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A look back at

a look back at 2014

2014 was a very mixed year starting out strong and then appearing to slip back in some markets before picking up again. All in all it was a better year for most of the markets we cover but highlighted by continuing uncertainty. Our online news service www.vertikal.net posted more than 1,700 English language news reports, while the German service posted 900. These and a further 20,000 English reports and 6,000 German market stories dating back to 2001 are all available online.

Paul Brown retires from Tadano after 36 years in the crane industry.

The first 220 tonne **Terex** Explorer 5800 All Terrain crane is delivered to NMT.



The UK **HSE** publishes new working at height guidance.

Speedy UK promotes COO **Mark Rogerson** to chief executive.

Dinolift

appoints Petri Paavolainen as managing director.

UK-based Facelift appoints Nigel Hunton as chairman.

Manitowoc sells its 50% stake in Chinese joint venture Manitowoc Dong Yue.

Haulotte UK general manager **Craig Bentley** resigns.

IPAF records 53 work platform related fatalities worldwide during 2013.

Riwal appoints Per Rohlwin as country manager Sweden.

The **LEEA** appoints **Siobhan** Hitchen as its first female director.



JCB announces a new six metre/2.5 tonne compact telehandler - the 525-60 Hi-Viz.

Rostek-Tekniikka acquires the aerial lift maintenance operations of **Ramirent Finland.**

Link-Belt appoints **Montacargas** Zapler as its crane distributor for Peru.

JLG and Riwal owner ProDelta winds down the jointly held re-rent business RiRent Europe.

AFI appoints Matt Scott and Chris Jowett as directors.

Genie launches Hybrid/Bi-Energy versions of its 69 series Rough Terrain scissor range.

TVH joins IPAF with all 18 TVH companies becoming members.

Link-Belt announces 185 tonne All-Terrain crane for North America.

Skyjack unveils a DC electric version of its SJ6832RT Rough Terrain scissor lift.



IPAF centres trained 127,365 people in 2013 - a 12.8% increase.

Manitou appoints Michel **Denis** as chief executive replacing **Dominique** Bamas.



Irish rental company Highway Plant celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Liebherr introduces a boom upgrade kit for its LR 1600/2 crawler crane.

KBW Holding acquires tower crane manufacturer Raimondi.



Arjun Mirdha is appointed chief executive JCB North America following John Patterson's retirement.

Platinum Equity sells aerial lift rental company Nesco to Energy **Capital Partners.**

A new rental company United Powered Access opens in UK.



Latvia becomes the 18th member of the Eurozone.



Egyptian constitutional referendum supports the new military-backed constitution.



A polar vortex bears down on the east coast of the USA cancelling thousands of flights and creating dangerously cold conditions.

The **Ebola** epidemic in West Africa begins.



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February industry

UK rental company **Terranova Cranes** is liquidated.

Lavendon appoints **Paul Rankin** as managing director of Rapid Access in the Middle East.



JLG unveils the 185ft 1850SJ self-propelled boom lift.

Bluelift

launches a new hybrid C22/11.

UK-based **Moorend** develops a 3.2 tonne tracked telehandler.

JLG announces the end of the Lull telehandler product line.

Ruthmann reports record revenues of €104 million for 2013.

Terex ships the first 180ft Genie SX-180 boom lift.

The Swiss Army takes delivery of Liebherr LTM 1055-3.2 cranes with special attachments.



Ruthmann announces the 40 metre T400 truck mounted lift.

GSR launches an ultra-compact E140P truck mounted lift.

Tigieffe/Airo forms joint venture Airo UK.

IPAF confirms 500,000 valid PAL Cards are in use.

Niftylift launches redesigned versions of its narrow HR15N and HR17N booms. UK-based Lifterz opens a third location.

Ramirent's senior vice president Poland -**Tomasz Walawender** - resigns.

Manitowoc Cranes

lays-off 250 employees at its Shady Grove plant.

Snorkel appoints Icaro Global Systems as distributor for Spain.

Caterpillar launches a new compact telehandler - the TH255C.





