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On April 17, 2012 space shuttle Discovery made its final voyage on top of its Boeing 747 carrier landing at Dulles Airport in Washington DC. New Jersey-based crane rental company J. F. Lomma used its 600 tonne Terex CC 2800-1 crawler crane to unload the Discovery for transport to its final resting place at the Smithsonian Institution Air & Space Museum. It then loaded the little known space shuttle Enterprise onto the carrier so it could be flown to its new home in New York.



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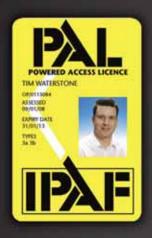


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The changing face of exhibitions

This issue of Cranes & Access should arrive shortly before the specialist event for lifting - Vertikal Days - opens its Haydock Park gates. While the show can only be described as regional, or even

local, as it caters principally to the UK and Ireland, there will be more cranes and aerial lifts on show and a larger number of manufacturers from the sector than at this year's big international show - Internat.

Who would have thought that could ever have happen?

Perhaps in this internet age buyers, specifiers and users are changing the way they look at events? Putting Bauma to one side as it defies all comparisons, there is definitely a strong trend towards smaller, less expensive and more specialist events such as Vertikal Days. The advantages are clear - visitors need not travel as far and they are able to see all the relevant equipment and suppliers without fighting the crowds of a larger more general event.

Specialist shows present unparalleled opportunities for networking meeting supplier staff, competitors and major customers - in a more intimate environment. Canny visitors know that these events can provide more information and contacts in a single day that would take two or three days at a larger show and with less risk of missing critical points of interest. Exhibitors, especially smaller companies see it as a cost effective alternative to an open day or a more efficient method of spending time with far-flung or occasional customers, in addition to the usual aim of generating leads which is increasingly becoming a web-based activity.

In developing markets there is of course still plenty of room for more general construction equipment events, where excavators appear alongside work platforms, given that the number of specialist buyers and users are fewer. However in the developed world genera construction equipment shows need to keep an eye on shifting trends and consider how best to adapt and exploit them.

Exhibits at this year's Vertikal Days include the latest equipment from all of the major and not so major equipment manufacturers as well as safety device and accessory suppliers, training companies, specialist software suppliers and the relevant industry associations.

So pray for sun, but bring an umbrella just in case and make sure that you come to Vertikal Days regardless. The Vertikal team will be out in force and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Mark Darwin

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Niftylift goes higher and smaller

Niftylift has unveiled two new self-propelled boom lifts, including its largest product so far – the 86ft HR28 Hybrid 4x4. The other new model – the HR15D - could have an even greater impact on the market, in that it is two tonnes lighter than most 45ft articulated boom lifts and more compact.

The HR28 Hybrid is also the world's largest battery electric powered boom, thanks to its hybrid power pack. The 28 metre working height machine boasts a class-leading 19 metre working

outreach with a three man - 280 to 300kg - platform capacity. Weighing just 14,500kg, the HR28 is more than a tonne lighter that most competitors and has an overall stowed length of around 7.5 metres with its articulated jib fully 'tucked under' without increasing travel height.



In Europe transportation on 26 tonne delivery trucks should be possible. Power options include diesel 4x2, diesel 4x4 or Hybrid/ Bi-Energy 4x4 with a full battery powered unit possible. Gradeability is 40 percent, platform rotation a full 180 degrees and jib articulation 150 degrees.

Niftylift HR28



The HR15 weighs 4,250kg, making it the lightest 45ft self-propelled boom on the market, and yet it still offers a working outreach of 9.2 metres and working height of 15.6 metres. The Tier 4 engine has a particulate filter to further reduce emissions and is currently offered in both 2x4 and 4x4 drive. The HR15D also comes with Niftylift's SiOPS and ToughCage as standard and will be available for delivery in autumn 2012. It will also be less costly than the unit it replaces, while its main running gear is common to the Niftylift HR17.



Two new Nanitowoc Dongyue cranes



Manitowoc has launched two new Dongyue truck cranes for the local Chinese market. The eight tonne GT8 and 10 tonne GT10A benefit from the improved design and production processes now implemented at the company's plant in TaiAn, Shangdong Province, including the move to Solidworks CAD software, finite element analysis and Design For Manufacture and Assembly methodology.

The GT8 has a 17.4 metre, three section full power main boom, plus a simple six metre swingaway extension for an overall lifting height of 23.9 metres. With this maximum combination, the crane can lift 1.3 tonnes to five metre radius.

The GT10A has a 19.9 metre three section full power main boom and using the same swingaway as the GT8 takes the total boom/extension length to 25.8 metres.

The two cranes have been designed with simplicity as their key feature however the new cab has been significantly improved to provide more comfort and better visibility. Top road speed is 74kph. Robin Zhang, production manager at Manitowoc Dongyue said: "Our previous eight tonne truck crane, the QY8, had 10 percent more tail-swing than competitors. But using DFMA and other design tools the GT8 has 20 percent less tail-swing than any other crane in the class."

Tower crane collapse - sentences given

Major UK contractor Bowmer & Kirkland was fined £280,000 and ordered to pay almost £200,000 in costs, following the Liverpool tower crane collapse in 2009, which permanently disabled the crane operator lain Gillham, 55. Structural engineer Bingham Davis was also found guilty but fined a nominal £1,000 as it is now in liquidation. See full report in Training page 61.

Terex takes 100% of Recom

Terex has acquired all of the shares that it did not already own in Italian luffing jib tower crane producer Recom. Terex took a 33 percent stake in October 2010 and it wasalways its aim to acquire the balance when the time was right. Privately held Recom is based in Belluno and was established in 2003 byFerruccio Moritsch, the founder of Comedil tower cranes which was acquired by Terex in 1999.

Recom luffing jib tower cranes have been distributed exclusively by Terex Cranes since 2008. Terex has also announced that it is transferring Recom production to the Terex Tower Cranes plant in Fontanafredda, Italy. See A family affair page 28.



Manitou UK marks 40 years



Manitou chairman Marcel Braud planted a tree at Manitou UK to celebrate its 40th anniversary with Henri Gallard (L) and Ivor Binns (R).

JCB and Bobcat join Vertikal Days

JCB and Bobcat are to make their first appearance at Vertikal Days this year. The addition of the two companies completes a very strong telehandler line-up which also includes Manitou, JLG, Terex/Genie, Merlo and Dieci. The event will be held on June 27th and 28th at Haydock Park.

HSS 'on the block'

The owners of UK-based general rental company HSS - Aurigo and Och-Ziff capital - have appointed Lazards to review potential options for the business, including a possible sale or flotation. At the same time Price Waterhouse Coopers has been retained to handle any due diligence work involved with a sale. The two companies paid £310m for HSS in 2007 and are likely to be looking for a significantly higher price now, given the improving market and company fortunes. HSS reported revenues of £180.2 million last year with earnings of £39.8 million. HSS has the third largest powered access fleet in the UK/Ireland with 4,217 units according to last year's C&A Top 30 rental fleet report. Lazard's says that it has already received expressions of interest from potential trade and private equity buyers.



C&a new Track mounted Omega/Fassi

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Dutch aerial lift manufacturer Omega Platforms has built two track mounted cranes for AG group of Norway for tunnel work. The first unit, designed and built at the end of last year, has proved its worth picking steel mesh rebar sheets from an on-board stack and placing them into the roof and walls of tunnels. The second unit has just been delivered.

The unit uses a Fassi F110.A24 loader crane, has an overall length of six metres, a width of 2.4 metres and an overall stowed height of just over three metres. The loading/carry deck is 2.4 metres wide for transport and can be extended up to 3.5 metres as required. The tracks are equipped with rubber pads and the unit has a maximum drive speed of five kph operated via radio remote controls. The sheet gripper head has 360 degrees continuous rotation and can articulate 190 degrees in the vertical plane and 45 degrees left or right in the horizontal plane.

Raptor launches at Vertikal Days

City Lifting will unveil a new version of the Swedish-built Raptor 84 articulated jib tower crane at this year's Vertikal Days. The new crane is structurally the same as the existing product, complete with its four metre out of service dimension.

However it includes a new winch speed monitoring system using 'Safety Programmable Logic Controllers' (PLC) where the speed achieved is constantly checked against the speed expected according to controller position and load. The system, which has been through an extensive development and test programme has been designed so that it could be retro-fitted to existing Raptor tower cranes.



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The new lift has a two section telescopic boom and articulating jib

New tracked boom lift

UK-based Skyking will launch a new 14 metre lift mounted on a Softrak cross country tracked vehicle at Vertikal Days later this month. The new product - based on Skyking's E140TJV van mounted lift which uses a GSR superstructure and offers 220kg platform capacity with 8.5 metres of outreach - has been developed in partnership with tracked vehicle specialist Loglogic and has a travel speed of 12mph/19kph, with exceptionally low ground bearing pressures.

A number of modifications have been made to suit the vehicle, including special levelling jacks and a sub-frame design. The unit, is aimed at the electricity distribution industry. Skyking says that it feels there is a gap in the market for a tracked platform which can be driven over reasonably long distances.



Two charged with negligent homicide

The owner of a trailer lift and the engineer who inspected it have been charged with Negligent Homicide in Norway, following a fatality in September 2010 in the town of Enebakk. The incident occurred when a 60 year old man rented a trailer mounted lift to carry out inspection work on church roof antennae at a height of 11 metres.

The chassis frame around the outriggers gave way and he fell to the ground, dying the following day from his injuries.

The 11 year old lift had undergone its annual inspection nine months earlier, however the engineer that carried out the inspection has been charged with failing to notice severe corrosion around the back of the chassis and the rear outrigger brackets. By September the problem was causing the outrigger interlock switches to 'trip' and the owner is accused of having ignored or overridden one or more switches to solve the problem, rather than shutting the unit down and having it checked out.

The 26 metre lift from Nationwide Platform made the job safe, fast and easy

ubilee celebrations

Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee celebrations created countless opportunities for crane and access companies throughout the UK. In Lutterworth, Nationwide Platforms helped the town council decorate the streets in preparation for a big street party by supplying a 26 metre truck mounted lift and operator.

At the other end of the spectrum Blade Access helped Westminster Abbey - scene of English coronations since 1066 - to inspect and repair its roof mounted flag pole at a height of 80 metres in preparation for both the jubilee and the upcoming Olympics. The job required the UK's largest truck mounted lift the Palfinger WT1000 to reach the flag pole on the north tower above the great west door after ladders or scaffolds on the roof were rejected on safety grounds.



ade's Wumag WT1000 reaches the flag pole on top of Westminster Abbey

The unit was supplied to a flagpole specialist, contracted to complete a full inspection and replace a damaged guide rope on the 13 metre high pole.



Several large truck mounted platforms were also used to help broadcast the event. AA Access supplied a number of lifts for the River Pageant, Concert and Parade including two 70 and one 46 metre Brontos and one 45 metre Ruthmann. At the Monday evening concert a 52 metre Bronto 52XDT one of four units from London-based Universal and Facelift - hovered over the crowds in the Mall to provide the BBC with footage of the stage in front of Buckingham Palace.

Hewden used a 100 tonne All Terrain crane to lift the Queen's 'Royal Barge' the tender for Britannia into the King George V Dock in London. The vessel was used to ferry the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to the Spirit of Chartwell for the 1,000 strong flotilla on the River Thames.

The 100 tonne AT was used to

lift the Queen's 'Royal Barge' into the King George V Dock, London



Multi-purpose spider

With the platform removed the unit is quickly converted to a spider crane

The main

boom and

14 metres.

introduced a multi-purpose spider lift/spider crane range. The new KB19-12 and 22-13 models combine a work platform, crane and tool handler with a common undercarriag giving maximum working and lifting heights of between 19 and 22 metres.

Italian construction equipment

manufacturer Cormidi has

When the KB22-13 is fitted with a platform, the four section main boom and double articulated telescopic jib offers a working height of 22.5 metres and an outreach of nine metres with a platform capacity of 200kg or 12 metres with 80kg. The lift also provides around seven metres of outreach at an up and over height of around 14 metres. The double articulation makes this an incredibly double articulated compact machine when stowed, overall telescopic jib offers weight in work platform mode is 3,100kg. around seven metres of horizontal outreach at With the platform removed the unit is an up and over height of quickly converted to a spider crane with a maximum capacity of 800kg. Alternatively other attachments

than a hook or a winch can be fitted to the boom.

allead for heights

including a glass panel handler, or hydraulic demolition breaker. In crane mode overall weight is 2,885kg. Further details on Page 17.

Oil&Steel strengthens UK distribution

Oil&Steel has appointed Manchester-based HSG Systems as its distributor for truck mounted and tracked spider lifts.

The agreement covers all of the UK and Ireland except for Scotland, which will continue to be covered by the Jackson group. HSG Systems managed by Peter Howell, David Gordon and Scott McCall - offers full sales, installation, spare parts and service support, from a purpose-built facility in Trafford Park, Manchester, backed up by an existing service network across the UK and Ireland.



Liebherr to launch LTM1750-9.1

Liebherr will announce details of a new 750 tonne All Terrain crane, the LTM1750-9.1, at its customer days in Ehingen, Germany in mid-June.

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The new LTM1750-9 will fit between the 500 tonne LTM1500-8.1 and the 1,200 tonne LTM11200-9.1

While Liebherr has confirmed nothing, the new nine axle AT has a relatively short 52 metre boom that looks heavy duty and appears to have been developed with wind turbine work in mind - specifically turbines with nacelle heights of between 90 and 100 metres. A heavy duty extension takes the hook height to 87 metres, while a short heavy duty luffing jib adds a further 18 metres to reach the 105 metre maximum hook height. Maximum counterweight is 204 tonnes. Full details in the next issue of Cranes & Access.

Cargotec completes Chinese JV

Cargotec and Jiangsu Rainbow Heavy Industries have obtained all the necessary approvals and formally established their joint venture -Rainbow-Cargotec Industries.

Cargotec has a 49 percent holding, for which it paid €30 million. As announced last July, the joint venture will build a new facility in Taicang, China to produce ship-to-shore cranes, rubber-tyred and rail mounted gantry cranes and marine specialty cranes.

76 tower crane order

Terex Cranes has won an order for 76 flat top tower cranes from PDVSA - Petroleos de Venezuela S.A.

The State owned company will use most of the cranes for a massive housing project that involves building 50,000 homes a year. The order is split equally between two models the CTT 161A-6TS and CTT 91-5 TS12 and will be delivered throughout 2012.



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Manitowoc displayed the first Grove crane off its new Brazilian production line at the recent M&T expo in Sao Paulo. The 59 tonne Grove RT765E-2 Rough Terrain was completed just 30 days after the company's new plant at Passo Fundo was opened and 60 days ahead of schedule.

The crane has been delivered to Brazilian rental company Makro Engenharia in Fortaleza, the first of an order for 32 cranes which includes 16 Rough Terrain and 16 All Terrains.

In another deal announced at M&T expo, local construction and engineering contractor Odebrecht ordered 13 cranes including five Grove YardBoss YB4400 pick & carry cranes; two RT890E and two RT540E Rough Terrain cranes; two Manitowoc 16000 and two 999 crawler cranes. Almost half of the order will be shipped to Venezuela and Angola.

China contract for Sarens SGC-120

Sarens is shipping its 3,200 tonne capacity SGC-120 to Nantong, China for the construction of a drilling platform.

The project at the Cosco Shipyard for Cheviot Octabouy starts in October and involves lifting several modules of the top-side drilling platform with a total weight of 15,000 tonnes. The heaviest module will weigh 1,300 tonnes. The SGC-120 is currently finishing a contract in Arizona, USA.



Advanced takes UK's first Ecostars



UK-based access rental company Advanced Access Platforms has taken delivery of the first 14 metre working height Holland Lift Ecostar HL11812 battery electric scissor lift in the UK.

The initial order is for six units, two of which will be displayed at Vertikal Days later this month. The 39ft platform height Ecostar 11812 is 2.34 metres long by 1.2 metres wide, weighs 2,900kg, has an extended platform of 3.3 metres with 300kg unrestricted platform capacity.

At the same time the company announced that it has ordered nine new Niftylifts including three HR17 Hybrid booms, four Skyjack SJ46 and SJ51 articulated boom lifts and two 40ft Genie GS4047 compact slap scissors.

LSI sets up in the UK

Canadian-based wireless crane instrumentation company Load Systems International (LSI) has opened a UK division, Load Systems UK based in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The new venture is headed by managing director, Kirk Anderson along with sales director Millar Kennedy and technical director Richard Legge. The



Aberdeen operation will be responsible for the European and Middle East regions for all crane products including safe load indicators, load cells, load links, load pin shackles, wind speed sensors, switches, running line tensiometers and ATEX Zone 1 certified sensors.

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300th Palfinger Cela for Collé moves

Dutch rental company Collé has taken delivery of its 300th Wumag/Palfinger platform.

The company has been buying Wumag truck mounted lifts for many years and has continued after it became part of Palfinger. Its fleet includes models ranging from the 20 metre WT200 up to one of its most recent acquisitions, the 103 metre WT1000.

50 Isoli truck mounts for Moscow

Italian truck mounted lift manufacturer Isoli, has confirmed the appointment of Automechanical Plant of Nizhny Novgorod as distributor for its vehicle mounted aerial lifts.



(L-R) Gabriele Valli of Isoli, Alexande Bulekov, who heads the work platform project for Automechanical, Alexander Nazarov the company president and Giammarco Isoli of . Isoli at the contract signing.

The five year agreement starts with the purchase of a minimum of 50 Isoli truck mounted platform kits in year one for local mounting and distribution. The partnership will initially focus on the 23 metre PNT 230 articulated and the 19 metre PT 19.9 telescopic, both on 3.5 tonne trucks. Automechanical employs 250 and specialises in vehicle conversions, offering a wide range of general freight, insulated and refrigerated vans, as well as trailers, semi-trailers and motor homes.

Valla and JMG settle

The on-going legal battle between Valla cranes and JMG and its owners has been settled. Valla took legal action against JMG - its former general manager Maurizio Manzini and his partner in JMG Emilio Berti in April 2010 - stating that it was seeking to protect its business and goodwill in respect of unfair competition. JMG countersued and the legal battle has been progressing slowly ever since. No details have been provided, but we believe that there were no substantial financial or product related concessions on either side.

Frans Colle takes delivery of the 300th Wumag/Palfinger from Stefan Kulawik of Palfinger Platforms

C&a into Russia

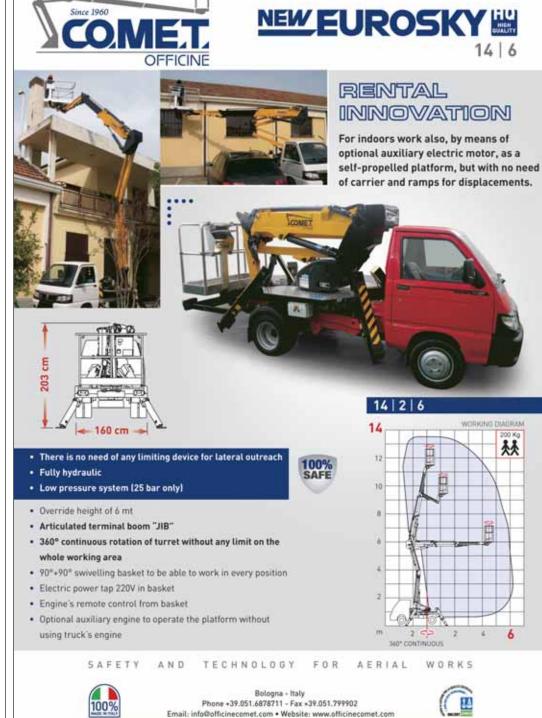
Italian truck and spider lift manufacturer Cela has appointed Cominvest-AKMT as its dealer for the Russian market. The two companies exhibited a 24 metre Cela DT24 at the recent CTT show.



