

Link-Belt launches new RT

Link Belt has launched a new 90 tonne Rough Terrain crane - the 100RT - with a 47.2 metre full power boom, topped by a 17.7 metre bi-fold swingaway extension which incorporates a new, easy erecting system and offsets by two, 15, 30 or 45 degrees. A 4.9 metre lattice insert can be added to the extension to provide a maximum tip height of 72 metres.

The 100RT has an overall width of just over 3.2 metres, is 3.91 metres high and 15.3 metres long with a Gross Vehicle Weight of 55 tonnes including its removeable 13 tonne counterweight. Power

comes from a tier 4 final Cummins diesel equipped with a diesel particulate filter and Diesel Emission Fluid (AdBlue). It is said to exceed European Stage V emissions regulations.

The cab is an update of Link-Belt's latest design with up to 20 degrees of tilt and features Link-Belt Pulse 2.0 load moment and information system with a 10 inch screen and WiFi connection for remote software updates. The system incorporates V-Calc set-up allowing variable outrigger set-up and automatic monitoring. Shipments of the new crane are due to begin during the first quarter of next year.



The Link-Belt 100RT also features an updated cab

So how does the new Link-Belt stack up

The new Link-Belt adds to the growing range of recently launched 90 tonne Rough Terrain cranes so how does it compare?

Make Model	Link-Belt 100RT	Liebherr LRT1090-2	Tadano GR1000XL	Grove GRT8100	Terex RT100US
Capacity	90t	90t	90.7t	100t	90t
Boom length	47.2m	47m	47m	47m	47m
Extensions	17.7m	19m	17.7m	17.1m	17m
Outrigger spread	7.3m	7.3m	7.3m	7.3m	8.0m
OA Width	3.32m	3.3m	3.31m	3.33m	3.17m
OA Length	15.3m	14.45m	14.38m	14.5m	14.1m
OA Height	3.91m	3.58m	3.795m	3.74m	3.99m
OA Weight	55t	52.5t	52.4t	53.5t	52.6t



The new Link-Belt 100RT features a 47.2 metre full power main boom with load telescope capability

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New 150t Link-Belt AT

Link Belt has also unveiled a new European-style 150 tonne five axle All Terrain crane, the 175AT with a 60 metre pinned boom, plus 16.8 metre bi-fold swingaway extension. The drive train is Cummins Tier 4 Final diesel, matched to a ZF TraXon transmission with 10x8x10 four axle drive and all wheel steer. More on this model in next month's issue.

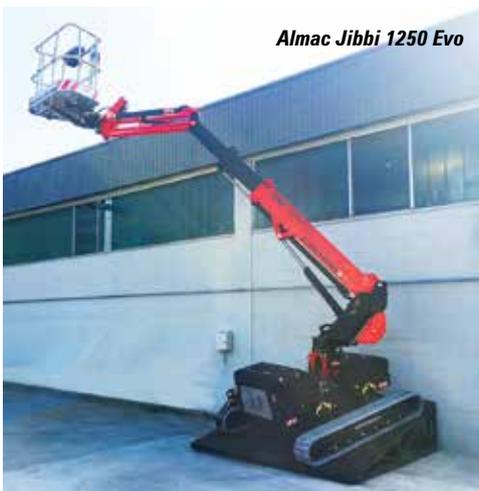


The new Link-Belt 175AT

First Almac boom lift

Italian tracked scissor lift manufacturer Almac has entered the crawler boom market with the 33ft Jibbi 1250 Evo, a self-levelling telescopic boom lift with three section telescopic boom plus articulated jib. It can level on slopes of up to 22 degrees while on the move, has a 12.2 metre working height with 5.5 metres outreach with its 230kg maximum platform capacity, while an outreach of seven metres is possible with a capacity of 80kg.

Equipped with a three cylinder Yanmar diesel, the lift is 1.15 metres wide, 1.98 metres high, 3.7 metres long and weighs 2,850kg. The unit is equipped with 'Dynamic Working Performance' which constantly adjusts the machine's performance to match working conditions and a new patented rubber track system - Safe-Lock - said to prevent the track from coming off its tensioning wheels. An ultrasonic secondary guarding system is also part of the package and a 250kg winch kit as available as an option. Deliveries will start from March 2019.



Almac Jibbi 1250 Evo

Mammoet upgrades PTC 200DS for 2,000 tonne lift

Dutch international heavy lift company Mammoet has upgraded its 3,200 tonne, 200,000 tonne/metre PTC 200DS modular ring crane to the 210,000 tonne metre PTC210 DS.

