherr** crane to be manufactured at **Liebherr**'s Echingen facility, a 300t LTM 1300-6.4

■ **Australia's Defence Force** has taken delivery of a large number of **Manitou** telehandlers and work platforms

■ UK's **KR8 Advisory** is offering to sell 13 fully equipped **HSS** depots

■ Germany's **Berning** has taken a 38m **Ruthmann** T380XS truck mount

■ US's **Boss Crane & Rigging** has appointed **Joel Thames** and **Kevin Hamilton** as regional managers, as well as taking two 100t **Grove** TMS 9000e's

■ **Hiab** is to acquire Brazilian loader crane manufacturer **ING Crane**

■ **Palazzani** has appointed **Lolex** as its spider lift distributor for all Ireland

■ **Chris Towne**, chairman of the **Towne Group** has received a **LEEA** Lifetime Achievement Award



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■ UK rental company **Reactive Rentals** has filed for liquidation

■ German spider crane sales/rental company **Uplifter** has appointed an insolvency administrator

■ **Sinoboom** has opened its new manufacturing facility in Silao, Mexico