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Andrey Troshin and Michael Orlov of Cominvest at CTT

Cominvest represents a wide range of manufacturers, has a major aviation/fire fighting division and is the distributor for Atlas loader cranes and Marchetti mobile cranes.



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Financials round-up

Record first quarter for Palfinger

Loader crane and aerial lift manufacturer Palfinger has reported record first quarter revenues of €223.9 million – up 16.9 percent. Sales in its largest market -Europe - improved 3.8 percent to €152.5 million, thanks entirely to higher sales of cranes and platforms. Pre-tax profits climbed 24 percent to €14.7 million.



UK Forks up 23%

The UK Forks division of rental company Vp reported revenues of £13.2 million for the year to the end of March, up 23 percent on the prior year, while operating profits climbed almost 37 percent to £1.5 million. The company also doubled its capital expenditure to £8.6 million in the face of very high first half utilisation. Other parts of Vp also did well, including Hire Station which increased revenues by 13 percent to a record £60.3 million, while operating profits grew 10 percent to £3.3 million.

Speedy bounces back to profit

The UK's largest equipment rental company has reported revenues of £329.3 million for 2011/12 down seven percent on last year. Revenues excluding disposals were £326 million, 4.5 percent up on the year. The company also managed to turn last



year's loss of £6.2 million into a pre-tax profit of £8.3 million. Net debt was reduced from £113.9 million to £76.3 million during the year.

Skyjack revenues double

The Industrial division of Linamar, a major part of which is Skyjack, saw its revenues more than double to \$141.3 million in the first guarter, primarily due, said the company "to significant increases in demand in the access equipment markets resulting from fleet replacement initiatives." In the same

period the division turned last into a profit of \$6.5 million.



Ramirent jumps 22%

First guarter revenues at international rental company Ramirent jumped 22.3 percent to £164.3 million with growth in all but one of the company's regions. The net effect was to turn last year's first quarter loss of €157,000 into a pre-tax profit of €10.67 million.

Kimberly places largest order

UK-based access rental specialist Kimberly Group has placed the largest order in its history with Genie for the supply of 69 units, including a number of larger articulated boom lifts. The order comprises multiples of the Z45/25, Z60/34, Z80/60 and Z135/70 booms for delivery within the next two months.

Fairview Crane now closed



UK-based crane rental company Fairview Crane Hire of Essex, has finally closed its doors and ceased trading as its directors focus on other businesses including Fairview Lifting Gear Services (FLGS). The company has been selling off its cranes and winding the business down over the past few months. And from the start of May the phone number for crane rental has been diverted to Chamberlain Crane Hire, which took over the phone and fax number, email address, some of the employees and a few of the cranes from the Fairview fleet.

A-Plant spends £24 million

A-Plant, the UK operation of Ashtead has placed orders for new equipment worth more than £24 million. The investment is the second phase of the company's £60 million capital expenditure programme for this year and follows a £26 million investment in September. The latest order includes telehandlers from JCB and around £7 million of powered access equipment, including scissors and boom lifts from Genie, JLG and Niftylift.

Tat Hong up 23%

Singapore-based crane and equipment company Tat Hong has reported full year revenues of s\$719.76 million (\$563.8 million) 23 percent up on last year. Mobile crane rental improved 22 percent to s\$225 million (\$176 million) gathering pace in the fourth quarter when sales were up 50 percent. Much of the increase came from Singapore and the surrounding area. The fleet increased from 573 units last year to 627 this year. Tower crane rental, which is mainly in China, was the slowest part of the business growing just three percent to s\$58.7 million (\$46 million). Pre-tax profits were up 43 percent to s\$58 million (\$45.4 million).

Manitex up 35%

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Revenues at boom truck and crane manufacturer Manitex climbed more than 35 percent to \$42.85 million in

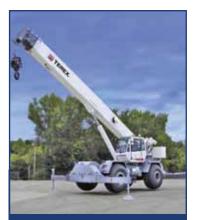
the first quarter thanks to increased boom truck sales, while pre-tax profits almost tripled to \$1.89 million.

Constellation acquires RentalMan

Canadian-based Constellation Software has acquired Wynne Systems, the owner of RentalMan software and its associate businesses, InfoManager and Wynne Europe from its current owner, United Rentals. Constellation made the acquisition through its Volaris division which is already in the rental software market through its company SBC. While terms have not been released we do know that Constellation has spent less than \$50 million on acquisitions so far this year - including the Wynne purchase.



Full analysis on all of these results, with commentary, can be found on www.vertikal.net



Terex delivers first Brazilian built RT

Terex Cranes has built and delivered its first Brazilian-built Rough Terrain crane. The 50 tonne capacity RT555 was assembled in the company's new facility in Cachoeirinha from a complete knock down kit shipped from its Waverly, crane plant in the USA. Once local component suppliers have been found and certified, the local content will be increased. Units built in Brazil will supply the entire region.

Keypad stops borrowers

Fit-out contractor Astins working on London Heathrow's Terminal 2A reconstruction has stopped the unauthorised use of its platforms, thanks to a high security keypad.

The company - using a fleet of 31 scissor lifts on a £10 million dry-lining contract at the terminal - found that machines frequently went missing as other contractors 'borrowed' them, causing serious disruption to work flow and efficiency. Astins successfully trialled KeyZone, from AFI's WorkZone division and is now fitting the device to all 31 units. KeyZone is a stand-alone device that locks and unlocks the machine's upper control functions and cannot be overridden even if the control box is replaced, making it one of the most secure keypads on the market. It also takes eight digit passwords, allowing for 100 million combinations, with up to 200 individual codes on each unit.



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Josh Marshall of Astins said: "Before the units were fitted, machines went missing on average every other day. We would leave a machine one evening and come back the next day to find it gone. We then had to search the site to find out where it had been left. This took up a great deal of time and exposed the machines to the risk of damage and unqualified use."

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Liebherr offers free wind training

Liebherr is providing free one-day training courses in the UK covering the influence of wind on crane operations.

The courses will be held at the company's training centre in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire from July 2nd to 6th. They are open to those who need to be able to determine when it is safe to lift, such as Appointed Persons and crane operators. There will be an emphasis on wind turbine erection, but the content will be applicable to all lift planning, involving loads with a large surface area to weight ratio and high drag co-efficient.





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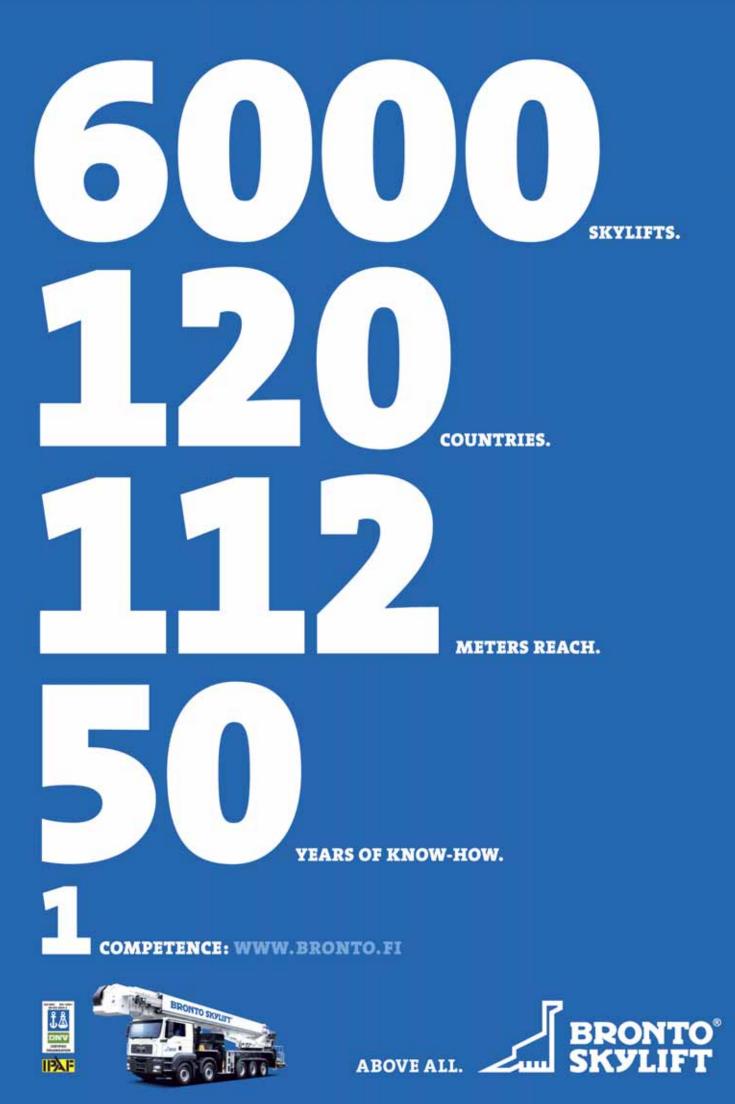
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- Oshkosh has promoted JLG president Wilson Jones to a new role, while Frank Nerenhausen takes over as president of JLG.
- Harsco has appointed Mark E. Kimmel as president of Harsco Infrastructure, succeeding Ivor Harrington.

Cavotec has developed a lightweight radio remote control unit for extended use.



- German crane company Franz Bracht has taken delivery of a new Liebherr LG1750 lattice truck crane.
- Norwegian rental company UCO, part of Skanska, has taken a large number of Bravi Leonardo HD lifts.
- Neville Kennard, the founder of Kennards Hire in Australia passed away on Sunday aged 74.
- New Zealand's McLeod Cranes has won a Department of Labour award for the best safety initiative.
- JLG has appointed Laurent Montenay as Geschäftsführer of its German distribution business.
- Tyre and rim manufacturer Camoplast Solideal has acquired the assets of Forklift Tires of Florida.
- Liebherr Nenzing has won Austria's State prize for Environment & Energy Technology, for its hybrid drive for cranes.
- MEC has appointed Jack Harwood as North American sales manager and Steve Gooding as a regional sales manager based in Seattle.
- Brazilian construction and engineering company Odebrecht has ordered 13 new cranes from Manitowoc.
- Thibaut Le Besnerais has been appointed global product director for the Potain tower crane line.
- Dutch access rental company BAC has celebrated 25 years in business with a big open day.
- Liebherr has supplied two SC350T straddle carriers to Peel Ports in Liverpool, UK.
- Dutch-based heavy lift specialist Wagenborg Nedlift Palfinger Platforms has supplied three P 220B has opened a base in Akersloot, north Holland.
- Rémi Deporte, global product director for mechanisms at Potain, has added self-erecting cranes to its responsibilities.



- Cargotec, owner of Hiab and Kalmar. has won a €55 million R&D loan from Deporte the European Investment Bank.
- Haulotte has celebrated 10 years in Brazil at the M&T exhibition in São Paulo.
- UK crane rental company Shires Crane Hire has celebrated 40 years in the crane business.
- Nylacast the outrigger mats to plastic sheaves • manufacturer has gained IS014001 accreditation.
- TCA Lift has delivered a Falcon FS290 spider lift to
- the Samsung engineering headquarters in Korea. Volvo Rents has acquired Action Equipment Rental

 of Las Cruces, New Mexico. MEC has moved Jim Tolle to a new role as vice president of international sales as part of a sales restructuring.



- Sky Aces has won a major contract for its tunnel US-based LGH has formed a partnership inspection platforms from Axima Seitha of France.
- Man Lift Manufacturing has appointed Tim Henrich as vice president sales and marketing and Joe Banks as vice president of operations and manufacturing.
- Nationwide Platforms' two new London 'super depots', which opened earlier this year are now fully operational.
- Neil Tomlinson marketing manager at UK scaffold association NASC is moving to a similar role at PASMA
- Rising soprano, Laura Wright, took to the air in a spider lift for her performance at the Queens diamond Jubilee.
- UK-based Cadman Cranes has taken delivery of its first Liebherr crane, a 70 tonne LTM1070-4.2 All Terrain.
- Ruthmann has appointed Time Ibérica as its distributor for Spain and Portugal for its truck mounted lifts.
- Romanian access rental company T&T Solutions has been declared insolvent and a trustee appointed.
- **IPAF** has announced the first speaker for the Europlatform 2012 in Edinburgh in September -Norty Turner.
- Scaffolding UK has opened a new branch in Hampshire operating under the name of Hampshire Scaffolding UK.
- Under-bridge inspection specialist Moog has delivered a custom lift for the Bucharest to Constanta highway.
- A New York judge has put an end to an attempt by tower crane erector William Rapetti to get his licenses back.
- For many years Irish based Height for Hire/Easi UpLifts has used a little man in its marketing, he now has a name - Alto.
- truck mounted platforms to Oslo Liftutleie, in Norway.
- A crane operator was stabbed to death by a rival operator for cutting rental rates in Coimbatore, India.
- Ian James of Bronto has successfully completed his trek to the top of Britain's highest mountain for charity.



- German access rental company Georg Winkelmann has taken delivery of more H.A.B booms and scissor lifts.
- Easi-UpLifts has taken delivery of the second 90 metre Bronto lift it purchased at Apex last September.
- Spider crane and lifting equipment specialist GGR is supporting this year's Help for Heroes charity rally.

with the Local 597 Pipefitters Union training facility in Chicago.

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- AEM has issued French Canadian versions of its aerial lift safety manuals for use in Quebec.
- Larry Lockwood, vice president finance for Terex AWP, has been appointed chief financial officer -Demag Cranes.
- Teupen has confirmed the appointment of Goscor Hi-Reach as its new dealer for Southern Africa.
- French access rental company Joly Location has added 13 and 23 metre Teupen spider lifts to its fleet.
- Genie and its Italian distributor CTE celebrated 25 years of partnership in May, at an event in Mantua.
- Tyco Fire says that it is mandating the fitment of SkySiren protection system on all boom lifts.
- Italian loader crane manufacturer Effer has launched a new business in the UK - Effer UK.
- Jim Banner a very popular, long serving and much respected heavy crane operator with Baldwins Crane Hire in the UK - has passed away.
- Strongco has reported first quarter sales up 11%, while profits have more than doubled.
- Manitou UK has appointed IPS as its provider of parts and service support for its direct access sales.
- Barin has supplied a compact ABC 60L under-bridge inspection platform to Hong Kong based New Motion.
- Don Ahern has been given an extension to its period of exclusivity to file a plan for Ahern Rentals to exit Chapter 11.
- Romanian rental company Industrial Access has taken delivery of the first JLG 510AJ boom lift built in Romania.
- The Spider division of SafeWorks has appointed James Finn as area director of its western region.
- Doosan has appointed Martin Knoetgen as president of Doosan Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



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James Finn

- The UK's Strategic Forum Plant Safety Group will hold an 'Open Meeting' at this year's Vertikal Days.
- Liebherr is offering free one day training courses in the UK on the influence of wind on crane operations.
- UK access rental company AFI has achieved a five star Achilles rating following a recent reassessment.
- Manitowoc Cranes has built a new facility to test and scrutinise the components that go into its cranes.
- UK-based Nationwide platforms is spending £23 million on 1,700 new aerial lifts and renewing 14% of its fleet.

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Is it a platform or is it a crane

Spider lifts are now more popular than ever yet despite this they still have a relatively low profile with end users. Even in the more developed markets such as Western Europe the product and its capabilities are still relatively unknown. Given the increasing numbers of manufacturers now offering them, coupled with the continued improvements and breadth of choice, manufacturers clearly also believe that the market still has a long way to go.

In last year's feature we commented that the spider lift like the spider crane - is a true marvel of engineering, with a diverse and highly developed product range. It is reliable and can provide a good financial return, way in excess of the more 'run of the mill' powered access equipment. And while a platform that could act as a crane (or vice versa) would certainly extend its appeal and versatility, only a few have gone down this route until now.

Testcentrum De Lille - manufacturer of the Giraf Track - unveiled its GT580 Compact Crane Concept at Intermat. While it is not a spider lift as such, the GT580-3C - which is still to be certified - might possibly edge in on some top end applications currently carried out by tracked spider lifts. The track mounted machine has a new three section boom and hydraulic winch, 7.8 tonne maximum capacity and 15 metre lift height. The capacity can be increased to 10 tonnes with an optional reinforced boom and it will also be available with a fixed or hydraulic luffing jib, with a maximum capacity of 3.4 tonnes at a height of around 21metres. It will also offer a fully integrated work platform with jib in order to reach working heights of 21 metres or more, giving the machine increased versatility.

But perhaps the first true spider lift/crane has just been launched by Italian manufacturer Cormidi known more for its mini-dumpers than its access equipment - with the introduction of its two model, multi-purpose KB-X P spider lift and crane range.

For many years Palazzani spider

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lifts have had the facility to be used as cranes with interchangeable winches/cages and with heights of up to 50 metres. However the Cormidi KB19-12 and 22-13 models are a little different in that they have been designed using a common base that can iust as easily be either a work platform, crane or tool handler, with maximum working and lifting heights of between 19 and 22 metres.

When the KB22-13 is fitted with a platform, the four section main

JLG's foray into the spider lift sector courtesy of Hinowa - which began in 2010 is finally beginning to reach the market

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boom and double articulated telescopic jib offers a working height of 22.5 metres and an outreach of nine metres with a platform capacity of 200kg (or 12 metres with 80kg in the basket). The lift also provides around seven metres of horizontal outreach at an up and over height of around 14 metres.

The telescopic double articulation jib also gives the unit some underbridge capability - reaching four metres below ground level with the ability to work directly under the machine itself. The double articulation also makes this an incredibly compact machine when stowed and the overall weight of the KB22-13 in work platform mode is 3,100kg.

With the platform removed the unit is quickly converted to a spider crane with a maximum capacity of 800kg. It can lift 500kg to about 16 metres or 450kg at a height of 12 metres with a five metre outreach/overreach. At its nine metre outreach at ground level lifting capacity is 400kg.

Alternatively attachments other than a hook or a winch can be fitted to the boom, including those requiring hydraulic power such as a glass panel handler or hydraulic demolition breaker. The crane model weighs in at 2.885kg.

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The KB range can either be controlled by the control box or by remote transmitter which displays the operating data on an LCD screen.

It can automatically adjust the engine power, optimising speed for smoother movements and includes auto-levelling outriggers.

Its IPSone telematics system is able to connect with Cormidi technicians to assist with trouble shooting or for owners to see usage patterns etc, while a data logger stores information and can highlight anomalies and misuse of the machine. Although these Cormidi machines are probably the most radical spider platform development, there have been many new spider products and developments introduced over the past year.

