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Vegas vibes

ptimism about ConExpo 2020 is fairly high, according to the top brass of a few crane companies I reached out to for a quick check in. Kobelco's Jack Fendrick pointed to a good economy and a positive vibe surrounding the show. He expects to see "excellent traffic."

Tadano America's Ingo Schiller, who said he loves trade shows, is especially excited because Tadano Group will be showing the Tadano and Demag brands at the same booth. "Our customers are anticipating a busy 2020 and they show strong interest in the new models that we are bringing to the show," he said.

Based on interest from distributors and customers, Link-Belt's Melvin Porter actually thinks 2020 could be a record ConExpo.

Barry Pennypacker at Manitowoc is looking forward to showcasing his company's product development strategies. He said in addition to new cranes, Manitowoc will be showing some features specific to the North American market.

All four of the crane company bosses I spoke to are a little worried about the relocation of the lifting sector to the Festival Grounds, that are away from the main show. All four think this could be a positive or a negative impact on attendance. It could actually increase the number of "true crane buyers" coming to the show. You can find out more about what these crane company executives said in our View From the Top article starting on page 50. This month ACT gives 17 pages of coverage to ConExpo 2020. Our listing of Select Exhibitors is a great tear-out page to take with you to the show. If you do end up in Las Vegas, be sure to stop by the KHL booth to rest your feet and visit. Our ACT editorial and sales team will be in and out, so if you miss us leave your card and we'll try to catch up with you at some point.

Don't miss our Q&A with Jens Ennen, CEO of Demag. Alex Dahm, editor of our sister magazine International Cranes and Specialized Transport, wrote the article and we updated it with a few North American-specific questions. There's no question that the Tadano Demag stand will be a popular one at ConExpo.

This issue also features our **SPECIALIZED**LIFTING**50** list, two site reports and a lot more. Let us hear from you about your company, people, equipment and jobs.



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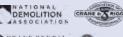
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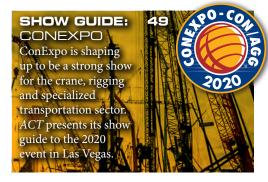


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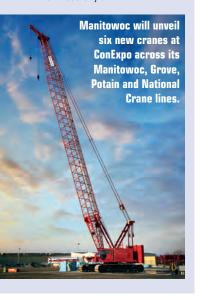
Manitowoc to unveil six new cranes

Manitowoc will debut six new cranes at ConExpo. The new cranes will come from the Manitowoc, Grove, Potain and National Crane ranges. Manitowoc has released details on the Grove GRT8120 rough terrain, Manitowoc MLC150-1 crawler and the Potain MRH 175 tower crane.

The Grove GRT8120 has a capacity of 120 tons and a 197-foot main boom with a 265-foot maximum height when equipped with the 57.6 foot bi-fold swing away extension that comes in either manual or hydraulically offsettable configurations.

The Manitowoc MLC150-1 features a 165-ton base capacity and a maximum boom length of 256 feet. A fixed iib of 80 feet with a 29.5-ton capacity is available for the crane, and a 170-foot luffing jib with a capacity of 50.2 tons is also an option.

Potain will debut the MRH 175, a new hydraulic luffing jib tower crane. Maximum capacity is 11 tons while the maximum jib length is 180 feet. Tip capacity is 1.65 tons when working with the full 180foot jib, or 3 tons if fitted with 164 feet of iib.



Liebherr launches LTM 1120-4.1

iebherr rolls out its new LTM 1120-4.1 four-axle all terrain crane this month at ConExpo. Its 216.5-foot telescopic boom, in seven sections (6 plus the base section), puts it on an equal footing with 200ton cranes, Liebherr said.

"There's nothing more on four," proclaims Liebherr's slogan for this new 120 tonner. It is said to break into the performance class previously the preserve of five-axle cranes. Its boom is claimed as the longest ever on a four-axle crane. It is at an advanced stage of development and testing with deliveries due to start in the third quarter of 2020.

The LTM 1120-4.1 will replace the 110-ton capacity LTM 1100-4.2 introduced in 2009. That outgoing model set new standards in its class with its 197-foot boom and 11.2-

boom length of

its predecessor,

ton capacity on full boom. With its boom set at 197 feet to match the old one, the new crane is 18 percent stronger than its predecessor. The boom on the new one is 10 percent longer too.

Capacity of the new crane is 9 tons with the 217-foot Telematik boom fully raised so it is good for tower crane erection and dismantling and putting up radio masts.

Adding the lattice boom extensions increases hook height to 308 feet. A 210-foot lifting radius is achieved with a 23-foot lattice extension and the 35 to 62-foot double folding jib. An option on this is to have hydraulic adjustment between 0 and 40 degrees. There is also a 7-foot erection jib with a runner which can be swung sideways.