Omme Lift launches a new 42 metre hybrid tracked boom lift, the 4200 RBDJ.

ReachMaster is appointed US distributor for Galizia pick & carry cranes.

Dave Stewart joins JLG as VP strategic accounts.

Custom **Equipment**

introduces three new push-around scissor lifts.

Volvo Rents changes its name to

BlueLine Rental.

Genie agrees a licensing deal for Lavendon's SkySiren secondary guarding.

Skyjack promotes Charlie Patterson and **Eric Liner**.

The UK **HSE** warns owners of **Genie** Z-135/70 boom lifts to check they are properly calibrated.

KBW invests \$40 million in a new Raimondi tower crane plant in Ceará, Brazil.

> Link-Belt announces a new 150 ton RTC 80150RT.



World News..World News..World News

The XXII Olympic Winter Games

are held in Sochi, Russia.

Belgium becomes

the first country to legalise euthanasia

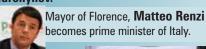
for terminally ill patients of any age.

Major floods

cause huge disruption in the UK.

Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovych

guits and is replaced by Oleksandr Turchynov.



Russian troops move into Crimea.



Skyking takes over Easylift spiderlift distribution in UK and appoints Malcolm Kitt as sales manager.

Martina Moritsch steps down as managing director of Terex Tower Cranes.

Empire Crane takes delivery of the first Shuttlelift CD5520 carry-deck crane.

LiftSmart appoints Etramo as its distributor

in Europe.

LUXcranes unveils a new hydraulic luffing jib tower crane, the MTL220-10.



Time Versalift appoints two new assembly partners in China.

Potain ships the 1.000th tower crane from its plant in Pune, India.



Liebherr unveils the new 53K self-erecting tower crane.

Effer launches five new loader cranes and drops the 440, 470 and 850 models.

MEC launches Hybrid power packs for its Rough Terrain scissor lifts.



Terex Cranes appoints Steve Headden as vice president sales for North America.

Huisman receives an order for two 10,000 tonne cranes from **Heerema**.

Essex Rental promotes Nick Matthews to chief executive replacing Ron Schad.



Wilbert tower cranes is acquired by Nanyang Guoyo of China.



Dinali ships its first 11.5m AMWP11.5-8100 mast boom.

Wolffkran unveils a new six tonne flat top Wolff 5014 City crane.

Manitowoc appoints Irlequip as its Crane Care dealer for **Grove** cranes in Ireland.

Bill Frost is elected chairman of the UK's CPA Crane Interest Group.

MCS rental software opens a Benelux sales office in Zwolle, the Netherlands.

Ramirent acquires the telehandler business of Kurko-Koponen.

Genie expresses patent concerns over the chassis on JLG's 1850SJ boom lift.



Manitowoc and Samson Rope launch a revolutionary synthetic crane hoist rope.

Mammoet opens a new company and location in Cairo, Egypt.

JLG launches the 4x4 hybrid diesel/electric version of its 34ft 340AJ articulated boom.

JLG launches its European Rental Spec telehandlers and upgraded **Skytrak** model.

Hirepool of New Zealand appoints Brian Stephen as chief executive, replacing Mike



Manitowoc unveils the radical MLC300 and MLC650 crawler cranes at Conexpo.

World News..World News..World News



Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 a Boeing 777 travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, disappears over the Gulf of

Thailand with 239 people on board.

Crimea becomes part of Russia following a referendum.

The Oso mudslide in the US state of Washington claims 43 lives.



Ebola virus spreads from Guinea to Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Socage launches 12 and 14 metre van mounted lifts, the VT series.



Manitou merges its Industrial and Rough Terrain divisions and **Dominique Bamas** re-joins the hoard

Rosenbauer International acquires a 75 percent stake in its UK distributor North Fire.

Huisman unveils a patented Rope Luffing Knuckle Boom Crane.

Ramirent acquires a majority stake in Safety Solutions Jonsereds, a Swedish fall protection company.

UK-based One Stop Hire acquires training provider WHS Safety Solutions.