New range from Imer Access

Imer group division Imer Access recently launched a new IM R line of spider lifts with two new models, the 19 metre IM R19 and the 15 metre IM R15. Imer says the range will be extended to four models with the largest probably being a 23 metre at Bauma next year. Following the purchase of the Iteco brand in September 2009, Imer has been active in the access sector forming Imer Access early last year. Based near Mantua in Italy, Imer Access builds a range of products including indoor and outdoor self propelled scissors, articulated booms, truck mounted platforms on 3.5 tonne chassis and now spider lifts.

These new spiders should however not be confused with the LEM series of spider lifts – the LEM 1200 to LEM 2200 produced by Platform Basket for sister company IHIMER which will continue as a separate range. Having two different lines of spider lifts from one group is however an unusual situation.

The new IM R 15 weighs 1,980kg and has an overall outrigger footprint of 3.2 x 3.3 metres. Maximum platform capacity is 200kg although its maximum eight Imer says the range will be extended to four models with the largest probably being a 23 metre at Bauma next year.

metres of outreach is achieved with 120kg in the basket. The platform has 360 degrees (non continuous) slew and features include width-adjustable tracks. Transport dimensions are 4.85 metres long, 800mm wide and two metres high.

The larger 19 metre IM R19 has nine metres of outreach with 120kg in the basket but this is reduced to seven metres with 200kg. Wireless remote control is available as well as automatic leveling outriggers and adjustable tracks. Outrigger footprint is 3.2 x 3.3 metres and weight is 2,300kg.

Lightweight Cela

Italian platform manufacturer Cela launched two new spider lifts at Intermat in April, the 15 metre working height DT15 Spyder and the 24 metre DT24 Spyder. The DT15 is unusual in that it features a two stage highly versatile outrigger system. The unit is also lightweight - weighing just 1,550kg - with a compact 2.3 metre by 2.75 metre hydraulic outrigger spread which manages a five metre outreach with 200kg platform capacity. However, the outriggers have an easy to use manual telescopic extension which extends





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The DT15 is unusual in that it features a two stage highly versatile outrigger system and is lightweight at just 1,550kg.

the spread 550 mm each side. The unit has a clever automatic linked outrigger and load sensor which provides a separate working envelope for one, two, three or four outrigger extensions – when used over an extended leg the outreach increases to 7.5 metres with the 200kg in the basket. Up and over height is eight metres and the unit is capable of reaching 1.5 metres below ground level.

Largest in the three model range is

the DT24 Spyder which shares its boom with the company's 3.5 tonne GVW truck mounted DT24. The Spyder has a working height of 24 metres with 12 metres outreach and 14 metres up and over reach. Weighing 2,800kg the unit is relatively light, has a 4.8 metre by 3.55 metre maximum outrigger spread and has the added advantage of being able to reach 4.5 metres below ground level. While not quite in the growing '25



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metre' sector, we have added this machine to the comparison table (see page 22)

If you don't need that additional one metre of working height, the specifications of this machine look very impressive.

25 metre Multitel

One of the manufacturers offering a 25 metre machine is Multitel which uses the boom from its 25 metre MX250 truck mounted lift on the base of its smaller SMX225 spider to create the SMX250 its largest spider platform to date. The main

feature is its weight which at 2,660kg makes it the lightest in its class allowing it to be transported on a trailer towed behind a conventional 4x4 vehicle. Maximum outreach is 11.65 metres and features narrow and standard jacking. On narrow jacking the ootprint is less than three metres wide but the unit still has full 360 degree rotation. The boom configuration is also interesting in that it with its twin telescopic booms for some excellent up and over reach.





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Finally, JLG spiders are available!

JLG's foray into spider lift sector courtesy of Hinowa - which began with the surprise announcement at Saie, Bologna in 2010 of its' compact crawler boom' range is now finally beginning to reach the market. JLG has been extremely cautious, wanting to get every aspect of the range in place, with its staff fully up to speed on the products before taking orders. The aim is to ensure that the support for these product is not different than for its own products, but this has led to a somewhat long and drawn out process. Hopefully the wait will be worthwhile for JLG customers although it might be hard going for a while yet. Working heights range from two 13.8 metre units through 16.81 metres, 18.87 metres to the largest the 23.1 metre working height X23J.

the concepts and base machine of its entry level model, the Leo 13GT to the 15 metre market. It offers a working height of 14.7 metres, 7.6 metres of outreach and a 200kg platform capacity.

It employs the same anodised finish to its aluminium boom as the Leo 13 GT as well as the same platform, safety technology, fully automated levelling and cable remote controls. Additionally, tracks can be raised and widened for driving on sloping ground, where more ground clearance is required or even to reduce the overall machine height. Power sources include both diesel or gas engines and follows the launch of the higher spec Leo 15GTplus last September.

The Leo 15GTplus includes a Kubota diesel engine and a little more working height at 15.5 metres with an outreach of 7.9 metres thanks



The new Teupen Leo 15GT extends the concepts and base machine of its entry level model, the Leo 13GT to the 15 metre market.

Teupen overhaul

Teupen is well into its total overhaul of its smaller spider lifts with the introduction of the Leo 13GT and more recently the Leo 15GT at Intermat. The design and innovation in the Teupen products has made it the leading brand, although not the most prolific, that title is almost certainly still firmly held by Hinowa. However like all 'quality' products, they generally have a price to match which has allowed the more cost effective manufacturers to gain significant orders when selling against Teupen, particularly to larger rental companies which generally will not pay a great deal for additional features.

The new model essentially extends

to its improved stabiliser technology and articulating jib.

Other developments will include a new mounted Robin-Subaru gas engine generator with automatic speed control for the Leo 13GT and the fitting of Teupen's FuzzyIV controls to the Leo 30T and Leo 36T.

Omme compact

Danish spider and trailer lift manufacturer Ommelift's latest addition is a compact, yet heavy-duty 25 metre dual power articulated boom spider lift. The 2500 RXBDJ has a maximum outreach of 12.8 metres with a seven metre up and over reach. The fully unrestricted outreach is 10 metres with its full 200kg platform capacity. The lift mechanism



comprises a heavy duty dual arm sigma type riser, four section telescopic boom and a 1.4 metre articulated jib.

The overall transport length is 6.55 metres, but this can be reduced to 5.95 metres thanks to the quick disconnect basket. Overall width is 1.1 metres and overall height just over two metres. Total weight is on the heavy side at 3,950kg but working width (over the outriggers) is 3.75 metres, and thanks to its dual riser tail-swing is always zero. The lift is powered by a Kubota diesel for outdoor use and includes a 200Ah battery pack for indoor or sensitive outdoor applications, all without the need to connect to the mains. A pure battery powered model with larger battery pack is also available for those who prefer it. As with most Omme spider lifts the 2500 has impressive levelling ability,

offering the possibility to climb and level up on slopes of up to 35 percent/19.3 degrees allowing it to handle challenging terrain, steps and kerbs. With assistance the unit can also level on slopes of up to 40 percent/21.8 degrees thanks to its high lift outriggers.

Hinowa revs up

Leading spider lift manufacturer Hinowa launched an automatic RPM control for its single cylinder Hatz Diesel power option called 'Hinowa Diesel AutoRev'. The new option is available on its IIIS models – the Goldlift 14.70, and 17.80XL, and Lightlifts 14.72 and 19.65 - which currently feature a two speed Hatz single cylinder engine with a manual setting at either 1,600 or 3,000 rpm selected by moving a lever on the side of the engine.

This means that most users typically chose the higher setting before going up in the platform in order to obtain decent function speeds and power. From 2012 a three step automatic setting with speeds of 1,800, 2,200 and 3,600 rpm will be selected automatically, depending on function demand. The higher speed will also improve many of the machines function speeds for more efficient working. The main benefits however are lower fuel consumption and less noise as the engine automatically switches to the lowest possible speed when demand is low. Other benefits include lower emissions and longer engine life.



From 2012 Hinowa is introducing a three step automatic setting with speeds of 1,800, 2,200 and 3,600 rpm depending on function demand.

Leguan dealer

Avant Tecno is one of the few manufacturers to offer both wheeled and tracked versions of its machines. The wheeled 'skid steer' versions are ideal for use on hard surfaces allowing rapid travel and deployment in many repair and maintenance situations. Flagship model is the Leguan 160 which has a 15.9 metre working height and 6.7 working outreach. Both platforms have a maximum load of 200 kg and using Leguan's continuous load control system allows the full capacity to be used in all positions, removing the requirement for limit switches.

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Avant Tecno recently appointed AXS Sales of Bromsgrove as its exclusive England and Wales dealer for the Leguan platform range. Insulated Platform Basket

Italian Platform Basket launched a number of new and updated products at Intermat including an

25 metre spider lifts compared



The 17 metre PB18.90.46 is fully insulated to 46KV with special fibreglass sections in the riser and levelling linkage as well as the jib.

insulated model that it co-developed in the USA with its distributor Tracked Lifts. The 17 metre PB18.90.46 is fully insulated to 46KV, with special fibreglass sections in the riser, levelling linkage and the jib, allowing it to work close to live overhead power lines for utility work, or as an extra precaution on applications such as tree trimming, where power lines might be present.

The company's 15 and 18 metre models - the 15.75 and 18.75 - date back to the time Platform Basket took over the old Basket business and have been instrumental in the company's success since then, but they have now been given a major update. Now known as the 15.75 PRO and 18.90 PRO they feature new more powerful and quieter Kubota diesel engines, automatic outrigger set up and levelling, a more accurate load limiting device which will enhance the working envelope, improved electrics and drive system together with dual speed hydraulic motors for greater productivity.

The company has also launched battery versions - the 15.75E-Pro, 18.90E-Pro - as well as the 22.10E which is also has the option of Bi-Energy or battery/diesel. The adoption of a more efficient drive train with inverter technology and brushless AC electric motors gives sufficient battery life makes battery power practical, without the need to go to lithium ion batteries says the company.

	Cela DT24	Multitel SMX250	Omme 2500 RXBDJ	Teupen Leo 25GT	Teupen Leo 25GTplus	Platform Basket 25 WE (wheeled electric)
Working height	24m	25.2m	25m	25m	25.2m	25m
Maximum capacity	200kg	200kg	200kg	200kg	200kg	200kg
Maximum outreach	12m with 100kg	11.65m with 80kg	12.8m	15.5m with 80kg	18.0m with 80kg	13.5 with 80kg
Outreach with maximum capacity	9m	8.55m	10m	12.5m	15m	
Total weight	2,800kg	2,660kg	3,950kg	2,980kg	3,760kg	5,000kg
Transport dimensions LxWxH	4.8 x 0.8*	5.12 x 0.98*	6.6 x 1.1	7.22 x 1.78	7.0 x 1.58	6.4 x 1.0
	x 1.95m	x 1.92m	x 2.01m	x 1.98m	x 1.98m	x 1.98m
Engine options	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel	
	Electric	Electric	Electric	Electric	Electric	Electric
Boom	Articulated	Articulated	Double artic riser	straight	straight	straight

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Technology leader

German truck and spider lift manufacturer Teupen has gone through and is undergoing many changes. Rüdiger Kopf, chief editor of sister magazine of Kran & Bühne spoke briefly with its chief executive Michael Wothscke.

Teupen has been following a new direction, both for its products and its distributor network. Over the past three years the company has expanded its overseas presence, establishing a wholly-owned subsidiary in the US, added to its coverage of the Middle East as well as expanding its staff in France, Scandinavia and Poland. At the same time all production, product development and main company functions have been pulled back to - and will stay at - the company's headquarters in Gronau, Germany. Product changes during that time have included the development of its spider, trailer and truck mounted platforms, however Wothscke emphasises that the Leo spider lift platforms are very much Teupen's core business.

"The Leo brand is still very important for the company," says Wothscke. "Even though our engineers have looked for synergies



between all the models, spiders will always be our main product line. We are aiming to have more parts commonality across the Leo range which benefits both the

manufacturing and our customers." "We have more than enough space for future expansion and by concentrating all the functions at Gronau it gives us more control over the whole manufacturing and distribution process," he said.

The current owners of the company - Hanover based private equity firm Nord Holding, which purchased a majority stake in 2008 - says that it has a long-term view rather than the usual five to seven years. It gives the example of the investment in the USA as proof of this long-term commitment.

"We have no intention of expanding through acquisition. Our target as the only German producer of spider platforms is to continue to be the leader in technology."

Reaching the lighthouse

The Rubjerg Knude lighthouse - located in Rubjerg on the North Sea coast of Northern Denmark - was built and first lit in 1900 and is situated on top of a sandy cliff top 60 metres above the sea. Until 1908 the lighthouse operated on gas which it produced from a gasworks on site.

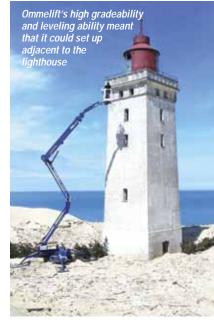
It ceased operating in 1968 and for a number of years the buildings were used as a museum and coffee shop. However continually shifting sands and coastal erosion - a serious problem in the area - meant they were abandoned 10 years ago. The smaller out buildings were eventually covered by the sand but the main lighthouse structure remains, but had lost its white paint that makes it stand out. When the decision was taken to repaint it the problem was how to reach it with some form of access equipment apart from façade scaffold which would have taken a good deal of effort and been inefficient for what is a relatively short job.

The solution was to use a tracked spider lift. A 27.5 metre Ommelift 2750 RXBDJ was rented for the job, but had to track a fair distance over the deep and shifting sands. In the worst areas four large ground mats were used under the tracks. The Ommelift's high gradeability and leveling ability meant that it could set up on the sand dunes adjacent to the lighthouse to carry out the work.



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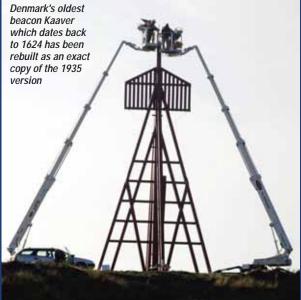




Beacon restoration

The Kaaver is Denmark's oldest beacon. first built in 1624 on the Danish North Sea island of Fanoe. Although the beacon no longer had any navigational significance by the 19th century, it was structurally maintained and regularly painted. Unfortunately the beacon was completely demolished by a storm in October 1935 and not rebuilt, that is until now. A number of local entrepreneurs had the idea to rebuild the beacon as an exact copy of 1935 Kaaver – with work being completed last October. In order to assist with the work two 25.8 metre Omme 2600 RBD provided by Riwal Denmark were used as well as a mobile crane from Danish company BMS.





Olympic first

The first 52 metre TCA Falcon FS520C to be purchased by a rental company has been working in the athlete's village at London's Olympic Park apartment project in Stratford, East London. Easi UpLifts purchased the world's largest spider lift at the end of 2011 and the platform has been working on the building with a 46 metre high internal atrium which needed cleaning along with slight repairs to the roofing systems.

However the only access to the work area was through a 1.4 metre wide doorway, making it impossible for larger powered access equipment to enter the building. Once inside, floor space was also at a premium, leaving just enough room for the machine to be set up and operated. Easi UpLifts claims that this solution was the most efficient and economical for its client, saving time and money that would have been lost through the use of traditional scaffolding.



Size helps

One of the main features of a spider lift is its ability to access 'difficult to reach' areas. Dutch rental company Hoogwerker Centrum Nederland was recently faced with the challenge of providing access equipment to paint the inner courtyard of a house where the only entrance was through an exceptionally narrow opening.

The structure meant that it was impossible to erect scaffolding, while the narrow width of the entrance meant that there was no chance of a traditional platform getting through without damaging the walls





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"The 52 metre spider is part of an increasing capital investment in our specialised access division," said Easi UpLifts' managing director John Ball. "We will continue to lead the way, providing customers with cost effective and time saving solutions to difficult access problems."

The company has also added two new 90 metre Bronto Skylift truck-mounted machines to its UK rental fleet with more specialised equipment due to arrive later in the year.



Hoogwerker Centrum realised that the only platform able to fit was a compact tracked spider lift and selected an Oil&Steel Octopussy Classic 1402.

The lift is very compact when stowed, measuring just 780mm wide by 1,950 mm high and 3,520mm long and yet offers a 14 metre working height and 6.5 metres of outreach. The platform can also be removed to make access through tight areas even easier.

The Octopussy Classic 1402 enabled the work to be carried out efficiently and safely while fully complying with all of the health and safety regulations. The whole contract took just two days including painting, clean up and removing all materials.

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The repercussions of the economic meltdown and its

effect on tower crane production and sales are still working their way through the system. With most manufacturers suffered a drop in demand of around 70 percent, it was a time to batten down the hatches, reorganise and prepare for better times. Over the past year or so there have been signs of improvements in the sector. Over the next few pages we take a look at the growth of the larger capacity self-erectors, profile Terex Tower Cranes and see how tower cranes are offering an interesting alternative to installing wind turbines.

All manufacturers are looking to emerging markets - India, Russia and South America - primarily because sales in the traditional markets of North America and Europe had almost dried up. In Europe France, Germany and perhaps Scandinavia have been the bright spots, while the UK has been one of the poorer performing countries - at least for top slewing tower cranes - possibly due to the market being dominated by a few sizeable rental fleets? It was no real surprise therefore that Belgium-based Arcomet - the Potain distributor in the UK decided 'enough is enough' and closed its UK operations. As a result Potain will sell its topslewing cranes direct through Manitowoc UK, while selferectors are distributed by West Midlands-based Ladybird Crane Sales.

Terex Tower Cranes has made a few strategic manoeuvres, purchasing the 67 percent shareholding in luffing jib crane manufacturer Recom, that it did not already own. Recom already manufactured exclusively for Terex, but the change also includes Recom luffer production moving to Fontanafredda, home of Terex/ Comedil cranes. At the same time all self-erecting crane production will move from Fontanafredda, Italy to Montceau-Les-Mines, France. If the move to France goes to plan, 150 jobs will be created with the expansion of the Terex self-erecting range. First part of the jigsaw is the launch of the Eazy 90, its largest self-erecting tower crane to date (see page 28).

In spite of the recent sales doldrums, tower crane manufacturers have stepped up their R&D resulting in the launch of several new cranes. Late last year Spanish manufacturer Linden Comansa announced the world's largest flat top tower crane range, topped by a 64 tonne model.

World's largest flat top

The new LC3000 range comprises two base models, the 30LC 1100 and 30LC 1400, with each model available in three variants with capacities of 32, 48 and 64 tonnes, maximum capacities at the 80 metre jib tip vary from 9.5 to 15 tonnes, depending on the model. These are not the first big flat-tops from Comansa, but as they are standard products lead times will be shorter and they are designed for easier transport and priced more competitively.

In fact Linden Comansa has been



prolific in launching new cranes, its latest, announced at the end of May, the 21 LC 660, completes its LC2100 series, with four versions with 18, 24, 36 and 48 tonne capacities.