No details of the upgrade have been disclosed but it has been developed to handle a 2,000 tonne module at the world's largest refinery in Jamnagar, India, owned and operated by Reliance which has awarded Mammoet the contract for critical heavy lift work. The PTC 210 DS can handle 2,000 tonnes at up to 78 metres radius, with 3,500 tonnes of ballast and 117 metre boom or 58 metres radius on a 140 metre boom.



The Mammoet PTC 210 DS on test in the Netherlands before shipping to India

New Hiab loader cranes

Hiab has launched three new 'building material' cranes - the L-HiPro 145, L-HiPro 195 and L-HiPro 235 - which range from 13 to 20 metre/tonnes. They are equipped with Hiab's top end control systems, including its innovative Crane Tip Control (CTC), which allows even novice operators to perform complicated movements to deliver the load simply and safely, the Load Stability System which automatically compensates for unintentionally excessive lever operation, high speed boom extension and optional HiPro remote control system.



31m on a 3.5 tonne chassis

Comet and Hoogweker Centrum/PowerLift have developed the Compact 3117 Jib, a 31 metre truck mounted lift that can be driven on a regular B+E (BE) driving licence - 3.5 tonne truck and up to 3.5 tonne trailer.

Although it is not obvious, the platform is mounted on a trailer behind the 3.5 tonne truck chassis. Weighing 6,850kg it offers 17 metres of outreach with a 250kg platform capacity through 360 degrees and a bi-energy power pack. See the *Small truck mounts* page 29 for more information.



All electric & hybrid Manitou telehandlers

Manitou has teamed up with Deutz to develop all electric and hybrid telehandler prototypes. The programme is part of the Deutz modular product portfolio for electric drives, which allows manufacturers to choose the best combination of diesel engine, electric motor, battery and power electronics for their application, including a purely electric drive system.

The first battery electric telehandler - an 11 metre/3,500kg MT 1135 - is equipped with a 360 volt power supply with a 30 kWh battery feeding a 60 kW electric motor. The MT 1135 is normally equipped with a Deutz TCD 3.6 diesel however on the hybrid prototype this is replaced by a Deutz TCD 2.2 diesel plus a 20 kW electric motor and 48 volt electrical electric system.



All-new Terex luffing jib tower crane

Terex Cranes has launched a completely redesigned luffing jib tower crane, the 18 tonne CTL 272-18. Developed with extensive input from major Terex customers and dealers, the 270 tonne/metre crane offers a 61 metre jib - six metres more than the current CTL 260-18 and a 10 percent increase in lift capacities - while the Terex 'Power Plus' feature can temporarily increase the maximum load moment even further under specific conditions as well as improving speeds/dynamic loadings.

Seven different jib configurations are possible ranging from 30 to 61 metres with a jib tip capacity of 2.6 tonnes. Maximum free standing height is 84.4 metres on a tower that can be configured using a combination of the 1.9 metre H20, 2.3 metre HD23 and 2.37 metre TS212 tower sections.

The cab and the 5.8 metre counter jib - complete with winches and electrical panel - are located on the same level, for safer more convenient access. A service derrick on the counter jib offers a lifting capacity of 1.25 tonnes, for raising parts or helping recover a sick operator.

The crane offers the choice of one to four parts of line, while 'auto levelling' automatically maintains the same hoist block height while luffing the jib.

Safety has had a good deal of attention, with a built-in independent safety line, galvanised jib walkways with attention paid to eliminating gaps in the deck to prevent small tools or components falling through.

The CTL 272-18 is pre-configured for the installation and set up of zoning and anti-collision systems and cameras. It is also compatible with the next generation of Terex tower crane telematics.



LGMG opens European operation

Chinese construction equipment manufacturer Lingong Group Jinan Heavy Machinery (LGMG) opened its new European aerial work platform headquarters and distribution centre in Rotterdam, the Netherlands at the end of September. The new operation will trade as LGMG Europe and sell through a combination of direct sales staff, local dealers and badged OEM sales.

Around 60 guests attended the opening, including partners such as PB - which now badges small LGMG scissor lifts for its Eco range - and Sandvik which works with the company on mining equipment and a number of prospective European major accounts and distributors.

Established in 1972 as a general construction equipment manufacturer LGMG only began manufacturing aerial work platforms in 2015. Its product line currently includes scissor lifts ranging from 12 to 46ft and boom lifts from 39 to 78ft. The company will initially focus on scissor lifts in Europe but aims to add boom lifts next year.