MEC confirms All Access 24 as distributor for Sweden and Denmark.

Terex unveils its largest luffing tower crane the 1,600 tonne/m CTL 1600-66

WireCo acquires Dutch lifting gear distributor



JLG ships the first 1850SJ boom lifts.

Cramo acquires C/S RaumCenter a German cabin rental company.

Roland Sundén is appointed president of Hiab.

Grant Woodward forms Summit Platforms in the UK.

ALL Erection & Crane Rental orders 10

Manitowoc MLC300 crawler cranes.

Martin Scholpp acquires the crane division of the Scholpp Group.

Erik Høi, senior vice president of Ramirent Denmark, leaves the company.

Cramo acquires Finnish earthmoving rental company OptiRent.

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ALE acquires the Australian ECR Group.

German scissor and lift manufacturer H.A.B. appoints an administrator.

Ainscough Crane Hire appoints Leigh Webb as sales director.

Kevin Appleton joins UK-based **Horizon** Platforms as chairman.

Terex Cranes opens a support base in Singapore.

Tadano acquires Cranes UK and changes the name to Tadano UK.



Tayeou becomes IPAF's first member in Taiwan.

AGD Equipment is appointed UK & Ireland distributor for **Sennebogen** cranes.

OSHA revises powerline standards.

Effer appoints Al Mahroos as its dealer in the Middle East.

Rothlehner starts delivering new **Denka lifts** from its plant in Germany.



276 girls are abducted from a school in northern Nigeria.



The **USA** implements sanctions against Russia.

Korean ferry MV Sewol sinks killing 304 people, mostly high school students.



Irish president Michael Higgins starts a state visit to the **United Kingdom** the first ever by Irish head of state.



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\/ industry

Hiab celebrates its 70th anniversary.



Isoli finalises distribution agreement with **Omme Lift** Germany.

C-Tech Industries closes its UK operation.

Sennebogen opens its new training academy and museum. IPAF publishes new technical guidance



for the inspection of aerial work platforms.

Terex Cranes appoints **Budowlane** as a distributor for Poland.

Genie launches the Z62/40 and Z33/18 articulated booms.

Bronto appoints **CharterLift** as a distributor in Germany and Austria.

MEC appoints APS as its distributor for the UK.

Barnhart Crane & Rigging acquires Hite Crane & Rigging of Spokane.

Palfinger Platforms unveils the 48 metre P480 truck mounted lift.

Gantic battery chargers appoints **Alfa Access**

Services for the UK access market.

GSR launches a 22.5 metre truck mounted telescopic lift the B230T Comfort XEV.

Reedyk appoints Promax Access as its UK distributor.

Almac Italia launches a six metre working height compact tracked scissor lift.

UK-based Lifterz acquires the rental assets of Ranger **Equipment/The Spiderlift Co.**

Skyking launches GSR's new 140P lift mounted on



a Ford Ranger chassis.



Time Versalift launches a 4x4 pick up mounted aerial lift.

Anthony Chiofalo, the ex-VP legal affairs at Tadano America is sentenced to 40 years for fraud.

Snorkel's distribution operations in Australia are rebranded Ahern Australia.

Multitel unveils an all-new 37.5 metre truck mounted lift at

Vertikal Days.

Haulotte launches the new 46ft HA16 articulated boom lift.

Terex Cranes appoints **EWPA** Maszyny



Magni launches a range of six work platform attachments for its 360 degree telehandlers.



World News..World Nev

The Army in **Thailand** stages a

coup and overthrows

the government after failing to resolve the political unrest.

The WHO declares the spread of polio is an international public health emergency.

Monica Lewinsky releases a book recalling her affair with Bill Clinton.





The Soma mine disaster in Turkey claims at 301 lives.

Drug company **Pfizer** drops its \$119 billion bid for AstraZeneca

Abdul Fattah al-Sisi wins the Egyptian election.



industry



Holland Lift

introduces an 83ft Hybrid scissor lift, the HL-275 H25 4WD/P/N.