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First Zoomlion Jost

The first product from Zoomlion's purchase of Bavarian-based Jost's flat-top tower crane designs last August, debuted at Intermat. Built in China, the 16 tonne capacity T320-16 is based on the Jost JT-Series but with a four tonne capacity increase. The CE compliant crane is said to be the first in a range of 12 to be released over the next few months. Quick connection points should make them easy to assemble - a 24 metre high crane with standard jib is said to be take 10 hours, including inspections. The first units have been sold to Soon Douglas, a subsidiary of Singapore's Tiong Woon and Streif Baulogistic in Germany, which will distribute them in Poland and Germany. The unit on display at Intermat is likely to be reworked to re-introduce some of the Jost features initially dropped in the transition.

Liebherr 380 EC-B 16

Liebherr's latest flat top - the 380 tonne/metre 380 EC-B 16 Litronic is the largest in the 15 model range.

The flagship crane - also available in 12 tonne format - has a maximum radius of 75 metres and can lift 3,400kg at the jib tip. Liebherr says that it can also be fitted with an IC or HC tower system - the 256 IC and 365 IC towers having crosssections of 1.9 by 1.9 metres making them suitable for erection in lift shafts. With the IC tower system, a free standing under hook height of almost 70 metres is possible. The 380 EC-B 16 can be transported on five trucks with the heaviest component - the slewing ring and platform - weighing 7.4 tonnes.

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Comansa 21 LC660

Another interesting development is Liebherr's 630 EC-H70 developed specially for wind turbine installations up to 140 metres high with nacelles up to 70 tonnes (see page 34).



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A family affair...

The recent launch of the largest Terex self erecting tower crane - the Eazy 90 - preceded the news that the company is moving production of self-erectors from its spiritual home in Fontanafredda, Italy - the home of Comedil which has been building tower cranes since 1962 - to Montceau-Les-Mines in France. Cranes & Access was at the factory launch of the Eazy 90 and spoke with Terex Tower Cranes management, including managing director Martina Moritsch and her brother and sales director Simone Moritsch about the past, present and future of the company.

The move towards a single Terex cranes brand has meant the gradual demise of several famous crane brands, including Peiner and Ferro tower cranes and now Comedil, which was acquired from the Moritsch family in 1998. The first two were quickly absorbed by Comedil which continued to be run as a family business, keeping its strong brand identity. While the name has now changed to Terex Tower Cranes it still has the feel of a typical Italian 'family' company.

History

Comedil's history stretches back 50 years to 1962 when Ferruccio Moritsch - Martina's father - and his brother started the company from scratch. It was their first venture into manufacturing and was totally at odds with anyone else in the family. Ferruccio's father worked in a bank.

"Before starting the company, my father travelled round the local area on his bike selling construction equipment," says Martina. "I don't know why but he always had a passion for tower cranes. The name Comedil was made up from the two Italian words for commercial and industry."

As expansion required more funds, outside investors were brought in, diluting Mortitsch's share. When the construction downturn arrived in



1983, he owned just 10 percent of Comedil and the other shareholders wanted out and production ceased. Still passionate about the products and determined to carry on, Moritsch found a partner in local drilling and piling equipment manufacturer Casagrande. Production began again in 1986 at the current facility in Fontannafredda having purchased the name and designs of the original company. Three other people were involved in this new company with Moritsch including his daughter Martina.









At the Italian facility, Ferruccio Moritsch and team with the CTT 561 flat top prototype

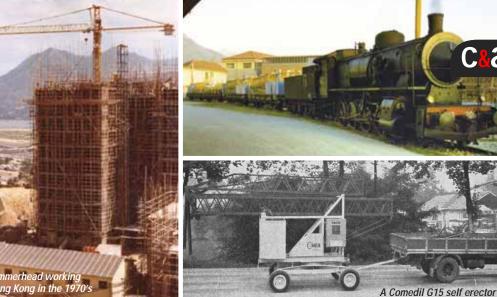


Unfortunately Moritsch passed away last July, but he will always be remembered as a tower crane pioneer. "He had the ideas and vision about which products to develop and learned about engineering even though he was not a qualified engineering," says Martina. "Even after he retired he was involved in the business as a consultant with Terex."

Pioneering developments

Moritsch was responsible for a number of significant developments and innovations most notably the first telescopic self-erecting tower crane in 1968, the first luffing jib tower crane in 1988 and the first heavy duty 40 tonne capacity flat top tower crane in 2005.

In 2003 he founded Recom to develop and manufacture luffing jib tower cranes which from 2008 were distributed exclusively by Terex under the Comedil brand. Part of Recom (33 percent) was acquired by Terex in 2010 with the aim to acquire the entire business over time. The company is now managed by his eldest son Mariano.





"The first cranes we produced were classic hammerheads but my father already had ideas of a crane without the tie bars - the flat top - even though the market was sceptical," remembers Martina. "Swedish company Linden Comansa were the originators of the flat top, but it was Ferruccio's vision and belief that the flat top would be the future for rental companies that drove him to produce the first range of flat top cranes."

Comedil did well selling cranes in parts of Europe and in the Far East but realised that it needed to expand sales globally, so in 1996 it started to look for a large construction equipment partner - more for marketing and distribution than financial input. After discussions with several major companies Comedil was purchased by Terex. The deal included a three year clause requiring the Moritsch family to remain in the business because of its specialist nature. The 'family' had by this time grown to four, Ferruccio and his three children -Martina and her two brothers Mariano and Simone.

"In the early days Terex was based on growth through acquisitions and keeping the companies and brands intact. So for the first two or three years nothing really changed in the running of the company," says Martina. "Yes we had monthly reports and accounts etc but we were free to operate as we saw fit. From 1999 to 2008 the company grew at a staggering rate, but the global crisis hit the tower crane market the hardest of all. Industry figures suggest a 70 percent reduction in 2009/10. The situation forced us into a crisis management phase, being more flexible, changing management and following market needs."

"Even before we were acquired by Terex we viewed ourselves as an international company with the Far East being our main market. After the acquisition we started to sell cranes into other regions, including North America. Although the domestic market has always been good - it has also been tough, primarily because there were around 16 other tower crane manufacturers - we have had an international mind-set, as have all the manufacturing companies in the north east of Italy."

Terex Tower Cranes now has a comprehensive range of products including flattops, hammerheads, luffers and self-erectors. When Terex bought German-based Peiner it also included its hammerhead designs. The names have long gone but each has added to the DNA of the business.

The new Eazy 90 is the first of a new range that is currently being developed.

Expansion moves production

The expansion of the tower crane division, along with significant plans for the future of the business, resulted in the move of self-erecting tower crane production to France, freeing Fontanafredda to increase production of the other cranes. The French facility, originally the PPM factory, currently manufactures telescopic truck cranes, reach stackers, 40 to 60 tonne All Terrains and military cranes. The plant will be expanded to accommodate the full range of self-erectors over the next four years.

What next?

Product development has been an integral part of Comedil's success over the years, so what next?

"New products will follow new markets," says Martina. "Historically Comedil products were aimed at the residential sector, which typically absorbed about 70 percent of our production - much of it through rental companies. However the market has now changed and includes large infrastructure projects such as dams and nuclear plants. To be successful we need to follow this trend with different types of cranes with larger capacities. This is where we are focussing our efforts."

"The direction for new product development comes from within the team. Terex Tower Cranes is run by Martina and Steve Filipov, president of emerging markets and marketing" says Simone. "Filipov knows the products and customer base, between us we have the knowledge and experience to grow the business. We also need to expand our application engineering which goes hand in hand with research and development. An example of this was a cooling tower in Russia, its shape did not allow us to anchor the crane in the normal way, so we had to create another solution. There are lots of products we are working on to solve particular customer problems. Application engineering will be very important in the future."

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"The price of Chinese tower cranes is very competitive. Although there are hundreds of Chinese manufacturers, most only produce for the home market. Some, such as Yongmao and Zoomlion are exporting and finding local sales and support structures outside China, although selling a low cost item into Europe is difficult, particularly with the new European EN14439 legislation."

"The only benefit of the economic crisis from our point of view is that users have now realised that the residual value of Chinese tower cranes - which used to sell well in the Middle East - is almost zero," says Simone. "If the Chinese want to enter the European market they will need to improve their quality and fully comply with legislation. Markets such as the Far East, USA and South America are also wanting to follow the European legislation so Chinese crane quality and prices will have to increase."

More legislation needed

"In my opinion, there is not enough legislation in the tower crane business," adds Martina. "Licenses are needed for the crane and operators and the different phases from erecting to climbing a tower. In Singapore there is a law banning the use of tower cranes more than 15 years old. I think that like cars there should be maintenance inspections at regular intervals - say five, 10 and 15 years - at locations controlled by legislation so that non-certified cranes cannot be used - France is starting to look at this. It is very important to change the mindset so that people look after their cranes and have them checked regularly."





The launch of the Eazy 90 - Terex's largest selferector - is the first in a new range of cranes from Terex. The move follows the other major crane manufacturers - Potain and Liebherr - into this six tonne capacity, telescopic tower crane sector that is growing in importance because of its versatility, particularly for residential, commercial and infrastructure projects. We take a look at the new Eazy 90 and compare it with its major rivals the Potain Igo 85A and Liebherr 81 K.

The specifications of these three cranes are very similar. They all have a maximum capacity of six tonnes, a maximum jib length of 45 metres and a jib tip capacity of 1,400kg. They all have lattice, telescoping towers and transport road speeds of 25 and 80kph. Either each manufacturer has had one eye on its competition at the design stage or users are sending a very clear message as to their requirements for a self-erector of this size.

Liebherr 81 K

Launched at Bauma 2010, the Liebherr 81 K was a replacement for the very popular 71 K which sold more than 1,000 units, but with improved performance and many new technical features. The 81 K has vastly improved load characteristics and can lift 1,400kg -25 percent more - at the jib tip. It is the only crane in its class to work exclusively with two fall reeving both the Terex and Potain can work in double and four fall mode. Liebherr says that since all the loads can be lifted on two falls, the time consuming process of re-reeving is

eliminated. One feature of the 81 K is that it has variable hoist speeds ranging from 70 metres a minute with loads of up to 400kg down to 12 metres a minute of its maximum six tonne capacity.

In transport mode, the 81 K is very similar to the 71 K although of the three cranes being compared it is the longest - 200mm more than the Igo 85A and very nearly two metres longer than the Eazy 90. The 81 K has a slewing radius of 2.75 metres and as its the tower climbing sections are only 2.4 metres long (rather than the Eazy 90 and Igo 85A's three metres) they can be carried across the width of a standard truck.

The 81 K uses a single continuous rope to erect the tower, telescope and jib. The erecting process is supported by semi-automatic, quick-connection locking between the tower and the slewing platform and by jib guying rods. Separate hoisting and erecting winches simplify set up. During crane operation, complete status information is shown on the new graphic display. With 11 variable hook heights, the 81 K is an extremely adaptable crane. The standard hook height is 26 metres, is extended by inserting additional tower sections up to 40 metres with horizontal jib, while a 30 degree luffing angle adds further height variations. A 45 degree jib angle is available to clear obstructions.

The tower section inserts are fully compatible with the 71 K and older sections can also be used on the new crane without restrictions.

Liebherr says that the 81 K uses driveline and control-system technology previously found only on top-slewing cranes. All drive assemblies are continuously variable, using the frequency control principle. The push button-selection of the fine positioning mode reduces rope speed to 25 percent allowing heavy loads to be positioned accurately without applying the hoist gear brake.

Potain Igo T85A

In 2010 Manitowoc upgraded the performance of the Potain Igo T 85 improving the crane's reach, capacity and ease of operation. The jib tip capacity was increased by 150kg to 1,400kg at 45 metres radius working with two-fall reeving.

A year after the first Igo T 85As were delivered, Manitowoc polled a cross-section of users in Germany its most popular market - to gather feedback on the practicalities of using the new crane. Operators were asked to evaluate the crane on eight criteria, including accuracy, overall productivity, comfort and intuitiveness of operation. They scored the crane on a scale of 1 to 10 for each of these areas, and according to Manitowoc the crane received an average score of 8.15 out of 10.

The highest scoring categories were 'confidence' i.e. the operators felt safe and confident while operating, and 'flexibility' where the operators liked the ability to adjust the crane's configuration. Although the feedback was largely positive, there were suggestions for improvements.

"All the real world feedback - both positive and negative - is critical in the product design process," says Vincent Milan, senior product manager for self-erecting cranes. "We tested the first Igo T 85 A cranes in a variety of applications from residential construction to bridge building - and in each



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Six tonne self-erectors - how they stack up

Make and model	Terex Eazy 90	Liebherr 81K	Potain Igo 85A
Maximum capacity	6 tonnes	6 tonnes	6 tonnes
Maximum jib length	45m	45m	45m
Jib tip capacity	1,400kg	1,400kg	1,400kg
Max radius for max load fully extended jib	13.5m	13.3m	12.7m
Max under hook height horizontal jib	34.5m	40.4m	38.0m
Max under hook height with raised jib	49.5m @ 25 degrees	55m @ 30degrees	51m @ 30 degrees
Load with fully raised jib	1,400kg	1,400kg	1,400kg
Work with folded jib?	Yes	No	Yes
Hoisting winch	18.5KW	15KW	15KW
Invertor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Working with 2/4 falls	2 & 4	2	2 & 4
Base support	4.7 x 4.7m	4.5 x 4.5m	4.5 x 4.5m
Type of tower	Lattice	Lattice	Lattice
Number x size of climbing elements	3 x 3m	6 x 2.4m	6 x 3m
Cabin	No	Yes	Yes
Crane height at max height	38.5m	45.6m	41.5m
Transport speed on road	25 & 80kph	25 & 80kph	25 & 80kph
Counterweight max	37,100kg	40,000kg	37,400kg
Hoist speed max with load	67 m/min	70m/min	65 m/min
Transport dimensions			
Overall length	13.86m	15.85m	15.65m
Overall width	2.50m	2.60m	2.50m
Overall height	3.96m	3.95m	3.70m

situation the operators gave the crane consistently high scores, but were very honest in all areas. We will use this information as we continue to refine the crane for future deliveries."

"Improvements to the Igo T 85 A include a new slewing mechanism, which has proved successful on our range of top-slewing tower cranes, helping operators improve accuracy, especially when placing loads. This system allows speeds to be adjusted to suit different operations or driver preferences. For example, some delicate positioning might require a slow speed, while duty cycle work might require faster operations."

An increase in hook height of three metres - achieved by allowing another lattice section to be added is also part of the redesign. The crane now has a maximum hook height of 38 metres with horizontal jib, or 51 metres when luffed to its 30 degree maximum angle. It means that with the jib horizontal, the crane can offer hook heights from 20 metres to 38 metres. In Europe, the additional height has already opened up more projects for roofing and renovation companies.

"There was no single factor that prompted the changes to this crane," says Milan. "However when we realised there was an opportunity to enhance the Igo T 85 and offer customers a competitive advantage we set about implementing the changes. It's a process we've undertaken with dozens of cranes down the years, and something customers always appreciate as it shows an understanding of their needs."

Terex Eazy 90

The Eazy 90 unveiled at Intermat is the largest in the range of 11 Terex self-erectors with capacities from one to six tonnes and jib lengths from 16 to 45 metres. It is easily distinguished by its name - the first Terex tower crane with a name not a number - new graphics and colour.

A semi-automatic and synchronised hydraulic system gives a single operator total control over setting up the crane. Should the procedure not be completed in the proper sequence, an electronic controller will automatically inform the user and limit the erection.

The Eazy 90 can work with short, luffed and folded jibs - unlike the Liebherr - and the telescopic tower, together with three additional three metre long tower sections can be configured for 15 under hook heights ranging from 14.5 to 46 metres designed to cope with most job site requirements. A modular jib allows a 37 metre radius and folding jibs can be configured to either 30 metres or 42 metres. Jib angle settings are horizontal, 15 degrees and 25 degrees.

Additional tower sections are added at ground level negating any assembly or working at height. In climbing mode the ECU system is enabled which is programmed to keep the jib horizontal. Maximum jib tip capacity is 1.4 tonnes at 45 metres but this can be increased to 1.45 tonnes if reeved with two falls. It can also take its maximum capacity of six tonnes out to 15.26 metres when working with a 30 metre jib. Ballasting the crane can be performed using a service derrick if required.

"Transport is one of the key factors for self-erectors and the Eazy 90 has three different axles," says product marketing manager Angelo Cosmo. "Job site axles allow the crane to move easily on site and optimise erection time. Road axles for 25 km per hour and 80 km per hour are also available to meet different regulations, although the cranes can also be transported on a semi-trailer. The front and rear job site axles can be connected together to simplify movement."

The ECU control system allows safe control of the crane with movements monitored and the status displayed on an LCD screen on the crane or on the remote control which has automatic channel search to avoid signal interference. Five different hoist speeds are available. All the load charts are stored in the software which can be configured in five different languages. The system can also be set for each crane operator with changeable trolley and slewing speeds. Other features include a wind speed indicator, a zoning system and information about the loads, heights, alarm history and





troubleshooting. Jib maintenance or changing the jib configuration can be carried out by lowering the jib to ground level.

Summary

As can be seen from the comparison these three self-erectors are very evenly matched. One area where the Eazy 90 currently looses out is that it does not have a cab, however we are told that this is being worked on. Liebherr recently launched the smaller 65 K with a maximum capacity of 4,500kg which has all the features of the 81 K. It also offers the larger eight tonne capacity 120 K.1. Potain also has a smaller Igo T70 and larger Igo T 130 with similar capacities. Terex is already working on expanding its range so watch out for a smaller Eazy 70 (?) and larger Eazy 140 (?) in the future. This is obviously one sector of the tower crane market that all three major manufacturers see doing well over the next few years.

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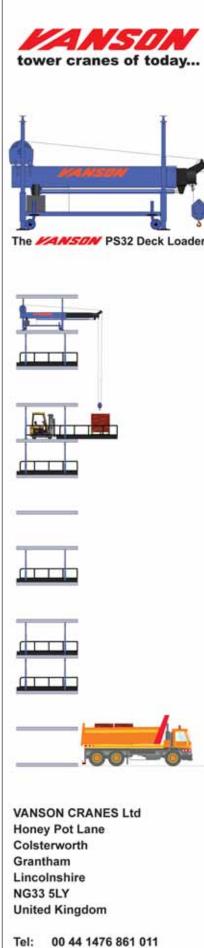






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Liebherr launches Wind Tower crane

Liebherr has developed a special tower crane for isolated wind turbine installations. The 630 EC-H70 aimed at 'low wind' areas where single turbines with very high hub heights are typical. As a result few paved roads are provided and the turbines are often erected in forested areas, making it difficult and expensive to bring in and rig large mobile cranes.

The crane, which has a maximum capacity of 70 tonnes, uses the same foundation as the wind turbine, employing a reusable foundation frame. The maximum free standing height is 93.1 metres, however for the higher turbines Liebherr has devised an innovative brace that ties the crane's tower to the turbine tower, allowing it to climb up to 150 metres.

Developed in conjunction with Max Bögl Wind, the new crane had its first outing earlier this year on a site in Bischberg in northern Bavaria, erecting one of a new generation of hybrid towers with 140 metre hub heights.