Tadano debuts three RTs

American

market.

Also, at ConExpo, Tadano the GR-1000XL-3. The will launch three new GR-1000XL-4 and rough terrain cranes for GR-800XL-4 will both have the North American 154.2-foot booms. market: the GR-1000XLL-4, The crane's cabs have the GR-1000XL-4 and been redesigned to provide the GR-800XL-4. The improved operator visibility GR-1000XLL-4 and the and comfort. Inside the new GR-1000XL-4 cabs there is a new 10.4-inch will both have multi-function color touch a maximum panel display which contains crane work information lifting capacity of 100 and operation settings. This tons, while the can be operated while GR-800XL-4 the operator is wearing will have a maximum capacity of 80 Three new Tadano rough tons. The GR-1000XLL-4 terrain models has a longer boom of 167.3 are being feet compared to targeted to the 154.2-foot the North

gloves. The cab instrument panel shape, height and angle of the glass face have also been modified, with the aim of improving visibility from the driver's seat. The cranes use a 20-degree cab tilt function for the first time. Tadano said this helps reduce operator fatigue when operating the cranes for long periods of time.

The GR-1000XLL-4 and GR-1000XL-4 both have Tadano's new Smart Counterweight system. This enables the operator to use two counterweight positions to increase lifting capacity. Stability is also increased around 20 percent, the company said. These are the first Tadano rough terrain cranes to have this system.



- A new \$60 million state-ofthe-art expansion at Liebherr USA will be completed in spring 2020 in Newport News, VA. The new site is adjacent to the company's current facilities, where Liebherr has operated for its first 50 years. The new buildings will add more than 251,000 square feet to the existing 560,000-square foot campus.
- Manitex International announced a strengthening in orders in the fourth quarter that it anticipates will result in a backlog of \$66.2 million for the period ended December 31, 2019, growing from \$57.6 million as of September 30. 2019.
- Revenue at Palfinger Group for the full year 2019 was posted at \$1,893,500 million, up 8.6 percent from the 1,744,300 million of 2018.

A1A launches telematics app

D Lift Vision is claimed as the industry's first virtual reality simulator for lift planning by its developer, A1A Software. It allows users to execute a three-dimensional lift plan in VR mode using a VR headset and controls.

"Each simulation is as unique as the lift plan that it is based on," said Tawnia Weiss, president, A1A Software. "There is no better way to visualize the outcome of a lift than to allow the crane operator and other team members to simulate it in a virtual environment."

An entire crane and rigging

crew can see and practice a lift in the safety of a virtual environment. The crane operator, riggers, signal person and tagline holders can all engage at the same time. Prior to a lift, customers can be shown where cranes and people will be placed and how the lift can be made according to the proposed lift plan. The same applies for risk mitigation where the whole crane and rigging crew can practice the lift before arriving on site. People involved can be in different locations and still simultaneously engage in the same simulation.

The simulations are based



3D Lift Vision extends the ability of 3D Lift Plan to be used as a communication and risk mitigation tool. Weiss said.

on plans produced using A1A Software's 3D Lift Plan. Employers can then evaluate and qualify operators for the crane and application at hand. Operators can also use it generally for practice.

Empire Crane named Broderson dealer

Empire Crane Company is a new dealer for Broderson

Manufacturing Corporation's KHL enters construction

recruitment business KHL Group, publisher of ACT, has acquired 40 percent of construction recruitment consultants Blu Coal. The new company will be called Lawsons Recruitment after its founder. Nick Lawson. It focuses on contract, permanent and executive search positions in the construction sector.

"KHL will put rocket fuel into Lawsons' international expansion plans," said James King, managing director, KHL. "With our 15 magazines, websites, newsletters and events; offices in the USA, India, Germany, China and Latin America; combined with our database of hundreds of thousands of readers, our objective will be to position Lawsons as the world's leading recruitment consultant."

"We have known KHL's media products for many years and see

this as the exciting next phase in our company's international expansion plans," said Lawson.

> From left, Paul Baker, Nick Lawson, James King and Alice Lawson.



full line of carry deck industrial cranes. The company will be stocking new units for customers in upstate New York, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode

"Empire Crane has the facilities, support infrastructure and a team



Empire will now distribute Broderson carry deck industrial cranes.

which possesses strong industry knowledge," said Ed Kocsis, major accounts and east region manager, Broderson. "Empire has three locations that each offer sales, parts, service, and rentals which will be support junctions for local Broderson customers. Paul Lonergan, Empire Crane owner and President said, "It's a very compact machine which makes it great for indoor applications at plants or industrial manufacturing facilities. Being a Broderson dealer will allow us to support this market-sector better than we ever could before."