New Klubb electric platform

Klubb K26

French vehicle mounted lift manufacturer Klubb has launched a fully electric version of the 11.8 metre K26. Mounted on a Renault Master ZE chassis with rear cutaway, it has been designed with the support of Renault and features a two section telescopic boom and fixed arm extension, with an outreach of 6.8 metres.



The composite bucket-type platform tucks into the rear cutaway area for road travel, helping keep the machine compact. It is aimed at companies that operate in town centres and emission sensitive areas.

President Julien Bourrelis said: "We are very proud of this new innovative product, developed jointly with Renault."

External fall arrest system from JLG

JLG has launched an External Bolt On Fall Arrest system, which allows the occupant of a boom lift to exit the platform at height while remaining tied off to a lanyard anchor point on the platform. The simple system consists of two steel brackets connected by a 1.8 metre cable with a sliding ring to which a lanyard hook connector can be attached. The company says that attaching the lanyard to the ring gives the operator more room to move around and perform tasks outside of the platform.



The regular short lanyard attaches to the sliding ring

The system allows the operator to work outside of the platform



The system meets both ANSI A92.5 and CSA B354.4-02 North American standards and can be installed to any 6ft or 8ft JLG platform. It can easily be transferred from one platform to another, doesn't require a specially reinforced platform and doesn't affect platform capacity.

Mateco branding for Vamasa and Gunco

Spanish rental company Vamasa is changing its name and identity to Mateco, completing its full integration into the German-based rental arm of TVH which acquired 100 percent of the company's equity last March, having taken a minority stake in 2016. The company had been operating as Vamasa Mateco since the start of the year.

The other TVH owned rental company - Netherlands-based Gunco - will also come fully under the Mateco wing later this year, including the adoption of the Mateco name and branding from November just as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. TVH acquired Gunco and sister company HDW from Pon in 2011.



Arcomet to distribute Terex tower cranes

Terex Cranes has appointed Belgian international tower crane rental group Arcomet as distributor for flat top and luffing jib tower cranes in Germany. Arcomet

has offices in Cologne, Berlin and Hannover and says it has invested significantly in experienced sales staff for the German market.

Terex Cranes general manager Marco Gentilini said: "With Arcomet's investment in multiple German locations, service technicians and parts stock, I believe that our range paired with their capabilities will meet the needs of our German customers."



(L-R) Steve Filipov of Terex Cranes, Philippe Cohet of Arcomet and Marco Gentilini of Terex Cranes

First Platform Basket 30T hybrid spider lift

UK spider lift rental company MBS Access has purchased one of the first 30 metre hybrid telescopic Platform Basket 30T to be delivered. The 30T hybrid - which features a lithium battery and Kubota diesel - has a five section straight telescopic boom with articulating jib for a 30.3 metre working height and up to 14.2 metres outreach. Maximum platform capacity is 230kg with fully automatic working envelope monitoring. When outriggers are set in the narrow position, outreach is 18.5 metres over the front or rear with 136kg capacity.



Shaun Day of Promax Access (L) with Ben Dobson of MBS Access

The lift has an overall stowed width of 890mm and an overall height of 1.96 metres, while overall length is 6.52 metres. For extra stability when travelling the tracks can be extended to a width of 1.29 metres. Given its performance the 30T is also relatively lightweight at 4,250kg. It was purchased through the manufacturer's UK dealer Promax Access.



The 30T hybrid features a lithium battery and Kubota diesel and a 30.3m working height



The first Sinoboom scissor lifts in stock in Poland

Sinoboom opens European hub

Chinese aerial lift manufacturer Sinoboom has opened a new European operation - in cooperation with Liftstore in Jawczyce - near Warsaw, Poland to provide sales and service throughout the region. The new operation will have two locations, one in Poland with another to be opened in the Netherlands.



Erik Geene

The operation is largely owned by the Niewinski family and will be managed by Erik Geene who also has a stake in the business. He joins Sinoboom/Liftstore after working 14 years with Genie, most recently as sales director used equipment and is joined by Lucjan Bogdan based at Liftstore in Poland.

The new venture will focus on building Sinoboom sales and brand awareness throughout Europe, while developing a product support and service operation for the region. The facility already has inventory of Sinoboom's latest generation Q-Line slab electric scissor lifts and will also stock spare parts, while financing programmes will be added at a later date.