The entire crane was delivered by 21 standard truck loads and then a mobile crane unloaded and helped assemble the tower crane to an initial height of 50 metres. From then on the crane climbed the rest of the way, first to 93.1 metres, lifting the first turbine tower sections into place to a height of 82 metres.

At this point the crane self-installed a brace to the tower and then climbed rapidly at 5.8 metres a jump to its full 151 metres. The final turbine tower section was then lifted into place. Next step was the nacelle weighing 70 tonnes which was lifted to its 140 metre height at a rate of eight metres a minute, so within half an hour it was lifted and placed into position.

The extra-long blades - placed individually were lifted at the maximum line speed of 37 metres a minute. The contractors said that positioning the blades into the hub was also much easier given the fine trolley adjustment and having the crane operator in the elevated cab. The capacity at the crane's 30.9 metre jib tip is 10,700kg.

Stefan Bögl, managing director of the Max Bögl Wind said: "I was very impressed by the efficiency of the assembly on our first outing with the 630 EC-H 70. Even with considerable wind speeds the heaviest loads were lifted in the shortest possible time to be positioned precisely."





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This year's Vertikal Days is just a week or two away and looks set to be the largest and busiest event in its six year history. It also looks set to be the largest and most diverse display of lifting equipment held in Europe this year with almost 100 aerial lifts, 20 telehandlers and at least 30 cranes on display from a total of 79 manufacturers represented, as well as a host of component and service suppliers. Not bad for a local show.

With a number of crane and access companies not exhibiting at the 'big' shows this year, Vertikal Days will feature more new product launches than usual, as well as the opportunity for many to see for the first time products launched late last year.

People and seminars

If equipment is not your thing, then no problem, you can focus on the people. This is after all a people business and given the visitor numbers - due to the specialist nature of the show - the

Practical details

Venue: Haydock Park, Newton le Willows, WA12 0HQ at junction 23 of the M6. Dates and times Wednesday 27th June 10:00-17:30

Thursday 28th June 10:00-16:30 Coffee and Tea served in the Marketplace all day. Lunch is served from 12:30-14:30. Networking event Wednesday 27th 18:30-11:00 (tickets required)

How to register

Still famously low tech and no queues

- Bring along a completed invitation and swap for a badge.
- Register on-line and give your name at reception
- Or just turn up with a business card and swap it for a badge.

opportunities to stop and talk, to have a chat over coffee in the Marketplace or join a table for lunch are unparalleled. And if this doesn't appeal there are a number of excellent seminars and meetings, most of which are open to all. They range from the UK Strategic Forum on Plant Safety Group with an 'Outreach Meeting', to the ALLMI Operators Forum general meeting for any company that uses loader cranes. Attendees typically include fleet managers from the UK's largest retailers and builders merchants, to specialist moving and rigging

companies. (See

meetings and seminars timetable).

Finally if none of the above has any interest we suggest you stay away - you might just be in the wrong industry, or you may be reading this by accident.

Winning formula

The event is unusual in that entrance is not only free for all those who buy, specify, influence or use access



Miles' famous Hog roast Barbecue - burgers and hot dogs Vegetarian chilli and rice Salad bar Sandwich/Baguette bar for those in a hurry, Fruit basket, cheese board

equipment, cranes or telehandlers and the ancillary products and services that go with them, but it includes parking and all-day hospitality. That includes a Pig roast and a barbecue lunch. (See menu card)

Barry Miles - the regular Vertikal Days caterer - is back with a bigger team and more pigs. 11 large premium grade porkers - free range Welsh large whites from Bovingdon, Hertfordshire - will be cooked and eaten over the two days along with several thousand burgers and hot dogs. If you are vegetarian don't worry there are several choices available including his famous vegetarian chilli. The Marketplace



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will also be serving coffee, tea, water, homemade flapjacks and muffins.

Welcome

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Evening limits

Wednesday evening sees the annual networking event. Sadly we have reached the capacity with almost 700 attending last year and unfortunately we are restricted to this number for this year's event. As usual, tickets will be supplied to exhibitors first with extra tickets made available for others. The organisers are maintaining a waiting list for these which will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis, Email pt@vertikaldavs.net if you want to go on the list. In addition to the food, the bar and the people, there is as usual top class entertainment with the band Roller Coaster back for a second year by popular demand.

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indoor exhibition area with products such as rental software, safety systems, batteries and training centres, but also a place to meet, grab a tea or coffee and perhaps close a deal or resolve an outstanding issue. If the weather is bad this is also the best place to shelter.



ALLMI operator of the year 2012

The ALLMI Operator of the Year 2012 competition will be held bang in the middle of the ALLMI village. If you are a loader crane operator, or fancy your abilities at operating one then you should consider entering. There is a £250 cash prize, the title and trophy and the right for the winner and their employer to use the winners logo on their letterhead, marketing material or vehicles for the year.

PASMA

The PASMA Village will once again host a number of manufacturing members, demonstrating the latest advances in mobile tower design and construction, as well as several other low level access products. The Village has moved and is now located in the entrance tent with products just outside. See listing for more information.



IPAF

Don't miss the IPAF Safety Zone as there is lots going on from demonstrations of a new course to safety information. Check out the listing entry.



CPA

The CPA will once again be out in force at the bottom of 'Crane Alley'... and has a major meeting

organised as you will see in the listings.



So what is on show?

The following is a full listing of all exhibitors by major product sector. There is also a full alphabetical listing on page 42.

Access Equipment & Telehandlers

Access Industries: Stand 115 See Multitel Pagliero

Access Platform Sales - APS: Stand 112

APS, the UK distributor for Omme Lift and Hinowa, will show a selection of spider lifts including the first public debut of the new 25 metre Omme 2500 RXBDJ articulated boom spider lift and the Omme 3700RBDJ. Hinowa models will include the 17 metre 17.80 and popular 23 metre 23.12. The company is also the exclusive UK dealer for Wienold and will show the 3.5, 5.0 and 6.5 metre WLU material lifts.





Access Sales Int.: Stand 130 See Ruthmann AFI Uplift: Stand 142B

See WorkZone

Alimak Hek: Stand 113

Alimak Hek will launch its light range TPL 300 and 500 material hoists which have a 300kg and 500kg capacity respectively. They



offer dual functionality for use as either a transport platform or material hoist and conform to the latest safety standards featuring an overload protection and over speed safety device.

Altrex: Stand 109/PASMA

See Pop-Up Products in the PASMA Village and on the Snorkel stand

Ascendant: Stand 127

The UK's truck mounted aerial lift manufacturer will have a selection of its latest models on display, including the A12.5VM van mounted lift, an 18 metre A18-13TJ telescopic platform mounted on a 3.5 tonne Nissan Cabstar and a 22 metre A22-17TJ on a 7.5 tonne Iveco ML75 chassis.

Avant Tecno: Stand 146

AXS Sales, Avant Tecno's recently appointed Leguan dealer for England and Wales will show tracked and wheeled versions of its 16 metre





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Leguan 160. Powered by either a Honda petrol or Kubota diesel engine, the platform offers an outreach of 6.65 metres with a 200kg unrestricted capacity.

Big Astor: Stand 193

Bison: Stand 105 See Skyking Bizzocchi: Stand 122 See CTE Bluelift: Stand 124 See HI S Bobcat: Stand 133

Making its debut at Vertikal Days this year Bobcat will show its five tonne/20.5 metre TR50210 rotary telescopic handler alongside its seven metre/four tonne TL470HF fixed frame model with 130hp power unit.



Bravi UK: Stand 124 Now HLS Bronto: Stand 100

Bronto will be out in force with up to seven units covering working heights from 36-90 metres and all ready for delivery to UK and Ireland-based customers. Among them will be the recently launched 50 metre S50XRT-J with its multi section articulated jib.



Co.Me.T: Stand 118 Another show debutant Italian producer Co.Me.T will have a wide range of its innovative vehicle mounted aerial lifts on display from the smallest telescopics to large

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specialist models. This is definitely a stand not to miss.

CTE: Stand 122

CTE will show two truck mounts from its ZED range - the 21 metre Zed21JH and 20 metre Zed20CH. With outreaches of 10 and nine metres respectively and with the same H frame outriggers, the Zed20CH features a 145 degree articulated jib and 300kg unrestricted platform capacity. The company's Traccess spider lift range will be represented by its 23 metre Traccess T230.



Dieci: Stand 138A Factory-owned Dieci UK will show its latest telehandlers including the compact Pegasus, 360 degree





model and possibly its new compact Apollo 2.5 tonne/six metre model.

Dingli: Stand 138 See Leach Lewis Dinolift: Stand 116

See Promax Easi UpLifts: Stand 140

Easi UpLifts has significantly expanded its fleet of large and specialist aerial lifts in the past year, including 150ft JLG booms, 52 metre spider lifts and 90 metre Bronto truck mounts as well as 30 metre telehandlers. All are available to rent or cross hire. It will have a selection on display and will also be talking about its young used equipment stock.



Easy Lifts: Stand 150A See Power-Lift Euro Towers: PASMA

Euro Towers will show its 3T Ladder Frame and Advanced Guardrail towers as well as the Teletower and Telepod - its new telescopic range of products. The Telepod offers three platform levels - 600mm, 800mm and one metre.



Faraone: Stand 150A See Power-Lift



Geda: Stand 145

German hoist, mastclimber and suspended access specialist Geda exhibiting for the first time this year - will have a wide selection from its current product range including its Geda Maxi and Geda Lift rope hoists, its 200 Z and 300 Z material hoists and its 300 Z/ZP and 1500 Z/ZP transport platforms which have capacities from 200kg to 2,000kg.

Genie: Stand 149

Genie will show the production version of its latest product the 40ft GS4047 compact slab electric scissor lift with 14 metres working height, an ultra-compact GR15 with extension deck and other models from its boom range, including a Z80 with its new OPS Operator Protection Structure. Two telehandlers are on display including the new GTH 2506 on the demonstration area.



H.A.B: Stand 128

Making inroads into the UK market, German-based H.A.B will show its latest heavy duty scissor lifts including models from its high narrow range, including the compact 40ft S142-12 E2WD battery powered scissor, the S152-12 E2WD and the 22.5 metre S225-24 D4WDS diesel powered scissor.



Haulotte: Stand 148

Haulotte will highlight its new Compact 10 and 12 DX compact Rough Terrain scissor lifts. The four wheel drive machines are fitted with new Kubota Tier IV engines, automatic hydraulic differential locks and heavy duty levelling jacks as well as new covers and a host of other product improvements.



Hinowa: Stand 112 See APS HLS: Stand 124



HLS: Stand 124

Bravi UK - as it was known - is launching an all new identity and company at Vertikal Days - HLS. The change reflects the fact that the company now sells and supports a much wider product range than just Bravi. The company will showcase a new 20 metre RAM truck mounted lift and a 22.5 metre PB Lifttechnik electric scissor lift - the first of its kind to be outdoor rated. Among the Bravi products will be the latest heavy-duty Leonardo and it's recently launched push around platform the Spin Go. The Bluelift spider lift range will be represented by the 22 metre C22.



Imer: Stand 131

Imer will show a selection of products including its brand new 19 metre IM R 19 spider lift unveiled at Intermat, the Iteco Easy Up 5, a 5.2 metre push-around scissor which can also be self-propelled, the 10 and 12 metre IT10090 and IT10122EX battery powered scissor lifts.



Planet Platforms UK - distributors for Instant, a leading name in the non-powered access market - will have a tower on display with its latest advanced guardrail system.

Iteco: Stand 131 See Imer

JCB: Stand 134A

JCB will be making its first appearance at Vertikal Days and will show the compact 515-40, the low boom 535-125 High Viz and the 16.7 metre lift height 540-170. You may possibly see its recently launched integrated work platforms.



JLG: Stand 136

JLG will demonstrate its new SkyGuard anti-entrapment device for boom lifts which is well worth investigating and testing. The device will be fitted to 450AJ articulated boom lift. Also one of its Compact crawler booms - spider lifts - and on the telehandler front the 2505 Super Compact, definitely worth a look. And don't miss the company's Multi power M booms.



Leach Lewis: Stand 138

Leach Lewis will use Vertikal Days for the UK/Ireland launch of the Dingli range of self-propelled and push-around lifts. Models on show will be mainstream slab electric scissor lifts such as the 19ft elevator model and its JCPT1412DC 14 metre /40ft compact unit.





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Lyte Ladders and Towers: PASMA

Lyte - the rapidly growing British ladder and tower producer - will show a tower, complete with its new Advanced Guard Rail system, along with a PAS250 podium.

Manitou: Stand 126A

Manitou will show the production version of its new 28 metre 280 TJ and possibly the 26 metre 260 TJ telescopic boom lifts which were shown as prototypes last September. While both use a short single stage riser and three section telescopic boom, the 260 TJ has a regular fixed length articulated jib, while the 280 TJ employs a two section telescopic jib. The company will also show a fixed frame and 360 degree telehandler.



MEC: Stand 111

MEC will have its massive 40ft Titan Boom 40-S with a 12.2 metre working height and an 1,800kg platform capacity alongside its innovative 26ft Crossover battery powered off-slab scissor lift with integral sheet carrier and a 26ft electric powered 4x4 Speed Level.



Merlo: Stand 135 Telehandler and specialist aerial lift manufacturer Merlo will show the

Merlo MPR15



15 metre version of its road-going boom come big RT scissor lift, the MPR15 which is also available with an 18 metre working height. Platform capacity on both is 1,000kg. The company is also expected to show one of its latest Roto 360 degree telehandlers.

Movex: Stand 150A

On the Power-Lift stand you will find a Movex P130TL 13 metre Land Rover mounted telescopic lift which is making its first appearance in the UK.



Multitel: Stand 115

Access Industries/Multitel will show the new 21 metre MX210 unveiled at Intermat, the 32 metre MJ 320 the first in the UK - on a Mercedes Axor chassis with up to 24 metres of outreach and a 320kg platform capacity and the new 25 metre MX250 on a 3.5 tonne Nissan Cabstar. As well as its well-known truck mounts, the company will show the 25 metre SMX250 spider lift that weighs just 2,660kg.

Nationwide Platforms: Stand 147B Nationwide Platforms will have its

powered access specialists on hand





to offer guidance on its safety innovations. This includes the SkySiren anti-entrapment device, the SkySentry system which prevents unauthorised use of aerial lifts as well as a selection of its Material Handling Attachments which have been designed to aid the safe and productive installation of materials at height.

Niftylift: Stand 120

Niftylift will show two brand new products. The HR15 is a 45ft articulated boom lift which is around two tonnes lighter than its competitors while offering class leading outreach and exceptionally compact dimensions. Alongside you should find the prototype of the company's new 'flagship' the 86ft /28 metre working height HR28 Hybrid 4x4, which weighs just over 14 tonnes.

Palfinger Platforms: Stand 105 See SkyKing

Pop-Up Products: Stand 109

On the Snorkel stand you will find the complete range of Pop-Up Push and Drive scissor lifts as well as products from its aluminium range which includes podiums, Folders and Altrex alloy

towers and other access products.

Promax Access: Stand 116 The new Platform Basket 'PRO' range of spider lifts including the 22 metre 22.10 will be on display as well as a 22.5 metre Isoli PT225 truck mounted platform which offers 13.5 metres of outreach with 230kg platform capacity. This will also be the first chance to see the first fully insulated (46kVa) spider lift, the 17 metre PB18.90.46 in the UK.



Power-Lift UK: Stand 150A

A late entry near the CPA stand, Power-Lift will have the Land Rover mounted Movex P130TL alongside an Easy Lift spider lift and a Faraone low level product.

Power Towers: Stand 123

Power Towers will show the latest version of its original Power Tower alongside the Nano and NanoSP. You might also get to see details of a brand new low-level access concept that the company is near to finalising.



Power Scissor: Stand 132 See Russon Access Russon Access: Stand 132

Russon Access - the UK distributor for Holland Lift - will be exhibiting its 14 metre working height Ecostar 118-12 battery electric scissor lift. The company will also have a four-wheel drive 21.5 metre working height Combistar B195-25 and an 18.5 working height electric N165-12 scissor lift on its stand.

Ruthmann: Stand 130

Ruthmann's UK distributor will show three truck mounted models including the recently launched 46 metre T460 on an 18 tonne chassis, a 33 metre T330 on a 7.5 tonne truck and the amazing 27 metre TB270 telescopic on a 3.5 tonne chassis.



Safi: Stand 125

Italian mastclimbing platform, material hoist and rack and pinion manufacturer Safi will show its 600kg capacity Junior MCPC transport platform and its 400kg Jolly Junior S single mastclimbing platform. It will also be joined by Tecchio Piattaforme with its 12.2 metre TCJ12 van mounted lift offering 7.3 metres of outreach with a 200kg capacity.



Skyjack: Stand 139

The Canadian producer will have a selection of its current scissor and boom lift range including the new 16ft mast-type ultra-compact lift. Ask for details of its new 63ft articulated boom lift too.

SkyKing: Stand 105

The Palfinger Platforms and GSR truck and van mounted distributor is



unveiling a brand new 30 metre Palfinger truck mounted lift on a 3.5 tonne chassis - details at the show. The other big news is a 14 metre platform on a crawler mounted cross country vehicle. Other vehicle mounted lifts range from a 12.5 metre van mount to the new 20 metre articulated boom on a Euro 5 chassis and a 70 metre Palfinger.

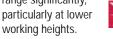
Snorkel: Stand 109

Now selling direct in the UK, Snorkel will show its new 62ft A62JRT articulated boom lift in the UK for the first time, alongside a selection from its scissor lifts, trailer lifts and Speed Levels. You will also find the full Pop-Up range of low-level access products.



Speedy Hire: Stand 110

The UK's largest equipment rental company Speedy is an official sponsor of Vertikal Days and provides the silent generators and fencing for the show. The company is expanding its powered access range significantly,



Tecchio Piattaforme: Stand 125 See Safi

Turner Access: PASMA

Turner will show a selection of its towers and low level access products including podiums and folding work stands.

Urban Access: Stand 137

Urban Access will display the latest Falcon FS290 spider lift with its 32 metre working height and 7.6 metre folding jib. A selection of



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new and used access platforms will also be on show and available to purchase from the stand. Don't forget to bring a business card for a chance to win a days Go-Karting for two at the venue where Jenson Button started his racing career!

Versalift: Stand 116A

As usual the Versalift stand will be packed with vehicle mounted lifts including the VST40 MHI - a 14 metre fully insulated (46KV) lift mounted on a Unimog U400 with 12.5 tonne GVW - a 14 metre ET38LF on a five tonne lveco Daily complete with lithium ion power pack, a 14.5 metre Land Rover mounted unit, a 13 metre telecom platform and several van mounted lifts.

Wumag: Stand 105 See SkyKing Youngman: Stand 112 See APS

Cranes & lifting

Broderson: Stand 158 See Cranes UK City Lifting: Stand 192

City Lifting will unveil a new version of the Swedish-built Raptor 84 articulated jib tower crane. While structurally the same - complete with its four metre out-of-service dimension - the new model includes a new winch speed monitoring system using 'Safety Programmable Logic Controllers' (PLC) where the speed achieved is constantly checked against the speed expected according to controller position and load.