Empire recently ordered a 2.5-ton Broderson IC20-1K, 4-ton IC35-2G, 18-ton IC200-3J and a 25-ton IC400-3B. Empire also has a new 2020 9-ton IC80-3L in stock in their Boston location, plus a presold 15-ton IC200-3J.

■ Buckner Heavylift

Cranes has added the ITI

The Safety Library courses offered through ITI Online will

supplement monthly safety

company as well as provide

targeted refresher training

and signalpersons.

specific to riggers, operators

■ Effective January 1, 2020,

Terex Corporation announced

terrain cranes businesses have

become part of the Materials

according to John L. Garrison,

Jr., chairman, president and

CEO. Terex will launch a new

rough terrain crane and a new

tower crane at ConExpo 2020.

Processing (MP) segment,

that its tower and rough

training curriculum across the

Online Learning course library to its training program.

Stevenson Crane named Load King service center

oad King, a wholly owned subsidiary of Custom Truck One Source (Custom Truck), announced that Stevenson Crane will be the first authorized Service Center

for Load King cranes. With locations in Bolingbrook and South Holland, IL, Stevenson Crane will service Load King boom trucks, truck cranes, and Terex legacy products for customers in the northeast

Illinois area, including Greater Chicago. Stevenson Crane will provide maintenance, repair and parts for Load King products.

"We are very excited to partner with Stevenson to offer after-sales support for our products in this important market," said John Lukow, senior vice president, Load King Cranes. "The depth of experience Stevenson has with operating and maintaining cranes will benefit our customers through accurate diagnostics and on- hand repair parts."

Bob Stevenson, manager, Stevenson Crane said the company is looking forward to partnering with Custom Truck One Sourceand Load King.

"This is a good fit for us as our utilization experience with the Terex legacy products (Terex truck crane models T 340, T 560-1, & T 780 and Terex Boom Truck models; BT 2047, BT 3870, TM 3851, BT 5092, BT 28106, BT 70100, RS 70100, and Crossover 8000) dates back over 30 years," he said."





Visit the Lift & Move USA exhibit at Booth F9007 near the entrance to the Festival Lot.

Lift & Move shines at ConExpo

Lift & Move USA will participate in a multi-association workforce solutions initiative at ConExpo. Supported by the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association, SC&R Foundation, NCCCO Foundation and media partner KHL, Lift & Move connects students and educators with the people, equipment and companies that work in crane, rigging and specialized transportation.

The Workforce Solutions Area at the show has a twofold purpose – to share the industry's best practices for workforce development with each other, and on March 12-13, to interact with approximately 1,000 students from the Las Vegas area.

Since 2015, Lift & Move USA has held hands-on field events for more than 4.500 students in 15 cities.

ALL Crane expands fleet with Groves

The ALL Family of Companies has strengthened its roughterrain crane fleet with the acquisition of four 165-ton Grove GRT9165s. Introduced in 2018, the GRT9165 is now the highest-capacity, longest-reaching Grove RT, the company said. Its industryleading 205-foot, six-section pinned boom is five feet longer than that of competing models.

> Manitowoc said many of the crane's in-demand features and technologies have been developed specifically in response to customer needs. For example, Grove engineers made a key effort to improve transportability to enable increased productivity and

> > ALL has acquired four 165-ton Grove GRT9165 units.

profitability. The GRT9165 rolls out on three trailers and is self-deployable, requiring no assist crane. With all components removed, it has a transportable gross vehicle weight of 116,000 pounds. "The Grove GRT9165 brings

versatility and cost-effective operation to the fleet, along with unparalleled reach and muscle," said Michael L. Liptak, CEO and president, ALL Family of Companies.



■ The program for Tower Cranes North America, which will be held June 22-23, 2020 in Miami, FL, has been finalized. For information please visit khl-tcna.com.

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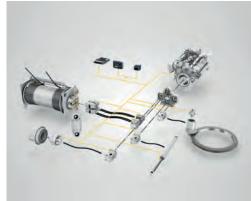












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5:30-7:30 P.M. Opening Reception,

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MONDAY APRIL 20

6-6:45 A.M. Workout with AWRF

(Morning jog)

7-7:30 A.M. Networking Breakfast, Great Hall S&N

7:30-11 A.M. General Business Session.

Great Hall S&N 12 P.M. Shotgun Start- Networking Golf

Tournament (Meet in Lobby at 11:15 a.m.)

4-5 P.M. Workout with AWRF

(Strength Training), Granada B

6-7:30 P.M. Reception, Cathedral Room

TUESDAY APRIL 21

Updates, Great Hall S&N

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9 A.M.-1:05 P.M. General Business & Breakout Sessions, Great Hall S&N/Granada A, B & CD

9:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. Tour

(Meet in Lobby at 9:30 a.m.)