Mammoet opens an office in São Paulo, Brazil and a crane depot in the Port of Antwerp.

Next Capital withdraws its IPO for New Zealand rental company Hirepool.

Palazzani launches the XTJ 43 a new 43 metre spider lift.



CTE opens a new distribution company in Denmark.

IPS appoints **Instant Norge** as its partner for Norway and the Baltics.



Rosenbauer Schweiz is appointed Isoli dealer in German

speaking Switzerland.

MEC appoints Omega as its dealer for the Benelux region.

Ruthmann launches the 48 metre T480 two axle truck mounted lift.

Liebherr unveils a four axle armoured crane rescue vehicle for the German Army.





Avant Tecno launches the new Leguan 135 tracked/wheeled spider type boom lift.

TVH acquires California-based **Equipment Parts Wholesale**

IAPS appoints Steve Couling as managing director.

Kyle Nape leaves **Sany** and joins Link-Belt as a district manager.

ALE unveils the Mega Jack 800.

Hertz Equipment appoints **Brian** MacDonald as CEO.

Palfinger Sany Mobile Cranes launches a 25 tonne truck mounted crane.



World News..World News

The Sunni militant group ISIS or ISIL begins a major offensive through northern Iraq with the

aim of reaching Baghdad. King Juan Carlos of Spain abdicates in favour of his son

who becomes King Felipe VI.

Jean-Claude Juncker, former prime minister of Luxembourg is selected as president of the

European Commission.

Three **Israeli teenagers** are kidnapped and killed heightening the tension in the region.

The 2014 World Cup is held in Brazil and is won by Germany.







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industry news

Bobcat ships the 20,000th telehandler from its Pontchateau plant in France.



Roberto Ferramola, general manager of Airo, leaves the company.

Haulotte acquires a 50 percent stake in **Acarlar Makine's**

sales and service company.

Atlas Maschinen announces plans to close its Delmenhorst crane plant.

A US court finds that Sany infringed a Manitowoc patent and miss-appropriated trade secrets.



Manitowoc

Terex moves production of Demag overhead cranes to a facility in Oklahoma.

Böcker acquires French dealer TOM Levage.

Genie adds a telehandler programme to its Genie Lift Pro online training courses.

TNT Crane & Rigging acquires Oklahoma Rent-A-Crane.



Manitex acquires PM Group including Oil & Steel - for \$107

US-based **Maxim Crane** appoints Bryan Carlisle as chief executive.

Loxam acquires Dutch rental

company WorkX from H2

Equity Partners.

Tat Hong sells its stake in Singapore-based **Hup Hin** Transport.

Terex Cranes ships its new Boom Booster kit for the 1,600 tonne CC 8800-1 crawler crane.

Crowland Cranes is appointed UK dealer for **Grove** RT and industrial pick & carry cranes.

Ommelift Germany takes over the Airo distribution.

Skyjack appoints Time Danmark to distribute its products in Denmark. The first 1,000 tonne Liebherr LR 11000 crawler crane is delivered.





The USA's NCCCO certifies its 100,000th operator.

Hiab and New Zealand Trucks agree a distribution partnership.

Liebherr ships its 30,000 mobile

AFI invests in UK-based distributor **AJ Access Platforms**.

Palfinger acquires 30 percent of Hidro-Grubert, the Argentinian manufacturer of aerial lifts and loader cranes.

Wacker Neuson launches two new ultra compact telehandlers the TH408 and TH522.



World News..World News.

Israel launches missile strikes and an invasion of Palestine's Gaza Strip. After seven weeks

of fighting 2,100 Palestinians and 71 Israelis are killed.



Air Algérie Flight

5017 crashes in Mali, killing all 116 people on board.

Rolf Harris is sentenced to five years and nine months in prison for indecently assaulting female minors between 1968 and 1986.

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur is shot down



by a missile over Ukraine killing 298 people.

Japan claims that North Korea fired two ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan.

Monty Python perform for the last time at the O2 in London.



Dinolift celebrates 40 years in business.