Comansa: Stand 192 See City Lifting Cranes UK: Stand 158

Cranes UK represents Tadano Faun and Broderson in the UK and Ireland. It will show a number of Tadano All Terrain cranes including the 40 tonne ATF40G-2, the 50 tonne ATF50G-3 and the new 70 tonne ATF70G-4 model which is the only crane on the market with two blue-tec engines. It will also show a 90 tonne ATF90G-4 and the 2012, 110 tonne ATF110G-5 as well as a Broderson IC200 compact.

Crowland Cranes: Stand 150



Ormig and Zoomlion crane distributor, Crowland Cranes, will host LSI wireless load indicating systems, TMC lifting gear, Lube-A-Boom and PowerPads outrigger mats. The cranes on show will include the new five tonne Ormig 5.5tmE battery powered pick&carry crane and the latest version of Zoomlion's 35 tonne QY35V truck crane.

Effer: Stand 122

Exhibiting on the CTE stand the new Effer UK will show the Effer 28 - a 2.8 tonne/metre crane which replaces the Effer 20.

Emerson Cranes: Stand MP2 Galizia: Stand 129 See GGR

GGR: Stand 129

Unic Crane's European master distributor will show a range of products including its six tonne Unic URW-706 and 2.9 tonne Unic URW-295 spider cranes. Alongside a Galizia G20 pick&carry crane and the Oscar 600 and Geko glazing robots will be a range of glass and panel handling vacuum attachments and manipulators. Although it is not yet confirmed there is a chance GGR will showcase the recently unveiled 10 tonne spider crane, the world's largest.



Glasboy: Stand 129 See GGR Gruniverpal Tranchero: Stand 114 See HTS Hitachi Sumitomo: Stand 135A See NRC Plant

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HTS is the new UK distributor for Italian mini crane and mould handling equipment manufacturer Gruniverpal Tranchero. In addition to showing Gruniverpal Tranchero mini cranes up to 25 tonnes capacity it will display its own Eco-Jack hydraulic claw jack and Eco-Skate load moving system. Kato: Demo Area See Kranlyft

Meetings and Seminars

Wednesday 27th June 2012				
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10.00 - 10.45	Higher Concept - Get the Most out of Syrinx	Marketplace Room 1		
11.00 - 11.30	Jaama Seminar - Driver & Operator Compliance	Marketplace Room 1		
11.30 - 12.30	IPAF - Press conference	Newton Stand Room 2 - Bar		
12.00 - 12.45	Higher Concept - Workshop	Marketplace Room 1		
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Kranlyft: Demo Area

Kranlyft is keeping things simple this year and will have one of its spider crane models on the demonstration pad.

Liebherr: Stand 154

The world's largest crane maker has plenty to show this year including a four axle MK88 self-erecting mobile tower crane and its innovative 45 tonne LTC1045-3.1 All Terrain city crane. Also on display will be a 90 tonne LTM1090-4.1, a high specification 200 tonne LTM1200-5.1 and a 250 tonne LTM1250-6.1. On the demonstration pad will be its 100 tonne LTR 1100 telescopic crawler crane. Do also stop at the company's training exhibit to see its extended range of courses.



Link Belt: Stand 135A See NRC Lifting Gear UK: Stand 143

Heavy lifting handling specialist Lifting Gear will introduce a new addition to its range, the 600c/800 modular spreader beam which can handle up to 600 tonnes with a



length of 19 metres or 800 tonnes at 14 metres. The beams can be extended in increments of 250mm. Also look for its wire rope slings, shackles and Ekki Hardwood outrigger mats.

Manitowoc: Stand 152

Manitowoc will highlight a Potain Igo 50 self-erecting tower crane refurbished at its EnCORE facility after it was badly damaged in a fire. It will be joined by two Grove cranes - a four axle 100 tonne GMK4100L with 60 metre main boom and a 60 tonne RT765E-2 Rough Terrain with a 33.5 metre boom. Manitowoc Finance will also be on the stand to offer exclusive financing options to customers.

Grove RT765E-2



NMT: Stand 190

The highlight of the NMT stand will be a new four axle truck with a Tri-Loader tilt-back demountable bed and a 66 tonne Hiab crane. The mechanism, which will be demonstrated, offers a single straight loading ramp with an angle of no more than five degrees. Also on the stand you will see a brand new Terex 3180 Challenger

All Terrain crane. NRC Plant: Stand 135A

NRC will show a brand new Link Belt telescopic crawler crane shipped directly to site from the North American production facility.

Link Belt.



Ormig: Stand 150 See Crowland Cranes Raptor: Stand 192 See City Lifting Sumner Lift: MP20

Sumner - the leading producer of portable material handlers and welding equipment - will unveil the new GH2T portable gantry crane.



Visitors will also have the opportunity to see and inspect a two metre high scale model of a Terex CC8800 crawler crane in advance of it being auctioned at the Vertikal Days networking event - proceeds of which will go to the Lighthouse Club charity. Forms will also be available for advance or silent bids to be made for this fantastic model which retails for over £750.

Unic Cranes Europe: Stand 129 See GGR Vanson Cranes: Stand 141A



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Terex Cranes: Stand 156

Terex will have the 55 tonne Challenger 3160, 60 tonne

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Terrain cranes on show this year.

Vanson will show its new 3.2 tonne PS32 Deck Loader, which is designed to work with, but not limited to, a retractable loading platform. Fitted with a six metre telescopic jib it has a maximum two-fall under hook height of 120 metres which can be increased to 240 metres if used on single line with its reduced 1.6 tonne capacity.

Zoomlion: Stand 150 See Crowland Cranes **MAT & TIMBER** SERVIC -



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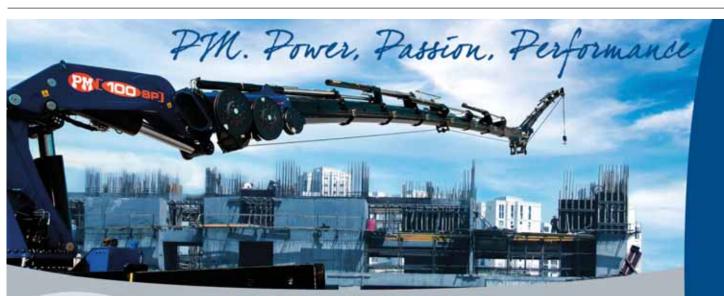
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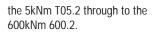


ALLMI Village

The ALLMI Village will have a first class array of loader cranes and technology on show from the industry's leading manufacturers. The association will also hold its general meetings on site which are expected to facilitate lively debate on a range of issues currently affecting the lorry loader industry. The focal point of the Village will be the "Operator of the Year" competition with the chance to win a cash prize of £250 and claim the ALLMI Operator of the Year title. See ALLMI Focus page 59 for more details.

Approved Hydraulics: ALLMI

Approved Hydraulics will highlight a new multipurpose MPG 2.0 grab with external grip and plate clamp options and a TVG heavy duty bucket grab for construction, with cylinder protection stops and reversible Hardox edged cutting blades. Also on show will be a wide



Baltrotors: ALLMI See Approved Hydraulics

Cargotec: ALLMI

Cargotec will show the new 58 tonne/metre Hiab XS 622 heavy lift loader crane which offers an outreach of 32 metres and a jib with up to 25 degrees of above horizontal articulation.

HIAB: ALLMI

See Cargotec

HMF: ALLMI

Danish-based loader crane manufacturer HMF will have at least one of its latest cranes on show, complete with its EVS intelligent stability system.

Leeds Commercial: ALLMI

Cargotec

Leeds Commercial runs a five location, short or long term/contract hire business in northern England with a fleet of more than 1,700



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vehicles, many of them specialised units with a wide range of loader cranes fitted, while its fleet of trucks with powered access bodies has increased substantially.

PM Group: ALLMI

PM will have its latest heavy range PM100SP loader crane mounted on a Scania 8x2 R480 Rigid chassis on the stand. It is equipped with radio-controlled outriggers, with up to 9.1 metres spread and with its type 5 interlock system the crane's load capacity is calculated electronically in relation to the outrigger extension.

Palfinger Cranes: ALLMI See TH White

TH White: ALLMI

T H White, the UK distributor for Palfinger, will feature two vehicles complete with loader cranes and truck bodies designed and fitted on its premises. The company says this is part of a development to provide a one-stop-shop for customers requiring crane and body fittings on the same vehicles in the same location.

Services, Safety, Training & Components etc...

Ainscough Training Service: MP01

Ainscough Training Service offers training for lifting operations as well as relevant legislation and codes of practice. It also provides health and safety and site management safety training schemes. It is an accredited centre for NVQs and Experienced Worker Practical Assessments.

CPA: Stand 194

The UK's plant hire association, represents the crane rental industry in the UK and publishes the definitive rental

terms and conditions that are used



throughout the construction industry.

Cranes & Access: MP

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Crane and Rigging Hot Line: MP North America's leading used crane magazine.

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range of grabs and rotators. Atlas Cranes: ALLMI

The company will show two models from its 2012 line-up, its 92.2 and the brand new 130.2GL grab loader which Atlas claims represents the future of grab loading in the UK. The company's current range runs from

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Cranesafe is a must visit stand for any crane owner or user. The company, a subsidiary of anticollision specialist SMIE, also distributes Orlaco boom tip camera systems. It will be demonstrating the very latest tower and mobile crane anti-collision systems and site management software for cranes.

Crown Batteries: MP15 See Shield Batteries

C-Tech Industries: MP13

C-Tech Industries' European operation will be celebrating its first birthday at Vertikal Days which will provide a showcase for the M&G battery charger which is now available in three versions including the new JLG ES. Also making a debut will be the new JLG ES control box and the new JLG hall affect as well as Haulotte controllers.

Dunlop tyres: Stand 147 See Goodyear Dunlop Elselaw Solicitors: MP03

Midlands-based Elselaw has a specialist construction division and will be happy to discuss any legal issues.

Gantic: MP14

Gantic's new award-winning GantiCharger offers a cost saving, environmentally conscious concept that increases battery performance and life by delivering individual measured input to each battery based on the batteries exact charge requirements. The models available include the GC1806-4, GC1804-2, GC1508-4 and the GC1508-2.



GB Controls: Stand MP4

GB Controls supplies a wide range of electrical control panels and fault rated motor control centres, both standard and bespoke. It is also the UK/Ireland sales and service centre for REMdevice radio remote control systems.

Goodyear Dunlop: Stand 147

The company launched its ER50 All Terrain crane tyre at Vertikal Days in 2010 and sales since then have grown rapidly. The company is back with its latest offerings.



GreenTek: Stand 142A

GreenTek will show its Ground-Guards system of guaranteed unbreakable lightweight plastic panels that can be used to create an 'instant roadway' for vehicles of up to 60 tonnes. It will also show its line of pedestrian overhead protection walks - the Genius Tunnel.

Hewden Training: MP18

The training division of the only rental company to offer cranes, aerial lifts and telehandlers.

Higher Concept Software: MP05

Higher Concept, producers of the Syrinx rental management software, will be conducting technology seminars on both days in Meeting Room 1 in the Marketplace to highlight the additional functions now possible with its latest software. These include the integration of a number of routine functions including telephone and text, document scanning, storage and retrieval, mobile interfaces and for a completely integrated package IT hosting. It will also launch SyrinxRW which enables updates to Syrinx at any time or location via an iPad or Smartphone.

I.C.M Equipments: Stand 141B

Family-owned Italian crane and access accessories company I.C.Mwill exhibit its products for the first time in the UK. On show will be a vast range of accessories including auxiliary outriggers, aerial baskets, polyp grabs, grapples and stabiliser pads.





Industrial Lift and Hoist: MP

A recently launched magazine for the industrial market.

IPAF: Stand 108

The IPAF Safety Zone will see the launch of the PAL + course with a demonstration of a practical exercise from the course which involves working in confined spaces. Companies will also be asked to sign a pledge to report any known accidents involving aerial lifts on the IPAF accident database. You can also find information on the Smart PAL Card, technical guidance on anti-entrapment devices and



inspHire: MP19

inspHire will demonstrate its Hire Management Solutions together with its recently launched user friendly dashboards. It is also running 1-2-1 customer workshops throughout the show, providing users with the chance to further their knowledge of the inspHire system. Held in Meeting Room 2 of the Marketplace, they will last around an hour. The company will also hold a competition with the chance of winning a hot air balloon ride for two!

IPS: Stand 126

Independent Parts & Service will launch 'The Parts Yard' - a new service offering reclaimed, reconditioned replacement parts for aerial lifts. It will also introduce its new 'one stop shop' for hydraulic hoses including an on-site emergency replacement service. Be sure to fill in a quiz and prize draw to win a free barbecue! And watch out for the refurbished Pop-Up in special jubilee livery which will be auctioned for charity.





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Jaama: MP10

UK software technology supplier Jaama will be offering information on its online Key2 Rental Management software which stores and actively manages, monitors and reports on all aspects of a plant hire operation. In addition to showcasing this software Jaama will hold seminars over the two days covering driver and operator compliance.

King Trailer: Stand 105

King Trailer will show a new Plant Body, complete with an array of driver safety and safe loading features.

Kran & Bühne: MP

The leading German language cranes, access and telehandler magazine.

Lectura: MP23

German-based publisher of used equipment and other guides is now working with TER, the UK national equipment register.

Load Systems International: Stand 150

See Crowland Cranes

Lube-A-Boom: Stand 150 See Crowland Cranes

MCS: MP12

MCS will showcase its new mobile CRM offering alongside its hire management application MCS-rm. The MCS-rm user interface has been completely revamped and is now based on

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Mentor Training: MP08

Mentor's IPAF and PASMA access team will be on hand at the event to discuss any safety and training requirements for access platforms and mobile scaffold towers, and will provide information on its newly introduced courses which include Low Level Access, Combined Low Level Access and Towers for Users and Work at Height. Mentor has also introduced an AGR add-on course for those that have only received prior training on the 3T method of tower assembly.

Michelin: Stand 117

Michelin will highlight its latest X-Crane + tyre which it says has a 15 percent increased wear life due to a new more resistant rubber compound in the tread. It also claims that braking distances are shorter and that it is more environmentally friendly.

Mitas Tyres: Stand 144

Mitas Tyres will show its latest generation CR01 crane tyre which it

claims has a high speed capability of up to 85km/h, excellent traction and lower fuel consumption thanks to its all steel construction and reduced rolling resistance.

Myerscough College: MP24

Myerscough has a specialist engineering department that runs dedicated courses for crane service engineers.

National Equipment Register: MP23

Orlaco: MP17 See Cranesafe

PASMA: Entrance Tent

Mobile access towers return to Vertikal Days this year in a new location and a new format at the showground entrance. The tower hotspot will feature trade association PASMA alongside manufacturing members Euro Towers, Lyte Ladders & Towers, Turner Access, Pop-Up Products and Instant Upright. PASMA will focus

on safety and best practice with particular emphasis on its new mobile app, its new training courses and the publication of its Publicly Available Specification (PAS) for low level access equipment. The Association's Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) will also take place on Thursday 28th in the Sports Bar.



PowerPads: Stand 150

See Crowland Cranes RIS: MP

The leading Italian language cranes and access magazine

Sensor Systems: MP06

Sensor Systems will highlight a wide variety of products, including contactless inclinometers, rotary sensors and linear length transducers. The company can also provide consultancy, design and engineering services for the integration of sensors with other electronic components.

Shield Batteries: MP15

Shield Batteries is the UK importer for Crown deep cycle batteries that are proving increasingly popular with aerial lift manufacturers and fleet owners. The company has invested heavily in the past few years to add value to its batteries with features such as thicker plates, more headroom for electrolyte and built-in Pro Eye to monitor levels. The stand is definitely worth a visit.



SMIE: MP17 See Crane Safe Speedy Training: MP22

The training division of Speedy Hire offers a wide range of operator courses from its national network. TER: MP23 See Lectura Timbermat: Stand 191

The company will be located in the



crane zone, and will have a selection of its outrigger mats and temporary roadways on display.

Top Service: MP11

Specialist credit information provider Top Service will be offering a free credit control surgery to all visitors to Vertikal Days this year. Advisors will be on hand to answer all credit control questions and even credit check potential customers at the show.

TVH: Stand 134

Belgian-based fork truck and access parts supplier TVH is launching its new UK business and will have staff on hand to provide replacement parts advice and solutions. The company says as the world's largest one-stop parts shop ensuring everything is delivered within the shortest possible time.



Vertikal.net: MP The leading online crane, access

and telehandler news source and database

WorkZone: Stand 142B

WorkZone will show a number of its safety and security accessories for aerial lifts, including the new KeyZone rugged security system keypad and the Sanctuary Zone that helps eliminate overhead crushing and entrapment risks on boom lifts.

ZT Safety: MP09

ZT will exhibit its unique ZT Safety Harness which has been developed to eliminate the damage and trauma that can be caused by traditional harnesses. It works by clenching the calf gaiters so that the full body system evenly distributes the fall forces throughout the entire harness, eliminating shock and pressure point loads. Following a fall the user comes to rest in a comfortable seated position that allows the blood to continue its flow freely around the body, which reduces the risks of suspension trauma related complications.







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Time to review you financing?

New tax allowances which came into operation in the UK this April could cause many rental companies and end users to reconsider how they fund the equipment they use. Nigel Greenaway of JCB finance, which is active in the aerial lift, crane and telehandler sectors, provides some insight into the matter.

As usual the UK budget was not a particularly exciting affair with many of this year's changes such as the Annual Investment Allowance (AIA) and the annual Writing Down Allowances (WDA) - announced almost two years ago. Even so many were hoping that the government would rescind these changes in order to encourage on-going investment. The bad news is that the chancellor didn't change his mind and from April this year the AIA has lost much of its appeal because of the reduction from £100,000 tax write-off in the first year to just £25,000.

To make matters worse the reduction of the WDA from 20 to 18 percent will stretch the period it takes to write off 90 percent of an asset's cost against tax from 10 years to 12 years. Either way, users of modern construction equipment are likely to regard the new £25,000 limit to the investment allowance as a serious disincentive and will prefer alternative and faster methods of writing off capital expenditure against tax. Now is probably a good time to reconsider the most tax efficient and cost effective method of funding equipment because of two reasons - speed of tax write-off and impact on the balance sheet.

Operating leases

Faced with the dramatic changes to the tax rules operating leases are a

more tax efficient alternative funding method that will allow faster write-off against taxable profits. It certainly warrants further investigation because it does not have to be an all or nothing, black or white scenario. A blend of hirepurchase and operating lease is possible and this may give the flexibility to suit many individual business' circumstances.

Ownership and Balance Sheet impact

Depending on the nature of a business, the ultimate ownership of the equipment and its position as an asset on the balance sheet may not be very important. Traditionally this is the case if the equipment is part of a production process where it is often more important to know how much each piece of machinery contributes to the overall cost of the process. In the waste/recycling, mining and quarrying sectors for example operating leases and contract-hire are very popular forms of equipment funding.