The first units - four 47ft GN-4047 scissor lifts - were delivered to rental company Techno West Services in Kruieningen the Netherlands, while Polish rental company Gizo - owned by Grzegorz Niewinski - has added 160 units to its fleet.

Tadano's largest loader crane

Tadano is to launch its largest loader crane to date aimed at the Middle East and south east Asia markets. The TM-ZX1505 has an 18.5 metre boom and a maximum capacity of 15 tonnes at a two metre radius. Maximum tip height is almost 22 metres and a maximum radius is just over 18 metres.

The TM-ZX1505 is fitted with Tadano's AML (Automatic Moment Limiter), which includes a stability monitoring function, a digital display showing actual and rated loads and optional remote controller complete with digital display. The system includes the newly developed load weight function which calculates and displays the weight of the truck load during loading and unloading.



Tadano TM-ZX1505

The remote controller

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10th WAH Best Practice Forum

Nationwide Platforms held its 10th Working At Height Best Practice Forum at Heythrop Park, Oxfordshire at the end of last month, with almost 400 delegates attending. Key topics were the role of virtual reality and augmented reality technology in training and operations, standardisation of equipment and environmentally friendly engines.



Dan Platten, Health & Safety director at the Skanska Costain Strabag joint venture working on the main HS2 contract said: "VR technology is one of the things we can use to make sure people are competent before they go onto site, even if they have a current operator licence they may not have used the equipment for a long time. We will be mandating a telematics type solution to make sure that only the right people are using the equipment and that they are trained and competent to do so."

The potential for augmented reality was highlighted by Guru P Bandekar, vice president, global engineering at JLG: "Smart device apps that translate instruction and warning decals on equipment into the operator's language are being prototyped, along with technology that allows equipment to be loaded and unloaded via a remote control app on a smart device."

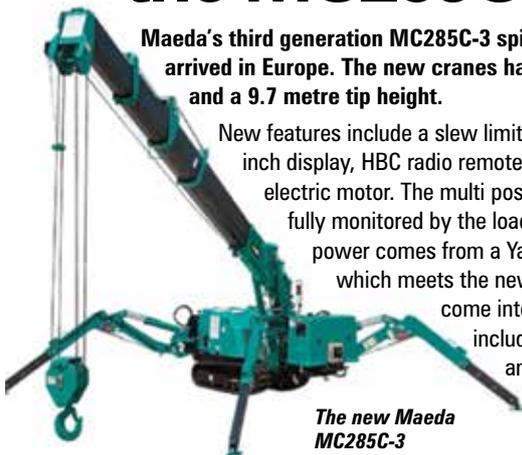
Other contributors included Matthew Harrington, a senior partner at law firm BLM, who talked on the potential legal risks to companies and employees who ignore legislation and best practice, including what the increasingly severe sentencing guidelines. Harrington joined Giles Cancell of IPAF and Ray Cooke of the HSE on an interactive Q&A panel. With more than 20 exhibitors delegates had plenty to see and learn outside during the breaks. The Forum concluded with a networking dinner, during which delegates were entertained by Sky Sports presenter Jeff Stelling.



Maeda updates the MC285C

Maeda's third generation MC285C-3 spider cranes have arrived in Europe. The new cranes have a 2.82 tonne capacity and a 9.7 metre tip height.

New features include a slew limit setting, a new seven inch display, HBC radio remote controls and detachable electric motor. The multi position outrigger system is fully monitored by the load moment limiter, while power comes from a Yanmar EU Stage V diesel which meets the new emission standards that come into force in January. Options include an 850kg searcher hook and auxiliary winch with 900kg capacity.



The new Maeda MC285C-3



The new Bronto S35EM

Baby Bronto launch

Bronto Skylift launched its all-new 35 metre truck mounted lift - the S35EM - at Platformers' Days last month. Mounted on a 17.5 tonne two axle Scania or Volvo chassis, the machine has a five section telescopic boom and articulated jib with an outreach of 29 metres and is designed for self drive rentals.

Maximum platform capacity is 500kg with the standard 2.04 metre platform, 450kg with a 2.4 metre basket and 350kg with the extendable 3.4 metre platform. Outrigger set-up is completely variable and the unit has an overall length of 9.5 metres with an overall height of 3.7 metres. The control system is the latest Bronto 5+, with easy touch screen navigation and modifiable main menu, as well as integrated quick manuals and situation related help texts.

An integrated secondary guarding system automatically protects the operator from overhead crushing incidents.