Potain ships the 5,000th tower crane from its plant in Zhangjiagang,

Trimble acquires Load Systems International.

Liebherr ships its 50th 1,200 tonne LTM 11200-9.1 to Yamagata.

Manitowoc opens a new training centre in St Pierre de Chandieu, near



Caterpillar launches the TH414C GC and TH417C GC rental telehandlers

Palfinger and truck manufacturer Kamaz agree two joint venture companies in Russia.

Arcomet appoints Philipe Cohet as chairman following the resignation of Dirk Theyskens.

Avant Tecno appoints **Raimo** Ala-Korpi as managing director of its UK subsidiary.

Werner ladder acquires UK access equipment manufacturer Youngman.

Ramirent Norway

managing director of Bjørn Larsen resigns.

Dingli Platform Sales UK opens for business.

Potain launches the five tonne MCT 85 tower crane.



Multitel extends its range of spider lifts with the addition of the 29 metre SMX 290 HD.

Private equity firm Evergreen acquires SafeWorks/ **Spider/Power Climber**

UK-based van rental specialist **Access Hire Nationwide is** acquired by Elysian Capital.

Barry Fry - UK sales manager for Grove - retires.

Isoli forms Singapore subsidiary to support its operations in South East Asia.

Ex-Mammoet Germany general manager Uwe Wenzel teams up with Riga Mainz.

TNT Crane & Rigging acquires Canadian crane group

Stampede/ Eagle West.

Fassi launches a new F990RA heavy duty loader crane.



ISIS captures the Mosul Dam and the Ain Zalah oil field.

World News..World News

USA launches air campaign against ISIS militants in Iraq joined by numerous other countries.

The 100th anniversary of the start of the first world



war is commemorated.

Rohin Williams is found dead.



Michael Brown is shot

by a policeman in Fergusson, Missouri.

American journalist **James**

Foley, kidnapped in 2012 is beheaded by ISIS.



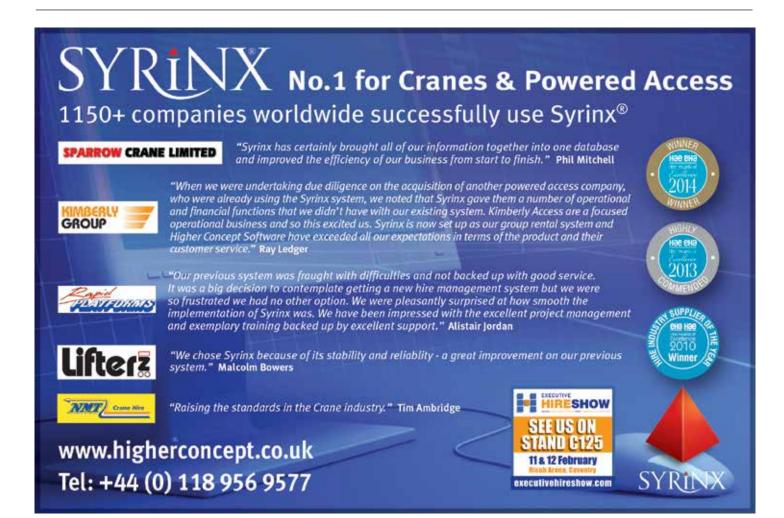






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September industry

A plaque is unveiled at the site of the old **Simon** plant in Dudley, UK.

Sennebogen announces plans for a 300 tonne duty cycle crawler crane.



Magni unveils a 35 metre 360 degree telehandler - the RTH 5.35.

A group of investors acquires France Elévateur.

Hiab sells Hiab Middle East to

Gavelås Förvaltning.

Stephan Kulawik, managing director of Palfinger Platforms, leaves the company.

United Rentals joins the S&P 500 Index. Machinery Oy is appointed Grove crane distributor in Finland.

Airo appoints **Oscar Prigione** as general sales manager.

Eazi Sales & Service is appointed Maeda

distributor for Southern Africa.