1:15-2:15 P.M. Emerging Leaders Meeting, Granada CD

3-4 P.M. Workout with AWRF

(Strength Training), Granada B

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The annual results season in late January and early February saw the markets fall. with the heavy equipment segment taking a heavy hit.

ACT's Heavy Equipment Index (HEI) tracks the performance of eight of America's most significant, publicly-traded construction equipment manufacturers - Astec Industries, Caterpillar, **CNH Industrial, Deere** & Company, Joy Global, Manitowoc and Terex.

Results season

s is often the seasonal pattern, share prices took a tumble in late January and early February as final quarter and full-year financial results were announced.

Share prices tend to climb towards the end of the year and particularly in the first few months of the New Year. One of the explanations of this is that there can be heavy selling in December following a rally as investors tend to take their profits from good performers and offset the capital gains tax liability by speculating on weaker stocks.

This tends to follow through into January, and is sometimes called the January Effect. But at some point in any rally comes the realization that shares have been over-bought and a correction follows.

At this time of year, the trigger for that is financial results, which not only detail past performance, but which also give guidance for the future. One of the quirks of the results season is that share

prices can fall when profits are up or climb when the data is down. It is not so much about performance, but more performance against what the markets expected and

But in the case of the heavy equipment producers that had announced their results by the time ACT went to press, both revenues and profits were down compared to a year previously. This not only applied to the U.S.-based companies which make up the ACT Heavy Equipment Index (HEI) but also to a number of the major Japanese groups.

The big influence as far as the ACT HEI is concerned is Caterpillar. Both revenues and profits were down for the world's largest construction equipment maker and its earnings per share were impacted as a result. The company also had some bad news in its outlook, saving demand for equipment in North America was weakening.

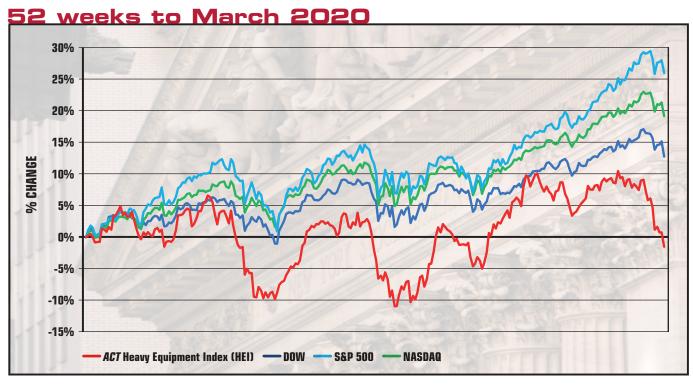
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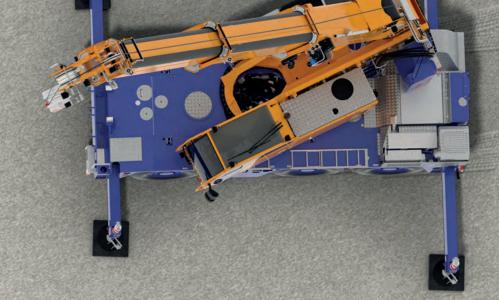
Caterpillar's margin in the final quarter of 2019 was better than 2018, which was linked to some cost cutting, but mostly a lower effective

Although arguably a mixed bag, the earnings announcement pulled down Caterpillar's share price, and with it the heavy equipment segment as a whole.

As this month's graph illustrates, this pulled the ACT HEI into the red on a rolling 12-month basis. The mainstream indexes also dipped at the end of January, but remained firmly in positive territory. Most striking was the tech-heavy NASDAO, which ended January still more than 25 percent higher than it was a year ago.

With demand for construction equipment clearly softening around the world, the emphasis for manufacturers over the next 12 months at least will be on controlling their costs to maintain margins.





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Slings wingding

An inside look at lifting slings and other rigging hardware. Mike Chalmers reports.

l Abel, lifting specialist at
Cleveland, OH-based Mazzella
Companies, recently took part
in an SC&RA webinar, "How Well Do
You Know the Basics of Lifting Slings and
Rigging Hardware?"

Comprising an in-depth examination of the fundamentals needed to perform care, use and inspect lifting slings and rigging hardware, Abel's presentation underscored the industry standards expected of companies to operate safely. Attendees walked away with a more focused understanding of how to care for and operate wire rope, chain and web slings and an assortment of below-the-hook lifting devices. They also gained insight into the inspection process: dos and don'ts, frequency, removal criteria, ID tags and more.

Learning never stops

With Mazzella since 1995, Abel joined the company while concurrently finishing up a high school teaching career with the Cleveland public school system. Since then, he has been instrumental in developing and expanding Mazzella's training programs and mentoring and developing other trainers within the organization.