The control panel on the Bronto S35EM.

Spierings expands UK service

Dutch mobile self-erecting tower crane manufacturer Spierings is upgrading its UK service and support with the appointment of Crowland Cranes as UK service partner.

It is also cooperating with a number of UK regional DAF dealers. Spierings will continue to send engineers from its factory in the Netherlands as and when required and is retaining its UK based specialist engineer. Crowland Cranes offers a full range of crane repair services from its Peterborough base, as well as being UK distributor for Grove and Ormig cranes.



Versalift launches hybrid VTL

Versalift has launched a hybrid version of its new 14.6 metre telescopic VTL-145-F van mounted platform, the VTL-145-F Hybrid. Mounted on a 3.5 tonne Mercedes Sprinter van, it offers an outreach of up to 8.6 metres and a platform capacity of 230kg.

The chassis retains its standard diesel power train, while the platform can be operated via the vehicle's PTO pump, or via an electric motor with separate hydraulic pump and an onboard lithium ion battery pack which is said to be sufficient for a full day's work with the vehicle's engine turned off. The battery can be topped up while travelling between jobs.

The new Versalift VTL-145-F



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New remote control receiver

German remote control company HBC-radiomatic has launched the FSE 319 plug and play receiver for tough, mobile applications with up to 18 on/off control functions and DC power supply.

The Harting Han or ILME connectors can be plugged directly into the machine controls without additional wiring. The FSE 319 also features an integrated flashlight/torch and horn and HBC's automatic frequency management with adaptive frequency hopping. Suggested combinations with HBC transmitters include the micron 5, which is widely used in crane applications.



The FSE 319 plug and play receiver

Two injured at Platformers' Days

Two men were injured when the boom of a 32 metre truck mounted lift buckled while being demonstrated at Platformers' Days in Germany last month.



The incident occurred when the three section top boom of the prototype CTE MP32:19 was fully extended and the telescopic jib telescoped, at this point it has a maximum platform capacity of 120kg and was probably overloaded given the two large men in the basket with their harnesses etc... As they reached full extension at a height of 13 metres, the mid section of the telescopic boom buckled close to the exit point from the base section. The platform came to rest against a spider lift around a metre from the ground.

Fortunately, the men - one in his 50s and the other in his 60s - were wearing harnesses and short lanyards which may have saved their lives. Both were airlifted to hospital and later discharged with minor injuries. CTE has issued a statement:

"CTE S.p.A. informs its customers and the market that the causes of the incident during Platformers' Days 2018 on the France Elevateur Deutschland Stand are to be attributed to an incorrect and non agreed use of the prototype CTE MP 32.19, by a non CTE authorised operator, and not imputable to defects in the design or production of the platform. The truck-mounted platform CTE MP 32.19 has been designed to meet the strictest international design and safety standards for work at height."



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Time Versalift acquires Aspen Aerials and two Versalift dealers

Time Versalift has made three new acquisitions in the USA, including underbridge inspection platform manufacturer Aspen Aerials and two Versalift dealers - Knoxville, Tennessee based O.G. Hughes & Sons, and MAP Enterprises of Graham, South Carolina which also handles Hiab loader cranes. Aspen Aerials was established 30 years ago and is based in Duluth, Minnesota where it manufactures a range of six underbridge inspection platforms. It will continue to operate as an independent entity under Time Manufacturing ownership. O.G. Hughes and MAP Enterprises will merge their three locations in Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina into Versalift Southeast - a newly established, wholly-owned distributor.



An Aspen Aerials platform

inspHire acquired by KCS

Equipment rental software supplier inspHire has been acquired by Kerridge Commercial Systems, a supplier of software to wholesalers and other distribution businesses. At the same time Kerridge acquired Current-RMS a provider of cloud based, fully integrated rental management solutions to the audio visual, production and event industries. Kerridge said the acquisitions will strengthen its presence in the rental industry and offer additional functionality to its customers. It plans to invest in product development and support inspHire's expansion in the USA European markets.



Riwal acquires in Germany

Dutch international aerial lift and telehandler rental group Riwal has acquired German aerial lift rental company Adam taking its German depot network to 12 locations. Founded by Markus Adam in 1990, Adam is based in Hanau, near Frankfurt with 20 employees across two locations, with a fleet of 110 scissors, boom lifts and truck mounted platforms. Markus Adam will remain in an advisory capacity until the end of the year, assisting with the integration of the business into Riwal Germany.