Xtreme uprates its XR6538 telehandler into the 31.7 tonne XR7038

Cramo acquires BMS Uthyrning of Kalmar and Nybro, Sweden.



Holland Lift appoints Benito Saporito as international sales manager.

Hertz chief executive Mark

Frissora guits.

Genie opens its Oklahoma City Training Centre.

Denmark's City Lift celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Versalift UK appoints **Cameron** Burnett as managing director.



JCB unveils three new telehandlers the 560-80, 516-40 compact and 525-60 Hi-Viz



Manitou launches the 35 tonne MHT-X 1435 telehandler.

Barnhart Crane & Rigging acquires Crane Rental & Rigging of Omaha, Nebraska,

NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul of Canada acquires Tucker Oilfield Hauling.

Ruthmann launches the 28.5 metre City-Steiger TU 285



IPS opens IPS Deutschland.

Hertz gives corporate raider Carl Icahn three seats on its board.

T H White supplies a special mobile Palfinger PK 34002-SH industrial crane to Jaguar Land Rover.



World News..World New

The two-day NATO summit in Newport, Wales leads to further sanctions on Russia.

0scar **Pistorius** is found

auilty of culpable homicide of



his partner Reeva Steenkamp.

Students and pro-democracy protestors occupy key areas in Hong Kong.

The Scottish independence

referendum results in a No vote.



The official death toll from the Ebola virus outbreak passes 3,000.

Anthor industry



Manitou launches a 32 metre/5.5 tonne MRT 3255 360 degree telehandler.

Terex sells 51 percent of its ASV business to **Manitex**.

Terex Utilities appoints **Cumberland Platforms** as distributor for the UK/Ireland.

ALE launches a new heavy transport tractor - the Trojan Truck.



Isoli appoints A.P. Aerial Platforms as its dealer in Spain and Portugal.

IPS forms a joint venture with Kanoo Machinery in the UAE.

Hitachi announces a new 80 tonne SCX800A-3 low emission crawler crane.

Liebherr introduces a concept to use the LTR 1220 telescopic crawler crane as extra counterweight for the 600 tonne LR1600/2.



Sunbelt Rentals acquires Ventura Rental Center in California.

Hyva launches a range of compact cranes for grab work.

UK crane rental company Quinto Crane & Plant is acquired by Oliver Arnold.



A new access rental company -Star Platforms - is launched in UK.



Liebherr introduces the 172 EC-B 8 Litronic flat top tower crane.

Finnish contractor **Hartela** outsources its tower cranes to Ramirent

Clearlake Capital Group acquires AmQuip.



EGI Platforms of France is caught fraudulently claiming to be an IPAF member.

Haulotte UK appoints Mick **Evans** as general manager.



Nationwide Platforms outsources machine collections and deliveries to Wincanton.

World News..World Ne

A gunman shoots a Canadian

soldier at the National War Memorial and attacks the

Canadian Parliament buildings.

The **Hong Kong** government agrees to negotiate with student leaders/protesters.

Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo crashes in Mojave Desert during a

test flight killing one of the pilots.







Bobcat unveils three new 10 and 12 metre telehandlers - the T35105. T35105L and T36120SL.

Manitou launches a version of its VJR100 mast boom for the Australian market.

Hertz appoints John Tague as chief executive.

H&E Equipment Services opens a Manitowoc Encore remanufacturing facility in Louisiana.



The Crane Industry Council of Australia appoints **Brandon Hitch** as chief executive.

Hertz Dayim Equipment Rental of

Saudi Arabia opens in Qatar.

Alimak Hek launches two new construction hoists at the SC 65/32 and SC 45/30.

TVH completes three acquisitions in the fork truck, tail lift and agricultural markets.



JCB opens two new production buildings in Jaipur.

Ramirent acquires Finnish rental company Savonlinnan Rakennuskonevuokraamo.

Singapore's Ministry of Manpower cites 79 companies in 'Operation Goldcrest'.



Mantall introduces of a new mast boom, atrium lift and revised articulated boom lift.

Potain launches the 10 tonne MCT 205 flat top tower crane.