Abel reflects on 30 years of teaching as preparation for his training experiences now, though he never looks past the fact that he still learns something every day.

"Let's be honest, when you talk about accident causation, you're basically trying to save lives," he said.

A typical onsite training session with Abel will involve a wealth of visuals and hands-on opportunities for attendees. And it usually starts with a visit and walkthrough ahead of time.

"The first thing I like to do with a company is see what they're doing and create the training around that," he said. "Obviously, with a webinar, we

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approached it differently – utilizing four of our 11 modules that we train from. It was similar to what folks would see in a live class – and we added to the experience by incorporating some PowerPoint visuals and some videos."

Top on Abel's priority list for the webinar were inspections. Key points were:

- What is the rejection criteria for when a rigger is on a jobsite – when you pick up a sling?
- How often should you be inspecting a sling?

"[We] should always be keeping a close eye on our lifting equipment, and ultimately thinking, 'When would I not put this into service?"

Abel also wants to make sure that workers understand that "this isn't what I say – we're going by the ASME standards. Don't shoot the messenger."

Establish a lift plan

Onsite, Abel will often require his audiences to develop a lift plan.

"We'll typically do that before we get into the rejection criteria – all the things you have to think about when making a lift," he said. "And, of course, one of the key points in a lift plan is inspection. So, we covered that carefully in the webinar; if I'd have been in front of them, they'd leave with a lift plan, but the webinar was more of a walk-through in that regard."

Occasionally, someone in Abel's audiences will toss him an unusual question, but for the most part, he knows what to expect.

"People often ask about latches for

RIGGING REVIEW



Al Abel's webinar and training classes provide valuable insight into the inspection process, including dos and don'ts, frequency, removal criteria and ID tags.

some reason, and slings," he said. "When it comes to why people sometimes hide these devices from inspectors, one thing you don't want to hear is '...the company's not going to buy me a replacement.' If I hear that, I try to put it on the table with the company up front."

As for his digital audience, Abel said that if folks took the time to tune in, they should take his information seriously.

"If someone attended, or attends, this webinar, and they go back to doing something that they know is wrong, then they've failed," he said. "The point here is that everyone is trying to get better."

Tagging innovations

Part of getting better often means implementing industry advancements.

"Probably the most consistent innovations at this point deal with tagging," Abel explained. "A computer spits this tag out and it meets all the industry standards, very durable that's probably the nicest thing that has happened in recent times. But I never want to hear a company say: we go through a lot of slings. If you're doing that, same with latches, something's wrong. If you're tearing up latches and slings, we need to look at how you're operating."

If it is going below the hook, it has got to meet all the industry standards.



Mazzella's Al Abel discusses fiber sling care, inspection and replacement.

Homemade lifting devices is another area of concern for Abel.

"Whether it's a spreader beam or a lift beam, if it's going below the hook, it's got to meet all the industry standards," he said. "If you've got a welder and he's welding up some kind of a lift beam, whose name is going on that beam? Because it's got to a have a manufacturer on it, proper markings, a serial number, a rated load, a design category, a service class and, if it doesn't, then it won't pass the current standards."

It's pay now or pay later in the long run. "I mean, I'm an old guy - I remember cars without seat belts - but try buying one like that today," he said. "You've still got a lot of people thinking old-school in this industry, thinking

they're going to save their company some money. But eventually, they're going to cost them more money if they don't take action here and do things the right way."

Al Abel, Lifting Specialist, Mazzella **Companies**

More often, Abel's role as a trainer brings him in front of other undeniable realities.

"One thing I'm noticing more and more is who is picking up the work after these older guys leave," he asked. "The current workforce is definitely used to the technology, the interactive stuff, and maybe a webinar works for them. When we're in-person, I do know they like the mix of verbal, hands-on and video which is also why we added that [video] for this webinar. Young people are very visual learners, especially these days, so we tried to recreate that at least a little in this webinar."

Webinar archives

Ultimately, Abel recognized SC&RA's dedication to its membership and the industry by offering the chance for someone like him to come in and do his part in a webinar.

"SC&RA is ahead of the curve – putting so much information out there," he explained. "The best part about this webinar is that if you missed it, you can circle back and find it on SC&RA's website and join in at a time that works best for you. You can't say

enough about an industry organization that does it

like this, and I'm happy to be a part of it."

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Major brand

Alex Dahm talked to Tadano Demag CEO Jens Ennen about the continuing integration of the two major crane manufacturers and the inherent challenges along the way.

he past year has been a busy one for Tadano and Demag. As the new CEO of Demag, Jens Ennen has relished the task of integrating the Demag business with Tadano.