Nixon Hire acquires Mechplant

UK rental company Nixon Hire has acquired the equipment assets of Mechplant, the rental division of Esh Construction. The deal sees Nixon Hire become sole supplier of large equipment to Esh, and 'primary preferred supplier' for site accommodation. The acquired equipment includes telehandlers, dumpers and excavators, which will continue to be run from the Mechplant base in Bowburn, north east England. Several employees will also transfer to Nixon.



Irish acquisition for Loxam

Loxam has acquired the Irish tool and light equipment rental company Swan Plant Hire from its founders. Established 45 years ago Swan operates from two locations in Dublin.



Accès Industrie acquires Matelev

French rental company Accès Industrie has acquired Loire valley based access and telehandler rental and maintenance company Matelev. The move comes a year after Parquest Capital took a majority stake in Accès Industrie in partnership with CM-CIC Investissement and IRDI. Established in 1986, Matelev runs a fleet of 800 machines and had revenues last year of €7.5 million. It is also a Dieci telehandler dealer. Accès Industrie currently operates from 29 branches.



Strong year for JCB...

JCB has reported revenues of £3.35 billion for 2017, up 28 percent, while 'earnings' were more than 18 percent higher. The company has not published its full accounts.



...as it acquires in California

JCB North America has acquired its dealer for the greater Los Angeles region - JCB of Southern California - from Yale/Chase Equipment and Service. The business will continue to operate with the same name and most of the existing team.

Californian rental merger

West Coast Equipment and D&D Lift have merged to form Rental Equipment Service Company (RESCO).

West Coast Equipment was founded in 1984 by Dave Robidoux and is based in Corona. In 2006 Shaun Flanagan - former owner of Horizon High Reach - and ex business partner Jeff Davis bought into the business. D&D Lift is based in Tracy and was established in 1981 by Dave Priolo, his wife Lorraine and son Dave Jr. Both companies will retain their names and brand identities.

Two acquisitions for Hüffermann

German crane and access rental company Hüffermann Krandienst has acquired Velsycon and Autodienst West Ganske (ADW). Velsycon manufactures the truck mounted Combilift CL system that can pick up, set down and empty bulk storage containers and silos. Established in 1947 crane rental company ADW is based in Bergen-Enkheim near Frankfurt and runs a fleet of All Terrain cranes ranging from 30 and 500 tonnes.

Haulotte acquires Turkish dealer

Haulotte has acquired the 50 percent holding in its Turkish distributor Acarlar Makine that it did not already own, converting it to a wholly owned subsidiary. Acarlar has been a Haulotte distributor since it began trading in 2003, the French manufacturer acquired a 50 percent stake in 2014.

Based in Istanbul, Acarlar employs 34 across four locations. In addition to Haulotte it distributes Omme lift trailer and spider lifts, Ruthmann truck mounted lifts, Unic spider cranes and Teupen spider lifts.



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A blustery APF 2018 show

This year's APF show held last month at the Ragley Estate, Warwickshire UK was plagued by strong winds and traffic problems. However, once you had braved them and 90 minute entry queues, there was plenty to see.

The show is probably the best tree and timber show in the UK and over the past 15 years has seen an increasing number of aerial lifts on display, particularly spider lifts and 4x4 pickup and truck mounted platforms. This year several new spider lifts made their debut, including the 27 metre Platform Basket 27.14 Hybrid with a special undercarriage modified by UK dealer Promax Access to provide more ground clearance, the 13 metre Platform Basket 13.80 and the 30 metre Teupen Leo 30T Plus.

A few familiar faces popped up - but not on the stands you would have expected. Craig Rooke is now with CTE UK as he prepares to take over from managing director Graeme Hill who is retiring at the end of the year, while Tony Hobbs is now with Niftylift as customer & dealer support manager. A more detailed show review will feature in next month's Cranes & Access.



The new 27m Platform Basket 27.14 Hybrid with modified undercarriage for increased ground clearance



Allen Freeman of Alfa Access Services with the new 30 metre Teupen Leo 30T Plus



Tony Hobbs has joined Niftylift as customer & dealer support manager

Eurolift comes to Belfast

IPAF's Europlatform - held earlier this month at the Europa Hotel in Belfast Northern Ireland - was said to be the best attended so far, with delegates from a fairly wide geographic area. The event kicked off with a networking event the evening before, which had a fancy dress theme of the Game of Thrones.