Sennebogen unveils its new 120 tonne telescopic crawler crane the 6113E.

NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul Services of Canada acquires H&H Crane Service of Great Falls, Montana.

IAPS sells its French parts operation to TVH France.

Dinolift appoints Time **Danmark** as its distributor for Demark.



Tadano UK's sales director Brian Crisp retires after 20 years selling Tadano cranes.

Terex Cranes appoints **Dean Barley** as general manager for North America.



Mammoet appoints Jens Krawczinsky as managing director of its German business.

World News..World News

The **Rosetta** spacecraft's Philae probe successfully

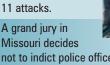


lands on Comet 67P.

Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe calls a snap election.

One World **Trade Center**

opens, replacing its predecessor 13 years after the September 11 attacks.



not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in relation to the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson.

Thousands gather at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin to

mark the 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall.



Swiss voters reject a proposal to reduce immigration.

Australian cricketer Phillip **Hughes** dies after being struck

by a ball during a Sheffield Shield match.





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December industry

Øyvind Emblem is appointed managing director of Ramirent Norway.



Comansa Jie launches a new flat top crane.

Sinoboom Europe is established in the Netherlands.

Böcker confirms **Alexander** Böcker as managing director.

Singapore-based Tiong Woon takes five **Grove**

IPAF issues its one millionth PAL card.

GMK6300L.





Dinolift appoints **Reachmaster** as its North America distributor.

Kevin Parkes guits as chief executive of **Hewden**.

AFI acquires Altitude Access.

Financial speculator Carl Icahn acquires 7.7% of Manitowoc.

IronPlanet and Associated **Auction Services** announce **TVH** acquires C-Tech Industries.



Hiab sells its 75 percent stake in Hiab Mexico, to partner CIPSA.

Gerken acquires the platform division of the Willenbrock group.



Taliban kills 141 teachers

World News..World News..

and children in a shooting at a school in Peshawar. Pakistan.

Indonesia AirAsia Flight 8501 disappears into the Java Sea on a

flight between Surabaya, Indonesia and Singapore with 162 people aboard.

Shinzo Abe wins the Japanese election.

Sony cancels the release of the film The Interview, after hackers issue threats - it later does a limited release.

President Obama and Raoul

Castro announce the resumption of normal diplomatic relations

between the U.S.A and Cuba.

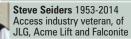
Those no longer with us

From the industry

Dorothy Mort 1930-2014 Joint founder Port Talbot Plant (PTP)

Clive Atkinson 1945-2014 Founder of UK loader crane specialist PE/Plant Equipment

Richard Steele 1949-2014 IPAF/PASMA auditor in the UK



Josef Prangl 1927-2014 Founder of the Austrian crane and access company

Armand Verhoye 1944-2012 Belgian access industry veteran .

Robert Böcker 1953-2014 CEO of crane and access manufacturer Böcker

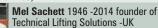
Colin Burnett 1951-2014 UK crane industry veteran

Pierluigi Guarneri 1964-2014 Founder and owner of Italian rental group Eurotecno



Ray Pitman 1925-2014 Access and boom truck pioneer

W K. 'Ken' Washington UK based crane salesman (NCK crawler cranes)



John Wheeldon 1927 - 2014 JCB pioneer

Russ Guthery 1940 - 2014 Aerial lift veteran - Mark, Weber/



Ernie Duncan, Jr - 1929-2014 Founder of Californian aerial lift rental company ADCO

Julian Wagner 1950-2014 Ex CEO of fire platform manufacturer Rosenbauer

Roberto Pagliarulo 1982-2014 Marketing manager at aerial lift manufacturer C.M.C



Graham Maddocks 1943-2014 Scaffold and mobile tower engineer

Janne Niska 1975-2014 Founder/owner of Finnish rental company Janneniska

Andries Slootmans R.I.P Tadano Europe pioneer

David Buehlow 1936-2013 A director of Linamar since 1998

Josef Treffler 1934-2014 Southern German crane rental veteran

Wider world

Eusébio, Portuguese footballer (b. 1942)