In the construction industry - where hire-purchase remains the most popular form of funding - a number of companies have realised that they have a core group of machines that are operated for a set period and are unlikely to be changed or disposed of before that period has expired. This core fleet could be written-off against tax far quicker because, with an operating lease,

£100,000 expenditure	cash/hire-purchase	operating lease
1st year tax write-off	£18,000	£28,320
2nd year tax write-off	£14,760	£28,320
3rd year tax write-off	£12,103	£28,320
Total tax write off over three years	£44,863	£84,960

100 percent of the monthly instalments can be offset against taxable profits. Run the machine for three years and 100 percent could effectively be written off.

The example below shows the tax treatment of an additional £100,000 expenditure on plant, financed over three years, which will only be eligible for the 18 percent WDA tax write-off. It compares cash/hire-purchase against an operating lease.

The operating lease offers almost 90 percent better tax write-off in as little as three years. The figures will vary depending on the make and model of machine and its respective residual value but multiply these figures for a fleet of machines and the numbers can become eye watering!

Ironically, the higher the depreciation, the greater the tax write-off and the higher the rate of corporation tax or income tax the higher the actual amount saved. Having said that I doubt if anyone objects to the reduction in the main rate of corporation tax down from 26 to 24 percent in April with two further one percent falls over the next two years.

However, there is another reason to consider an operating lease, which for many companies may be just as important as the speed of tax write-off. Increasingly a number of rental companies are turning to operating leases in order to reduce the level of debt carried on their balance sheet. This focus on the balance sheet has been exacerbated by the continuing caution being exercised by the major banks. With an operating lease or contracthire agreement the plant will not appear as an asset on the customer's balance sheet (the asset is owned by the leasing company). This in turn can dramatically improve such key accounting ratios as Return On Capital Employed because the same

revenues and profit are effectively measured against a smaller asset base.

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Operating Lease features and benefits

Off-balance sheet funding with fixed low cost lease payments reflects a predicted future residual value which remains unconnected to the customer (lessee). This residual risk is taken by the leasing company which recovers the machine at the end of the period and sells it in order to realise this unpaid amount.

Benefits include:

- Low capital outlay.
- Spreads the impact of VAT which is collected on each rental as it falls due.
- · Low fixed repayments.
- Tax efficient
- Preserves working capital reserves.
- Removes residual value risk.
- · Off balance sheet funding.
- Easily combined with repair and maintenance contracts to offer total peace of mind.

Ultimately your accountant or finance director will need to run the calculations to see what is best for your business coupled to a sound reason for investing in additional plant and machinery in the first place.

Nigel Greenaway is general manager - marketing at JCB Finance and has over 26 years' experience in the equipment finance industry. JCB Finance is not a financial advisor.



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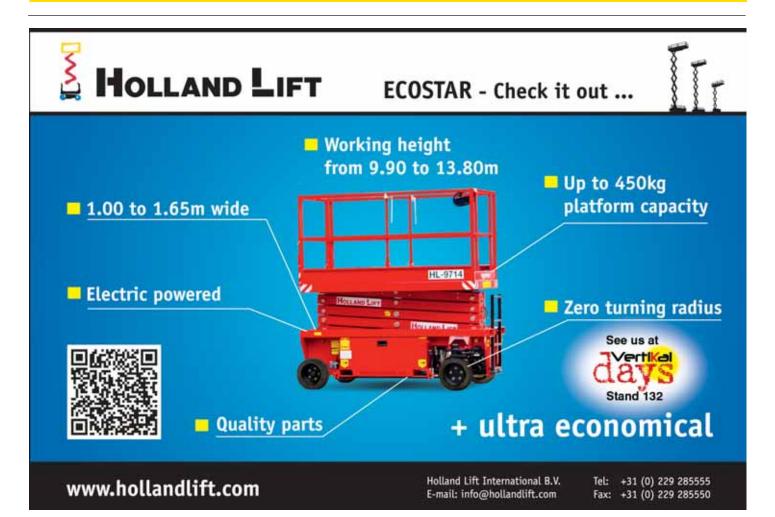






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Urban artists at height

At Intermat in Paris, IPAF commissioned two artists -'Mr Shiz' from Paris and 'Foundry' from Brighton - to create two, seven by four metre canvases celebrating aerial platform safety. The work was carried out using a JLG Toucan mast boom and a Genie scissor lift. The two 'works of art' are now on display at JLG Italy and at Italian training centre Formanentis. Reporter Ed Darwin spoke to Foundry about creating art with an aerial lift.



With little to no experience of using an aerial work platform, both Foundry and Mr Shiz spent a day at Facelift's Hickstead training centre in order to obtain an IPAF Operators Licence (PAL card). Although Foundry's experience as a climber and mountaineer prepared him for working at heights he said his initial training in a boom lift was quite nerve wracking and confessed he was slightly disconcerted by the bizarre nature of controlling a vehicle that can be up to 17 metres away. "It was like a magic mechanical carpet," he says.

The IPAF trainers were able to tailor the training to incorporate specific requirements the artists would need when using their equipment. "Training covered both scissor and boom platforms and we gained the IPAF Operators Licence for 3a + 3b category platforms," said Foundry. "It was a combination of both theory and practical testing." But from a painting point of view, how useful was it being able to use a platform to move around the canvas?

"The platforms are extremely useful on such large scale murals. They allow a larger area to be covered at a greater height, but also to move between areas relatively quickly. Being able to check proportion and scale from a distance on a project this size is vital. The boom lift allows you to rotate the machine away from the canvas to gain a view from a good distance and from a good height. Originally I had intended to set up a wireless monitoring system using a camera/laptop and wireless screen (ipad) to film the project from a distance - this is still something I would like to integrate for larger projects."

Platforms are used for a variety of tasks, how responsive did you find them, given the intricate nature of the project and the horrendous weather at the show?

"Obviously all platforms have their limits and the machines we used were restricted to winds of 12 metres a second. With the wind gusting above this at times, we were forced to stop working but they were stable enough for us to work from. The size of the platform was quite limited and it was strange at first not to be able to move around without operating the





Ar Shiz

machine. But the more competent and confident I became the easier it was to move quickly between areas on the canvas. Boom lifts are particularly useful if you are moving between different areas but the scissor is great for working a large section for a significant period such as a photorealistic portrait."

Did using the platforms change how you planned to paint the canvas?

"Originally I intended to produce a piece of work that would be animated using pixels and to use the machine's capabilities to move set distances. Unfortunately due to the weather, requested design changes and the nature of the canvas this was not possible on this project."

"I have previously used scissor lifts for large scale works such as the 11 metre high wall at the Beautiful and the Canned festival in Brighton," he said. "The scale of my work was limited however by not being able to reach some walls safely. Scaffolding often covers the painting area from view and also requires a lot of climbing up and down ladders! The largest work I've done prior to this was painted using either scaffold, step ladders or extendable rollers."

"Being able to use this type of access equipment has literally opened a whole avenue of opportunities, which I am keen to utilise and explore. Finding wall spaces and organisations willing to allow an artist to explore their own ideas is still a problem however society is still wrangling with the issues associated with murals, aerosol and what has become an umbrella descriptor - 'graffiti'."

"However in the same way that architecture defines our environments there is no reason that visual forms, graphics and murals could not be allowed to add to an aesthetic of our urban environments in the same way we are bombarded with advertising. There are many people that complain about 'graffiti' but there are few creative outlets for young people to explore on this scale."

"I will definitely promote these machines to enable larger scale projects in the future and am currently negotiating using a platform for an up and coming street art festival that I have been invited to attend in Blackpool, as well as Milan - through one of the IPAF staff," he said. "I was happy with the finished IPAF product in spite of the weather. It wasn't exactly what I intended to paint, but flexibility is the key when working on projects of this scale. It was hard work but worth it in the end."



ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition 2012 Reminder

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Register for the competition online at www.allmi.com or call 0844 858 4334 and ask for an application form. Alternatively, operators can register at the show by visiting the ALLMI Village.

ALLMI Village at Vertikal Days

Located next to the Marketplace, the ALLMI Village will display an array of the latest in loader crane and ancillary equipment. ALLMI Village exhibitors include:

- Approved Hydraulics
- Atlas
- Cargotec
- HMF
- Leeds Commercial Vehicle Hire
- PM
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ALLMI General Meetings

This year's Vertikal Days will host ALLMI's General meetings for both manufacturer/service company and fleet owner members. The afternoon of 27th June will see manufacturer/service company members provided with an update of ALLMI's activities, with lively debate expected on a range of issues affecting the loader crane industry.

There will also be presentations from Ian Simpson of the Health & Safety Executive on the importance of slinger training for operators, and Alan Johnson of ALLMI on the association's recently released guidance for avoiding bridge strikes.

In the morning of the 28rd, fleet owners will be updated on ALLMI's current projects and will also see the presentations from Ian Simpson and Alan Johnson. The fleet owner meeting will also include a discussion on the latest draft of ALLMI's "Terms & Conditions for a Lifting Contract with a Lorry Loader", which is expected to have a significant impact on the industry when launched later this year.

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "Holding our General meetings at Vertikal Days has always proved to be very successful. The meetings continually see record numbers of delegates attending, which is so important given the number of projects that ALLMI is involved in, and how crucial it is that discussions are held with members in order to get their points of view. I've no doubt that both meetings will see lively debate on a number of issues and so combined with the show's impressive displays and demonstrations, it should be a very interesting and informative couple of days for all those attending."

- 27th June Manufacturer / Service Company General Meeting.
- 28th June Operators' Forum (fleet owner) General Meeting.

Pre-registered non-members are welcome to attend either of ALLMI's meetings as guests. For further information, please contact ALLMI.



With nearly 2,000 incidents occurring every year in the UK alone, the issue of "Bridge Bashing" is one which affects many aspects of the transport industry. The use of lorry loaders is no exception to this, with the failure to stow a loader crane correctly for travel having potentially fatal consequences.

As well as the potential to cause death or serious injury, the cost of a bridge strike can run into hundreds of thousands of pounds when inspections and train delays are taken into account. Add to this the hidden costs associated with this kind of accident - increased insurance premiums, personal injury claims, the cost of management time spent on dealing with the aftermath, disgruntled customers resulting from the late or non-delivery of goods - and it's easy to see why it can prove ruinous for any business. For these reasons, the training of operators to correctly stow their equipment for travel and the promotion of the legal requirement for height warning devices, are among ALLMI's top priorities.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, said: "We have recently provided members with an updated version of ALLMI Guidance Note 008, which covers the subject in some detail. We've also supplied guidance documents issued by Network Rail, the quality of which is excellent and so we're encouraging members to use them in conjunction with the ALLMI Toolbox Talk template in order to refresh the awareness, not just of drivers, but also

those involved in route planning and transport management". He continues "ALLMI fully endorses the Network Rail Bridge Strike Avoidance campaign and we would encourage all those in the industry to further educate themselves on this subject." visit www.networkrail.co.uk/bridgestrikes

For a free copy of Guidance Note 008, please contact ALLMI.



Crane Supervisor - ALLMI Pilot Courses Commence

The development of ALLMI's Crane Supervisor course continues to take shape, with the first phase of pilot courses having commenced in March this year.

Designed to assist employers in meeting their obligations under BS7121 Part 4, the course fully complies with the requirements of this British Standard and provides candidates with extensive technical and legislative knowledge, as well as a high level of practical skills. Pilot courses will continue through the third quarter 2012, after which a full review of all course content, materials and procedures will take place. If you would like to be involved in a Pilot course, please contact ALLMI.

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£17,500 for telehandler pallet fall

Steel erector Reid Engineering (Cookstown) of Stewartstown Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland was fined £17,500 plus unspecified prosecution costs, after a schoolboy on work experience fell almost eight metres from a pallet on the forks of a telehandler.

The incident occurred in May 2011 at a construction site at Lisnaskea Co Fermanagh when the boy, along with three other workers, was lifted on an open pallet to gain access to an eight metre high roof. As they approached the roof he fell off and was injured.

HSENI inspector Kevin Campbell said: "Where work at height is planned, appropriate measures must be put in place to allow the workers to access that area, and suitable measures to prevent them falling while working."

Tower crane incident costs Bowmer & Kirkland £480,000

Major UK contractor Bowmer & Kirkland was fined £280,000 and ordered to pay almost £200,000 in costs, following the collapse of a tower crane at Chandlers Wharf in Liverpool in 2009, which permanently disabled the crane operator lain Gillham, 55. Liverpool based structural engineer Bingham Davis was also found guilty but fined a nominal £1,000 as it is now in liquidation otherwise it would have been £400,000.

The investigating HSE inspector Warren Pennington said: "During construction of the foundation, Bingham Davis advised Bowmer & Kirkland to cut away essential steel reinforcing bars in the foundation piles and replace them with steel rods. This resulted in the foundation being too weak to support the crane. The foundation was further weakened when Bowmer & Kirkland failed to ensure the adequate insertion of the steel rods. Neither company did enough to check the implication of this change. More on this on www.Vertikal.net





\$5,000 for fatal crane overturn

The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration has fined Trucano Construction Company \$5,000 following the death last year of crane operator Boyd Cody, 75, after his crawler crane overturned in Juneau, Alaska. The company was cited for failing to properly secure the crane, a P&H 535, to the barge it was to work from before it overturned and crushed Cody. The citation said that the loading of the crane onto the barge affected its stability and lifting capacity. It was also cited for failing to provide formal training on the hazards of loading and unloading materials on barges afloat and failure to ensure load charts were modified to ensure safe lifts could be

Company owner Douglas Trucano claimed that the incident was Cody's fault and that his only error was allowing him to continue working at 75. Trucano agreed to correct the violations and paid a fine of \$5,000, after OSHA had reduced it from \$11,400. He also agreed to hold regular, documented safety meetings for employees and to add OSHA's Compliance Guide for Cranes and

Derricks in Construction to the safety programme binder provided to

employees.



accomplished on the crane.

First Terex Cranes Scholarship

The Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association's Foundation has announced the first recipient of the Terex Continuing Education Scholarship. The \$3,000 donation was awarded to Lee Rucker, who plans to attend Lindenwood University, Saint Charles, Missouri for a masters degree course in electrical engineering.

The Terex scholarship, funded by a \$21,000 grant from the company, is intended to help fund bachelor/masters degree students studying in fields related to the specialised carriers and rigging industry. It is an extension to the SC&R Foundation's existing programme, which has issued \$300,000 in grants and scholarships over the past 25 years to help advance the education of SC&RA member company employees and family members.

"The SC&RA is one of the cornerstones of our industry's future," said Frank Bardonaro, vice president of global sales at Terex Cranes. "Its commitment to education is both essential and unique. We are particularly proud to support the SC&RA in bringing the qualified people that the future success of our highly specialised sector depends on."

Who trained him then?

A self-propelled boom lift being used to carry out work at the 16th century St Michael's Church in Roxwell, Essex, England, plunged into a grave, or the church crypt last month. Thankfully no one was hurt and the seven tonne machine was recovered with airbags and a winch. Ground conditions are the primary cause of crane and lift accidents - here we have grass and the certainty of underground voids! It is hard to believe that a trained operator was at the controls.







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IPAF at Vertikal Days: Companies called on to pledge to report accidents

If you are visiting Vertikal Days, do stop by the IPAF Safety Zone at stand 108. IPAF is launching the PAL+ course with a demonstration of a practical exercise from the course which involves working in confined spaces. In addition, companies are being called on to sign a pledge to report any known accidents involving aerial lifts at the IPAF accident database. Also on hand at the IPAF stand: information about the Smart

PAL Card, technical guidance on antientrapment devices and material on IPAF's "Spread the load" campaign emphasising the correct use of spreader plates.



Legislation review should focus on clear communication

Clear and correct communication is the most important issue in the ongoing review aimed at simplifying and streamlining UK legislation, including regulations related to work at height, said IPAF technical officer Chris Wraith, during a panel discussion at the AIF Knowledge Base during the Safety & Health Expo in May. The panel was debating the Löfstedt Review and its effects on the Work At Height regulation.

Riwal's Norty Turner to deliver keynote speech at Europlatform

Riwal chief executive Norty Turner will deliver the keynote speech at the Europlatform access rental conference on 20th September in Edinburgh.

Europlatform is the annual access rental conference targeted at senior and middle managers, and this year's theme is "Success in Access Rentals". Turner will focus on rental management techniques, covering the performance measures that every rental company should know, providing valuable insights into the management practices from both Europe and the USA.



"We are delighted to have Norty Turner address the Europlatform conference in one of his first public speeches since joining Riwal at the start of this year," said IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman.

Other speakers will cover a range of topics on rental management. Mikael Kämpe, Ramirent director of group fleet, will examine the total cost of ownership. Jesper Rom Knudsen, Trackunit head of direct sales, will discuss how to successfully use telematics in rentals. Patrick Rizzo, Loxam's marketing director, will speak on how to boost business with social media.

The conference will be preceded by an evening networking event on 19th September at the Scotch Whisky Experience, located close to the conference hotel, the Radisson Blu in central Edinburgh.

More details on the venue and registration are at www.europlatform.info. "Early bird" conference rates are available until 15th July.



C&a IPAF focus High-profile speakers to address IPAF Summit 2013 in Miami

Terex chief executive Ron DeFeo will give the keynote address at the IPAF Summit to be held on 26th March 2013 in Miami, Florida. Michael Kneeland, chief executive of United Rentals, will also speak at the Summit. The Summit will be followed by the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs), which is expected to attract more than 400 attendees.

DeFeo will examine what responsibilities manufacturers and the industry have in providing support and backup to aerial work platform equipment throughout the lifecycle of the machines. His presentation coincides with a rising focus on the residual values of machinery, seen against the increasing age of fleets

in the USA and Europe. "We are also delighted to welcome back Michael Kneeland to the IPAF Summit," said IPAF chief



executive Tim Whiteman. "He first addressed the 2009 Summit in Dublin, giving valuable strategies for rental companies then fighting the economic crisis. The consolidation and current changes at United Rentals and RSC will provide a rich area for discussion."

The IPAF Summit has built up a tradition of challenging pre-conceptions and providing delegates with valuable take-home messages that contribute toward a professional and safe powered access industry. The full programme and speaker line-up will be announced later this year. Attendance is free and delegates should register in advance.

The IAPAs celebrate and reward excellence, innovation and best practice in the powered access industry. Award categories range from products and projects, to rental companies and after-sales service. Winners and finalists are chosen by an independent

judging panel.

More information on the Summit and IAPAs, including award entries, dinner bookings, venue and accommodation, will be available shortly at www.iapa-summit.info



The IPAF Summit and IAPAs 2014 will be held in the UK.

PDS events: Save the dates

Professional Development Seminars (PDS) for IPAF instructors and training centres will be held on 18th October in the south of the UK and 6th November in the north. Watch for details at www.ipaf.org/events



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Tower hotspot

Back for a second year, but in a new position and in a new format, the mobile access tower display will be more prominent than ever at Vertikal Days. PASMA member organisations Euro Towers, Lyte Ladders & Towers, Turner Access, Pop-Up Products and Instant Upright will be showcasing the latest and best in tower technology, applications and best practice alongside the PASMA information booth.