Melinda Smith and Brad Boehler of Skyjack at the networking event

Don Kenny of Loxam Access kicked off the conference with a presentation on what makes a successful access company, stating a number of key attributes including four rules: 'All Decisions must be taken on what is best for the company, the employees must have fun, No Politics and employees must be team players.

Andrew Delahunt of IPAF updated on accident statistics and strategies, Skyjack's Brad Boehler talked on harnessing digital technologies, while Kjell Inge Olsen of rapidly growing Norwegian rental company Noboen stood in for managing director Nina Aasland and spoke of how the company has managed to grow more than 15 fold in less than 10 years.

Julie Houston Smyth of Belfast-based rental company Highway Plant gave an excellent and moving talk on starting out as a lone woman in a male dominated industry, and on doing business during Northern Ireland's 'Troubles'. The conference ended up with a panel discussion on the electrification of the aerial lift fleet chaired by Peter Douglas of Nationwide Platforms.



Don Kenny of Loxam Access



Julie Houston Smyth



The panel discussion with Peter Douglas then (L-R) Jos van Grootveld of Smart Platform Systems, Arnold Grootveld of Hoogwerkt, John Ball of the UK's Access Link, Stéphane Hubert of Haulotte and Norty Turner of Rival

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Genie has appointed **Thomas Meheust** and **Arjen Snijder** as regional sales directors.



Thomas Meheust

Arjen Snijder

JLG will now offer non-marking tyres on JLG and SkyTrak telehandlers.

Montreal Gateway Terminal has ordered 10 Liebherr rubber tyre gantry cranes.

Germany's Meyer Lift has taken a 17.5m/4,000kg Magni RTH 4.18 telehandler.

Haulotte is to build a new greenfield HQ and R&D centre.

Ashtead has appointed **Angus Cockburn** as a director and chairman of the audit committee.



Angus Cockburn

Riwal is switching to Shell GTL fuel in the Netherlands.

Easy Lift has appointed **Aerial and Handling Services** as UK dealer.

Members of Germany's **System Lift** ordered 58 Ruthmann truck mounted platforms.

Haulotte has become **IPAF's** first 'Sustaining Member'.

New Zealand's **Tower Cranes NZ** has taken a 130t Demag AC 130-5 crane.

Germany's **Hüffermann** has taken a 90m Ruthmann T 900 HF truck mounted platform.

Hiab has acquired **Londonderry Garage Specialist Equipment**, its dealer in Yorkshire/north east England.

Ramirent CFO **Pierre Brorsson** has resigned and left the company.



Pierre Brorsson

Access Hire Middle East has taken 73 JLG booms with 34 more on order.

UK's **John Sutch Cranes** has taken a 90t Liebherr LTM 1090-4.2.

Platform Basket delivered five RR14 EVO 2 road/rail boom lifts to **Riyadh Metro**.

Germany's **Hundrup** has taken seven Magni slab electric scissor lifts.

Spain's **Transporte y Grúas Aguado** has taken its third 90m Bronto Skylift S90 HLA-X.

UK's **M&D Services** has taken a **Palfinger** PK 19.001 SLD5 tractor mounted loader crane.

France's **Mediaco** has taken a 55t Demag AC 55-3 the first of 21.

Kranlyft has appointed **Jonas Gadolin** group technical director.



Jonas Gadolin

Bobcat has opened a new European parts centre in Germany.

IPAF has launched a Russian language training programme.

Mammoet Canada opened a facility with the **Haisla First Nation** in British Columbia, Canada.

UK's **RRC Crane Hire/Road Rail Cranes** has taken a 300t Demag AC 300-6.

JLG has appointed **Riwal** as distributor for Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro.

Germany's **Anton Schick** has taken a 250t Liebherr LTM 1250-5.1.

US-based **Hydraulic Machinery** ordered five Terex boom trucks.

Austria's **Flott Arbeitsbühnen** has taken a 27m Ruthmann TB 270.

Rotterdam's **Xtra Materieel** has taken a 120ft JLG 1200SJP and 150ft 1500SJ boom lifts.

Roll-Lift USA, has taken its third 220t Liebherr LTR 1220 telescopic crawler crane.

Alimak Hek is to drop the Hek name rebranding as Alimak.

Italy's **Nolo Servizi 2000** has taken a 135ft Genie SX-135 XC and 80ft Z-80/60.

UK's **Cork Crane Hire** has taken a 450t Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1 AT.

Genie has confirmed **John Chandler** as UK sales director and **Craig Duffy** for Scotland and Ireland.