Just over a year ago, in February 2019, came the news that Tadano would acquire Demag Mobile Cranes from Terex Corporation for \$215 million. April 2019 saw Ennen join Tadano and begin work on the acquisition and planning the integration of two great crane manufacturers. The first week of August 2019, Ennen's work took an official major step forward as the acquisition was completed.

Regaining its title

Tadano has previously held the position of the world's largest crane manufacturer, and the Demag acquisition is a major step in its quest to regain that title. For many years, International Cranes and Specialized Transport magazine's ICm20 ranking of the world's largest crane manufacturers by turnover from crane-related activity has featured Tadano and Terex Cranes (previous owner of Demag) in the top 10. In terms of purely mobile cranes, both manufacturers are in the top four, with Liebherr and Manitowoc.

With the Demag acquisition, Tadano primarily adds large lattice boom crawler cranes and all terrain cranes to its product

Jens Ennen has 25 years of experience in cranes and lifting technology. Most recently he was responsible for international development, worldwide product line management for all terrain and truck cranes and was senior vice president for mobile cranes in Europe and Africa at Manitowoc Cranes, which he joined in 1991. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Osnabrück, Germany.

Here Ennen explains his plans and projections for the future of Tadano and Demag together.

TELL US ABOUT THE ACQUISITION AND THE INTEGRATION OF TADANO AND DEMAG. WILL **DEMAG BE SUBSUMED INTO TADANO OR IS** THERE A DIFFERENT PLAN?

Demag is the largest acquisition in Tadano's history. It is obvious the combination of Tadano and Demag will change the landscape in the crane industry. Now that Tadano and Demag are together as one team, we will be working diligently to ensure business as usual and a seamless transition for our customers.

Furthermore, we have already started working together to build synergies, discover new possibilities and figure out every detail on how to provide further value to each and every stakeholder of the Tadano Group.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION TO THE NEWS OF THE ACQUISITION FROM THE INDUSTRY **WORLDWIDE AND INTERNALLY? WHAT IS THE** FEELING AMONG THE WORKFORCES AT BOTH **COMPANIES?**

We organized an internal event for Day One (August 1st) in Zweibrücken [at the Demag factory in Germany] and I could absolutely feel the enthusiasm from the Demag team members. We are all excited to start this journey together.

Regarding customers, from Day One, we reached out to them to establish thorough communication and ensure a seamless transition. We are excited to have a dialogue with them now that we are together on the same team, and the first feedback from our customers is already really positive.

WHAT IS THE TIMESCALE AND ROAD MAP FOR THE INTEGRATION? WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN?

We were competitors until August 1st and could not collaborate until the deal was closed. After Day One, we started building cross-company teams to define together short-term and long-term strategies. The goal is to find synergies where possible and to learn from each other's best practices. In the spirit of 'business as usual', Tadano and Terex have transition service



integration



agreements in place, so that all necessary business systems support is granted, until our own systems are fully in place and running.

As you can imagine, there's a lot of work going into the post-merger integration, but it is still too early to reveal detailed projects and schedules. Overall, we will keep the pace high, as our customers have high expectations for the integration of Demag into 'One Tadano'. What I can assure you of is that customer success is the number one priority in all our activities.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DUPLICATED ELEMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ALL TERRAIN CRANE PRODUCTION LINES AT LAUF AND WALLERSCHEID IN GERMANY?

Demag's all terrain crane line up complements the Tadano Faun all terrain crane line up, thus allowing us to meet customer needs on a wider scale. One of Tadano's targets is to grow the market share globally and, we believe, all models available today will be required to achieve this. Going forward there will obviously be changes to the overall portfolio as part of the normal product development cycle, but there will be no short-term actions.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN SYNERGIES AND WHAT ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BEST PARTS OF DEMAG THAT WILL BENEFIT TADANO?

We expect to develop major synergies in all areas of the business, such as in design, procurement, production, sales and aftersales service. We plan to take advantage of the technological and operational capabilities of all Tadano companies and begin generating synergies as quickly as possible. Details will be deliberated now that the acquisition deal is closed.

WILL THERE CONTINUE TO BE TWO LINES OF ALL TERRAIN CRANES OR WILL YOU JUST HAVE ONE "TADAMAG" OR "DEMANO" RANGE?

We will continue to sell Demag- and Tadano-branded all terrain cranes. Demag's all terrain crane line up complements the Tadano all terrain crane line up, thus allowing us to meet customer needs on a wider scale. As you know, Demag branded mobile cranes are highly



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JENS ENNEN, CEO, Tadano Demag

regarded throughout the world and we will continue to build up this reputation with the support from the global Tadano team.

Going forward there will be change to the overall portfolio as part of the normal product development cycle, but there will be no short-term actions.