Don't miss it. In fact, this year you can't! It's located immediately adjacent to the main entrance and is the first feature you come to having entered the showground. Euro Towers, Lyte, Turner Access, Pop-Up Products and Instant Upright look forward to meeting as many visitors as possible and explaining the features and benefits of their respective products in the adjacent tower display area.

For its part, PASMA will be offering advice and guidance on standards and safety and introducing visitors to its latest portfolio of training courses, including the new 'AGRs for Towers for Users' course which caters for users wanting to acquire additional knowledge and understanding when using Advance Guardrail mobile access towers on site.

Information about the brand new 'Towers for Managers', 'Towers for Riggers' and 'Towers on Stairs' will also be available from the PASMA stand.

PASMA will also be showcasing its brand new mobile App and Android.

"Vertikal Days will provide the perfect opportunity to keep right up to date with the latest developments and advances," says PASMA MD, Peter Bennett.



Annual Members' Meeting at Haydock Park

The association's Annual Members' Meeting will once again be held at Haydock Park to coincide with Vertikal Days. It will take place in the Sports Bar, starting at 14.00, on Thursday, June 28th. All members are strongly encouraged to attend and at the same time take the opportunity to tour the show ground. More information at www.pasma.co.uk or email jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk

PASMA Supplement

If you missed the latest PASMA supplement published in collaboration with the Vertikal Press the first time round, or would like extra copies, please email PASMA communications officer, Jill Couttie. In addition to articles covering training, standards and the fall protection review, it includes a full listing of PASMA members. Email jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk





Speedy wins PASMA-sponsored health & safety category at HAE awards

As befitting an organisation dedicated to advancing safety and best practice, the association again sponsored the 'Excellence in Health & Safety' category at this year's Hire Association Europe (HAE) Awards held in London.

It was won by PASMA member Speedy Services and the trophy was presented by Roger Verallo, chairman of PASMA.

The judges said: "Our industry recognises the essential need for good health and safety programmes and indeed most companies go far beyond their duty of care to ensure the safety of their clients. The winner, who is no stranger to the shortlist for this category, has reaffirmed its commitment to safety and produced a superb entry this year."

Speedy took as its theme: "Continuous improvement is a state of mind, not a policy statement. Our vision for health and safety, like many of our customers, is one of zero harm."

Shorts

PASMA Tower Week Yorkshire, 11-15 June: At the time of writing plans are well advanced for this landmark event which is being piloted regionally in Yorkshire prior to a national roll out.

Supported by Working Well Together, the launch event at The Royal Armouries, Leeds, on 11 June, will include presentations by PASMA, HSE, ECA and the EEF. A full report will appear in the July issue of Cranes & Access.



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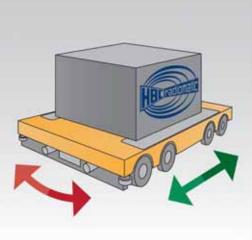


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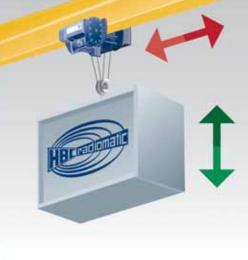
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Hitachi implements new paint process

UK based Advantage Chemicals has installed an innovative paint process at the Hitachi Construction Machinery plant in Amsterdam, which it claims will save at least €60,000 a year on labour, energy and disposal costs. The old process used a standard sinking system, in which paint would sink and form as sediment at the bottom of the water pool under the paint facility, producing around 260 tonnes of waste which had to be removed twice a year.

Advantage developed a real time coagulation chemical and system that causes the paint to float to the surface, so that it is easily skimmed off and pumped into a waste treatment tank. The annual waste produced from this process is estimated at just 30 tonnes, a reduction of more than 88 percent. Robin Huijsman, product engineering manager for Hitachi, said: "Cleaning the pool beneath the paint facility was an expensive, difficult and dirty job. Thanks to the new process the facility is cleaner and the filtering system that removes paint particles from the air functions better. We are delighted with the results as the reduction in chemical waste is one of our key environmental objectives."

innovations

Swiss solution to blind spots

A Swiss-based research company, Swiss Technologies and Intellectual Property, in Yverdon les Bains, Vaud, will begin site trials of its new PACHOM personal anti-collision system later this month.

The company was charged by the French safety authorities with finding a method to reduce or eliminate vehicle reversing accidents on construction sites through blind spots and the ignoring of traditional alarms. The standard reversing alarms fitted to most vehicles are relatively ineffectual on a noisy construction site, where



several machines might be reversing at any one time, causing the alarm to blend into the background of what can already be a noisy environment.

The solution, developed over several years, involves a narrow band short distance radar beam emitted from the rear of the vehicle. Developing a radar beam that remains within the overall width of the machine for up a couple of metres or so, rather than fanning out over a wide area, was the greatest challenge of the project. When close enough, the beam is picked up and returned by a small and inexpensive receiver/transmitter which warns both the driver and the

person in the way of the risk. Initially it was thought that this could be incorporated into a badge, however the developer, having found that just using audio alerts are not fully effective and so built in a mobile phone type vibration function, and incorporated it into a Swiss watch. It could equally be fitted into a wrist band, but the thinking is that site workers are more likely to wear a heavy duty watch than a wrist band.

The third part of the system is an indicator and alert in the cab of the vehicle to warn the driver when he is reversing if he comes within pre-set distance of anyone wearing one of the watches. The watch and the cab indicator vibrates or sounds - more rapidly as the two become closer. It is also possible to provide an additional protection level where other workers in the vicinity receive a different warning, causing them to look out for those who might be in danger.

Initial tests show that the system works and can withstand the worst on site conditions from dust to water and oil. It can also be produced economically enough to make it a standard item on sites. The next step is to run full trials on several sites before a commercial launch.



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Comatrol's hydraulic flow divider

Comatrol has introduced the PFD10-OD, a proportional flow divider with built-in pressure compensator, providing precise, repeatable flow sharing between two hydraulic circuits regardless of the loads on the circuits or motors. When no current is applied to the coils, the inlet flow is divided equally between the two ports, with flows of up to 40 lpm. The flow ratio is then varied proportionally as current is directed to the coils. The product was originally created for a unique custom application, but the company has found that the design has significant potential as an off the shelf pre-engineered solution.

To contact any of these companies click on the 'Access & Lifting Directory' section of www.vertikal.net, where you will find direct links to the companies' web sites for up to 12 weeks after publication.

To have your company's new product or service featured in this section, please send in all information along with images via e-mail to: editor@vertikal.net with 'Innovations' typed in the subject box.





Terex AC 100/4L

The Terex 100/4L is a 100 tonne mobile crane with a main boom length of almost 60 metres. This new model by Conrad comes in a Terex branded box although there are no instructions to help an inexperienced collector.

Although the chassis underneath has no detail, the steering mechanism works well and consists of linked front and rear pairs of axles. Crab steering can be simulated, but not all the steering modes of the real crane. The detailed wheels have good tyres.

An interesting aspect is the heavily styled Terex cab design and this is modelled well although the Terex factory livery is minimalistic in terms of graphics. Behind the cab, the carrier deck has diamond/ checker plated surfaces, and the rear lights are painted.

The outrigger beams are made of tough plastic and the cylinder rods are standard screw threads with plastic pads which can successfully hold the weight of the crane.

The crane cab has plastic grab rails and inside there is an operator's seat and controls, with the computer console having some detail. The counterweight comes in six separate pieces including the cheek weights and can be attached to simulate different configurations, or it can be fully posed on the carrier deck in the middle, or at the rear. The main slabs have lifting points which could be used to attach thin chains.

The boom sections are diecast metal and fairly simple, with freerolling plastic sheaves in the boom nose. The bi-fold swingaway extension has a metal lattice base section, while the second part is plastic with an excellent colour match. A single sheave hook block is provided, with nice red and white stripes detailing.

All the usual crane functions work fine, with the crane slewing and the boom able to be set at a reasonable angle, and the boom cylinder is stiff enough to hold a pose. The telescopic boom can be smoothly extended and each section has a locking mechanism to prevent the boom retracting at steeper angles.

The swingaway is pinned to the boom head using small plastic bolts and can be fixed to be straight, or at one of two offset angles. The top

> portion can be pinned into position or left retracted so overall the fly jib provides a variety of display options. The winch is operated by turning the winch drum directly and it has enough friction to hold a reasonable load.

Conrad has produced a robust and strong model which performs well. It is available from the Terex web shop for €165.

To read the full review of this model visit www.cranesetc.co.uk

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Readers *Letters*

Dear Sir,

Although I did not go to the IPAF Summit in Rome I still got a kick out of the coverage you guys ran. Made me wish I had been there, other than that your quotes under the photos were excellent and although I know none of the people you were ribbing I still ready every one... I know get a life! The way you take a different look at what can otherwise be utterly tedious subjects is what keeps me reading the mag. Keep up the good work.

Chris Briant

Electrician and dab hand cherry picker operator

Leigh

Without a transcript of the case it is impossible to know sufficient detail about the actual case and duty of care breached.

Are we sure there will be no prosecution?

A narrative verdict on a death in a power station resulted in the companies involved still being prosecuted. In this case the coroner apparently said the managing director had breached his duty of care so does this not lead him to prosecution?

Did the duty of care start when the crane was put back into service after the slew ring bolts were changed - as apparently stated by the coroner, or with the original supply of the crane rigged incorrectly which caused the stress in the bolts and their resulting failures?

It is incomprehensible in 2006 that the "method statement" did not state the full build detail of the crane, the details of which are provided in the crane manual, i.e. the relevant part required in this case was the composition of the counter-jib and the relevant counter-weights.

If a manual for the crane was not available the crane should not have been erected. The crane's manual should also be on site for reference to check and confirm any matter arising about the crane during and after erection. Does this indicate poor management and also indicate a breach in duty of care from the original supply of the crane.

The Worthing prosecution blamed the company and the fine and costs stalled the company to the point of insolvency.

The Belfast prosecution (where there were no deaths) resulted in a not guilty verdict but helped destroy the business.

The Battersea inquest would appear to be a clear breach of care and the inquest's verdict appears to open more questions than it closes.

I would like to see the film on U tube of the crane being pulled over at CITB which someone on the Vertikal site claimed to have and wanted to publish not so long ago, is this another cover up or pay off or something? But Denmark is a nice place I did not notice a smell.....

I think this has some mileage to run!

Best Regards,

Bill

Ed

We thought that in light of the sensitive nature of this case it might be best to withhold the correspondent's full name – although this was not specifically requested by him.

The letter refers to articles relating to the inquest into the fatal Battersea tower crane collapse in 2006 (Cranes & Access March/April and on www.vertikal.net) and also refers to another fatal tower crane incident in Worthing in 2005, which although caused by human error on site caused WD Bennett to file for bankrupty. The Northern Ireland one wasted around £250,000 on what was clearly a pointless prosecution from the outset which begs the question regarding consistency.

Dear Sir,

A few points for clarification.

Balfour Beatty Building Services (BBES) have the same bold commitments and targets as our colleagues in other parts of the BB Group. Our energy and momentum is to continually de-risk our business towards the target of Zero harm.

We therefore operate a strategy of Eliminate, Minimise and Mitigate with the preferred option always to be at the top end of the risk management hierarchy. In addition to working with our internal colleagues , BBES additionally continue to work closely with equipment manufacturers, suppliers and trade bodies.

This includes but is not limited to where and how we can work more closely together, but also sharing knowledge and experience leading to improvements in the safe the safe use of powered access equipment.

Indeed, praise must be given to two of our existing supply chain who acted immediately on receipt of the Alert, both Nationwide and AFI Uplift were very quick to respond and offer support.

Our challenge to them is to demonstrate that there is no realistic likelihood of the type of incident being mentioned in the original alert happening again and that requires

some medium and longer term Improvement activity. However, at all times our immediate and necessary concern lies with our site based workforce after workplace accidents and incidents occur. Our safety alerts, as part of our effective H&S management system, are produced to immediately communicate the incident, contributory causes and what we need to do within the next 48 hours of issue.

These are publicly available documents and are also circulated within the wider BB CSUK business, BB Group and to our external partners.

At no time was myself or my team approached for a copy of what is now a widely available alert. At no time do we keep 'safety secrets' – where is the logical value in that? We will undertake an immediate internal review as to why any formal requests to the BB Group were left unanswered

I look forward to seeing the publication of a more balanced article. Happy to discuss further.

Regards

Allan Shanks

Health & Safety Director Balfour Beatty Engineering Services Limited Hillington Park, Glasgow,

The letter was in response to an article we wrote regarding a Balfour Beatty Alert issued in response to an incident it had in which a subcontractor's clothing became entangled in the live joystick of a scissor lift causing it to drive forward under some racking causing the operator to break a rib.

We received information on the Alert verbally, shortly after it was issued and approached Balfour Beatty through its Press Office as we are 'obliged' or always told we should. After no response or call back we chased up again and this time did receive an acknowledgement that our request was being looked into. In the end we never did receive any information through the formal channels. Eventually we managed to obtain a copy of the Alert from a supplier and finally published our article, which we feel was very balanced. The issue gained more prominence after a leading weekly construction magazine decided to publish a story focused on our "criticism" of Balfour Beatty for not circulating the Alert and its concern more widely. The full story can be found on www.vertikal.net and put Balfour Beatty in the Vertikal News Search box.

Since then Allan Shanks made contact with us directly and has been very open and very clear and very informative. He told us that the Alert was not meant to be prescriptive at all and acknowledged that local interpretations were possibly causing some problems and that as a result he would issue a new Alert with some clarification. Following a suggestion from us he also provided a letter highlighting the Balfour Beatty views and intentions. It clearly states his and the company's position on this and all safety issues and their enthusiasm to share information to the industry as a whole, which we applaud.

Ed

letters



Lomma acquital

I read the news article in your last issue about Mr Lomma being acquitted of all charges, involved with the tower crane collapse in New York in which two mend lost their lives and was already surprised and astonished how this could be in the light of all the evidence that has been published. So I went online to learn more and was came across something I find incredulous in the New York papers. It seems that after the verdict he sent emails with photographs of one or more of his cranes lifting the space shuttle to the lawyers of the families of the two men that died in the dent – taunting them following his success in avoiding any justice.

(This reader has not responded to our request to publish at time of going to print so we are withholding his name, he did not provide details of where he is from)

Following last month's Comment a number of you asked if we could publish the FEM letter that it referenced. So here we are: This is intended for guidance only and is published purely for background information.

FEM N 0284 Position Paper

FEM Product Group Cranes and Lifting Equipment -

Sub-Group Mobile Cranes

Regarding: "Lifting Persons with Mobile Crane" Introduction

FEM Product Group Cranes and Lifting Equipment Sub Group Mobile Cranes issued the position paper on the use of mobile cranes for lifting of persons (FEM N0284 dated May 16th 2011). The position paper was interpreted in different ways. Thus the position paper was further discussed between FEM, users and end users, namely representatives from the European Association of abnormal road transport and mobile cranes (ESTA) and Events in the Sky (E.I.T.S.) / Fungroup, owners of "Dinner in the Sky" platforms. The technical discussion was based upon the general principles of risk assessment.

This guidance document is intended to publish the results of the discussion and to give further guidance and explanation with regard to the position paper.

The position paper stated that standard mobile cranes are not designed or intended to lift persons; they may be used to hoist and suspend personnel in man baskets only in unique work situations when it is the least hazardous way to do the job. As such the use of standard mobile cranes to suspend persons and/or devices for entertainment purposes is also not intended.

Any use of mobile cranes outside the intended use stipulated by the manual is under the full and sole responsibility of the owner/user.

Consideration

The groups of people being considered in this guidance include employees and guests. Employees are often working near and/or on suspended devices; thus the devices may be considered under national laws as work equipment.

When considering lifting of persons, it is required to perform a full and comprehensive risk assessment for the entire application by comparing the standards to which the mobile crane to be used has been designed and manufactured (e.g. EN13000) with relevant national law and standards first of all for:

- General safety regulation/law (e.g. 2006/42/EC Machinery Directive)
- Safety regulation/law for Work Equipment (e.g. 2009/104/EC Work Equipment Directive)
- Standard for Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (e.g. EN280)
- Standard for Fairground Equipment (e.g. EN13814)

The risk assessment shall consider all relevant risks for the specific application. Furthermore all additional laws and standards in force in the country of use and relevant for the entire application should be considered, thus the list of laws and standards quoted is not exhaustive. For all risks identified and not covered by design and manufacture of the

Dear Leigh

This is not good PR for our industry in general and looking at the photographs he sent it also looks like they're lifting the space shuttle with no matting under the riggers!

Name withheld

Lomma not guilty

The city of NY actually approved it. They want it both ways. They demand to be the ultimate authority on which cranes are allowed and certified to work in their town and won't allow third party inspections yet they say they aren't responsible for the conditions, when something goes wrong.

We have withheld this name as an editorial decision These are just a few of a number of emails on this subject the above reflects the general consensus and split on the subject

mobile crane adequate counter measures should be defined. Adequate counter measures can be:

- Technical measures
- Limiting the configurations to be used
- Limiting the functions, e.g. switching off certain functions
- Application of defined procedures to abate risk, that are used and practiced

The combination of a standard mobile crane and a device for lifting persons along with the appropriate risk assessment and the counter measures defined creates a new machine for a specific use beyond the originally intended use stipulated in the manual. This new machine has to fulfil the relevant national laws (e. g. Machinery Directive) and is operated under the full and sole responsibility of the owner/user.

National law may require the involvement of qualified third parties in the process of risk assessment and approval of the application.

Findings

The following list contains some major topics to be observed when comparing EN13000:2010 with EN280:2010 and EN13814:2004. The list is not exhaustive and needs to be adapted to the specific application, for example:

- Life cycles of equipment and devices
- Maintenance of equipment and devices
- Work history of the equipment including environmental conditions and overloads
- Safety factors in structure and functional mechanisms
- General design principles of functional mechanisms
- General design principles of control systems
- Requirements for performance levels (PL) of control systems and functions
- Emergency considerations and emergency power supply
- Requirements related to configuration selector switches
- Requirements related to override of safety functions
- Operational environmental conditions

Conclusion

FEM believes that a mobile crane can be used to lift persons if the additional requirements are fulfilled.

As an example of an application for lifting of persons, Events in the Sky (E.I.T.S.) / Fungroup (owners of "Dinner in the Sky" platforms) has used this guidance by engaging with FEM and ESTA to analyse the process of using mobile cranes for "Dinner in the Sky".

It is believed that it is possible that "Dinner in the Sky" could achieve compliance with the Machinery Directive and other relevant regulations once further assessed by third party.

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Svelt	www.svelt.it
Turner Access	www.turner-access.co.uk
Youngman	www.voungman.com

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Access www.accessplatformsdirect.co.uk		
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Advanced Access www.accessplatformsuk.com		
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Aerial and www.aerialandhandlingservices.com		
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AFI- Uplift www.afi-uplift.co.uk		
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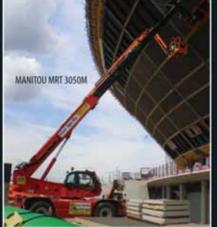
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