John Chandler

Craig Duffy

UK's **C & AJ Marshall Builders** has taken a 5.9m/3,000kg Bobcat AGR1 telehandler.

TL30.60

Versalift UK has added four new field service and service workshop engineers.

Netherlands-based **Siesling** has ordered four Ruthmann truck mounted platforms.

The **Summit Station** polar research facility in Greenland has taken a Genie Trax boom.

Access industry veteran **Ron 'Skippy' Card** has died, he was 65.



Ron Card

US **Maxim Crane Works** has taken 19 cranes from **Grove** and **National Crane**.

The first 18t **Raimondi LR330** luffing jib tower crane has been erected in London.

UK's **King Lifting** has ordered 22 Liebherr All Terrain and crawler cranes.

Maxim Crane Works has taken three, eight axle Liebherr All Terrain cranes.



Ken Kilhefner

Brazil's **Mills** and **Solaris** are discussing a merger.

Former **Grove** executive vice president **Ken Kilhefner** has died.

Denmark's **KH Lift** has taken a new Denka DL18 telescopic trailer lift.

Goldwind Australia has signed a multi-year contract with **Mammoet** for wind farm work.

South Africa's **Transnet** has taken seven Liebherr LRS 545 reachstackers.

Denmark's **Steiness Liftcenter** has taken a 33 metre **Falcon FS330Z** spider lift.

Maxim Crane Works has taken 15 **Tadano** RT cranes from 90 to 145 tonnes.

Netherlands-based **Wagenborg Nedlift** has ordered two **Demag** All Terrain cranes.

France's **Mediaco** has taken a 52m **Palazzani XTJ 52** spider lift.

UK's **Reid Lifting** has appointed **David Underhill** as business development manager.

Italy's **CD Removals** has taken a 70m **Horyong PE-700** ladder lift.

Canada's **Global Container Terminals** has ordered 10 **Kalmar** machines.



Jürgen Müller

Ahern Deutschland has appointed **Jürgen Müller** as sales rep for Bavaria and Austria.

PT SH Machinery Indonesia has ordered four 100t **Grove** GMK4100L cranes.

Andy Wright has left **Speedy** and is believed to be joining another major UK rental group.



Andy Wright

Ireland's **Nationwide Crane Hire** has taken a 450t Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1.

US-based **MHI** has appointed **John Paxton** as chief operating officer.

South Korea's **YK Construction Equipment** has taken 42 **Snorkel** scissor lifts, with 100 more on order.

CMC and **IPAF** hosted a safety day at the CMC facility in Bari, Italy.

UK's **City Lifting** has taken a 13t **Kato CR-130Rf** City type All Terrain crane.

Germany's **Mayer Hubarbeitsbühnen** has taken a 105ft Genie SX-105 XC boom lift.

US-based **W.O. Grubb Crane Rental** has taken a 500t Demag AC 500-8 All Terrain.

UK's **Bella Access** has added 40ft Genie GS-4069 RT scissor lifts to its fleet.

UK/Irish **Cork Crane Hire** has taken a Liebherr MK 140 mobile self-erecting tower crane.

Netherlands-based **Doornbos Equipment** has taken a number of **Hinowa** spider lifts.

MAS in the UK has added more **Niftylift** booms and **Dingli** scissors to its fleet.

US **Absolute Crane** has taken a 160t Liebherr LTM 1160-5.2 All Terrain.

Oshkosh has appointed **Sandra 'Sandy' Rowland** as a non executive director.



Sandra Rowland

Brian Parker of **AFI** has completed a charity ride from London to Brussels for **Action Medical Research**.

Australia's **Coates Hire** has taken 406 **Haulotte** aerial work platforms.

Palfinger has delivered two 117t/m PK 150002 loader cranes to Malaysia.

Hiab has launched new **Jonsered** recycling cranes.

UK's **GGR** group held an open day at its new facility in Haddenham.

UK's **Nationwide Platforms** has appointed **Colin Hotchkiss** as managing director.

Ainscough Crane Hire has appointed **Andrew Spink** as operations director, Heavy Cranes.

US' **Ramar Steel** has taken a 220t **Tadano ATF 220G-5** All Terrain crane.

Stefan Heissler has left the board of **Liebherr International**.



Stefan Heissler

Members of the Germany's **System Lift** placed an €18 million order with Genie.

Point of Rental Software has appointed **Kristy Myrick** as global director customer care.

Graeme Hill of **CTE UK** will retire at year end and be replaced by **Craig Rooke**.



Craig Rooke

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