HOW WILL THE TADANO PRODUCT AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN JAPAN BE

Tadano has always been promoting the 'center of excellence' concept in



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADDING, FOR **EXAMPLE. CONSTRUCTION TOWER CRANES.** PORT CRANES OR INDUSTRIAL CRANES TO THE PRODUCT RANGE, OR FURTHER INCREASING TADANO'S STAKE IN MANITEX. TO ROUND OUT THE GROUP'S PRODUCT LINEUP?

At this time we do not have further concrete merger and acquisition (M&A) plans under consideration. However, as we have consistently declared up until this point, Tadano constantly considers future M&A activities as potential measures for improving our corporate value.

product design and manufacturing. As an example, Tadano Faun in Germany is using telescopic booms produced in Japan for some of its all terrain models. Tadano in Japan is using carriers made in the German factory for certain all terrain cranes, exclusively produced for the Japanese market. This concept is part of Tadano's global production system and we will investigate, where it may be applied to the Demag products.

Today there is no intention to produce Demag or Tadano ATs in Japan, but the global manufacturing of certain components or modules will be continued.

HOW WILL THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE BE **AFFECTED GLOBALLY?**

With the acquisition we added approximately 1,700 team members to the Tadano family. The largest change that I can speak of now is my appointment in the role of CEO of the newly acquired Demag business. Thomas Schramm will continue in a leading role as vice president in the Demag sales organization.

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO REASSURE **CUSTOMERS THAT THEY ARE STILL OKAY TO BUY EITHER DEMAG OR TADANO CRANES?**

It is the first time in 20 years that the Demag Mobile Cranes business has been owned by a crane-focused company and, coming from a crane manufacturer, I personally think this is great news and really positive for customers. Most customers I talked to so far have confirmed this. We now have two companies, with a long history, working together. Customers can now have a choice with a broad product offering from two well-known brands, which always put



PLEASE GIVE SOME IDEA OF YOUR PLANS FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT. FOR EXAMPLE. WHAT NEW ONES ARE ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE AND **HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE ACQUISITION? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE NEW 160-METRIC TON DEMAG TELECRAWLER** AND THE 600-METRIC TON TRIPLE BOOM **TADANO AT?**

Demag possesses considerable strength in terms of product design and development, and we would like to take advantage of this strength. Furthermore, the Tadano

Group would like to enhance the product competitiveness of Tadano Japan, Tadano Faun and the Demag line-up altogether, through deep cooperation between each company's research and development divisions.

Regarding your questions on specific products, I think it is too early to make such decisions. What I can say is that since Day One, we started having internal teams work together and product development is obviously one of the identified synergies.

We have great teams across the company. We will streamline, look at processes and find best practices, all together.

HOW DO THE WORKING CULTURES AT MANITOWOC. DEMAG AND TADANO COMPARE WITH EACH OTHER AND WHAT ARE THE MOST **USEFUL ELEMENTS OF YOUR PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE?**

Tadano and Demag share a true and unmatched passion for cranes and serving their customers, and their company values are nearly similar: it is all about safety, quality and efficiency. This is why I believe having those two businesses together is going to be best for our customers in the long term, and exciting times are ahead.

WHERE WILL YOU BE BASED AND SPEND MOST **OF YOUR TIME?**

I will be based in Zweibrücken and I will be focused on the integration of the Demag business into the Tadano Group. I will of course also spend time on the road with customers and in the other Tadano facilities.

WHAT DOES TADANO WANT TO ACHIEVE NEXT, WHEN WILL IT REGAIN ITS POSITION AS THE **WORLD'S LARGEST CRANE MANUFACTURER?**

The short-term goal is to integrate the Demag business into the Tadano Group, and Mr. Tadano wants to make this integration successful as quickly as possible. With that, my targets are clearly defined. Tadano's long-term goal is to become number one worldwide in the lifting equipment industry and I think that the Demag acquisition has brought Tadano one step closer to this goal.

I want to add that this is not only a strategic objective for the company but also a personal goal of my own. The entire Demag team and I are fully committed to making it happen.

Q&A ADDENDUM

This Q&A Interview ran in the October issue of International Cranes & Transport. As an update, ACT asked the following questions of Jans Ennen in respect to the North American market and plans for ConExpo this month in Las Vegas.

HOW DO YOU CHARACTERIZE THE AMERICAN MARKET IN TERMS OF THE TADANO/DEMAG BRAND?