Dale T. Mortensen, American Nobel economist (b. 1939)

Ariel Sharon, 11th Prime Minister of Israel (b. 1928)

Roger Lloyd-Pack, British actor (b. 1944)

José Emilio Pacheco, Mexican poet and writer (b. 1939) Pete Seeger, American singer,

songwriter, musician, and activist (b. 1919) Shirley Temple, American

actress and diplomat (b. 1928) Valeri Kubasov, Soviet

cosmonaut (b. 1935) Sid Caesar, American actor (b. 1922)

Rik Mayall, British comedian, writer and actor (b. 1958)

Tom Finney, English footballer (b. 1922)

Clarissa Dickson Wright a Fat Lady (b.1947)

Adolfo Suárez, 138th Prime Minister of Spain (b. 1932)

Philip Seymour Hoffman, American actor (b. 1967)

James R. Schlesinger, American economist and politician (b. 1929)

H. R. Giger, Swiss artist (b. 1940)

Mickey Rooney, American actor (b. 1920)

Sue Townsend, British novelist (b. 1946)

Jimmy Ellis, American boxer (b. 1940)

Bob Hoskins, British actor (b. 1942)

Farley Mowat, Canadian author (b. 1921)

Jean-Luc Dehaene, 63rd Prime Minister of Belgium (b. 1940)

Jack Brabham, Australian race car driver (b. 1926)

Wojciech Jaruzelski, Communist leader of Poland (b. 1923)

Maya Angelou, American poet and author (b. 1928)

Malcolm Glazer, American businessman (b. 1928)

Karlheinz Böhm, Austrian actor (b. 1928)

Casey Kasem, American radio host and voice actor (b. 1932)

Ramón José Velásquez, Venezuelan historian, journalist and politician (b. 1916)

Eli Wallach, American actor (b. 1915)

Ana María Matute, Spanish author (b. 1925) Acker Bilk, British jazz

clarinetist (b. 1929) Alfredo Di Stéfano, Argentine-

Spanish footballer (b. 1926) Eduard Shevardnadze, 2nd

president of Georgia (b. 1928) Elaine Stritch, American actress and singer (b. 1925)

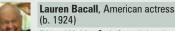
James Garner, American actor (b. 1928)

Carlo Bergonzi, Italian tenor and actor (b. 1924)

Kate O'Mara British actress (b.1939)

Menahem Golan, Israeli filmmaker (b. 1929)

Robin Williams, American actor and comedian (b. 1951)



Björn Waldegård, Swedish rally driver (b. 1943) Joan Rivers, American comedian

(b. 1933) Magda Olivero, Italian soprano

(b. 1910)

Richard Kiel, American actor (b. 1939)

Atef Ebeid, Egyptian politician, 47th prime minister of Egypt (b. 1932

Ian Paisley, First Minister of Northern Ireland (b. 1926)

Anatoly Berezovoy, Soviet cosmonaut (b. 1942)

Albert Reynolds, Irish Taoiseach (b. 1932)

Queen Fabiola of Belgium (b.1928)

Christopher Hogwood, English conductor and writer (b. 1941)

Richard Attenborough, British actor and film director (b. 1923)

Jean-Claude Duvalier, 41st President of Haiti (b. 1951)

Oscar de la Renta, Dominican American fashion designer (b. 1932 Marian Seldes, American actress

(b. 1928) Gough Whitlam, 21st Prime Minister of Australia (b. 1916)

John Spencer-Churchill, 11th Duke of Marlborough (b. 1926)

Warren Clarke, English actor (b. 1947)

Glen A. Larson, American television producer and writer (b. 1937)

P. D. James, English writer and life peer (b. 1920)

James Rebhorn, American actor (b. 1948)

Ralph H. Baer, American video game pioneer (b. 1922)

Tony Benn, British politician and diarist (b. 1925)

Howard Baker, American politician and diplomat (b. 1925)

Joe Cocker, rock and blues singer and musician (b. 1944)















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