The American market is very important to Demag, as well as to the Tadano Group in general. As you know I am quite busy managing the integration of Demag and Tadano Faun in Germany and I'm really pleased to be able to work with Ingo Schiller and his team, as their experience in America gives us the knowledge and understanding of the special needs of the U.S. market. This makes it easier to develop new cranes with proper specifications to meet market and customer expectations. The integration of the Demag team into the North American team of Tadano is going really well. We are starting to see the benefits of a combined sales and service team. This is allowing us to offer a greater product portfolio, but also to react faster on service topics and to cover more ground with our customers in terms of sales.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY FOR THE TADANO AND DEMAG LINES IN NORTH **AMERICA? HOW IS IT EVOLVING?**

We want our customers to package their equipment purchases from a single source, enhancing customer service, delivering faster response times and making Tadano easier to do business with. This is moving along well and is actually faster than we expected. For example for North America, we have decided to combine our sales team in reporting up through Ken Butz. Ken is responsible for sales activities for Tadano/Demag in North America while Ingo Schiller and Dean Barley continue to be responsible for a few select key accounts working with Ken on sales activities. We also made changes that should allow us to maximize sales coverage for our rough terrain, all terrain and crawler crane product lines. All Regional Business Managers have the ability to sell all of these products through distribution and/or key account customers as required, and I think this is great news.

CONEXPO IS THIS MONTH. HOW WILL THE TADANO AND DEMAG STAND BE ORGANIZED.

We will all be together on one main stand. Visitors will be able to experience the innovations we are bringing to the world of lifting and discover the people that make Tadano. With the Demag acquisition, we are all stronger

worlds into it and this is what our stand will reflect.

together as "One Tadano" because we infuse the best of both

DO YOU HAVE A FEELING FOR THE SUCCESS OF CONEXPO?

ConExpo is the biggest show in North America and one of the biggest shows in the world. Having Tadano and Demag together for the first time at such a major trade fair is obviously very exciting. We can't wait to be there and showcase our strongest lineup yet. Together with Demag, Tadano has grown to offer a more robust line of rough terrain, all terrain and crawler cranes than ever before. I have a very strong feeling for this year's ConExpo. It is always a pleasure to meet the people and customers that make up our industry, especially in America, and I am convinced that this year will be a great year for the Tadano Group.







The automated permit process can be beneficial on many levels.

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Transport spoke to two industry leaders regarding the state of the permitting industry and what lies ahead for automation.



ollowing the success of the Uniform Permit Transport 2021(UPT2021) initiative led by the SC&RA, permit regulations and automation have been at the forefront of many conversations in the transportation industry. Steven Todd, vice president, Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association, and Becky Woods, vice president of operations, WCS Permits, weighed in on all things permitting.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST ISSUES WE ARE FACING IN THE U.S. PERMITTING INDUSTRY TODAY?

TODD: Ironically, it's the issue we've had the most success in recent years – expediting the time between applying for an oversize/ overweight permit and receiving the permit. As little as 10 years ago, most states



BECKY WOODS, Vice President of Operations, WCS Permits



STEVEN TODD, Vice President, Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association took at least several hours to a couple days to issue even routine permits. Today most states, thanks to automation, take 3-4 minutes from time of application to receipt of permit. Sounds great on the surface, right? But let's go back to my term "most states." Because a dozen or so states still process permits manually, a typical 3-5 multi-state move by a carrier may include one of those non-automated states. We've all heard the phrase, "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link." In this case, it's that one weak link (non-automated state) that often still holds up the entire move for a specialized carrier. And one more point regarding my phrase, "most states."

As we've made tremendous progress advocating for more and more states and provinces to automate their permitting process, an avalanche of cities and counties across the continent have discovered this permitting business is a heck of a way to raise some revenue. I know some local government officials who unashamedly boast that new city equipment, sidewalks, etc. are the direct result of the discovery of oversize/overweight permits. And unfortunately, unlike the states, many cities and counties charge outrageous permit fees, in some cases over a thousand dollars to move a quarter mile. Fortunately, we're slowly beginning to see some progress with automation at the local level, although given the sheer volume of cities and counties, it will be a long-term process.

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a huge success.

STEVEN TODD, Vice President, Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association

WOODS: More local municipalities that previously did not issue permits are now requiring an oversize/overweight permit to travel in their jurisdiction. States such as California have required these types of permits for many years, and companies are able to plan accordingly. However when a company is unaware of requirements, it can lead to delays, fines and in some cases even arrest of the driver. Trucking companies need to make sure whoever is processing their permits verifies that they are legal from point A to point B. Additionally, the WCS Permit Portal App (iOS & Android) allows drivers to know in advance when their permit department will be sending them a local permit for their oversize/overweight load.

The lack of new blood coming into the transportation industry is becoming an issue on all sides of the spectrum. State permit offices are losing experienced technicians due to retirement, staffing/

Permitted loads will continue to require drivers long after standardized freight moves to driverless vehicles. This security will hopefully stabilize driver demand for the long term transporting of permitted loads.

BECKY WOODS, Vice President of Operations, WCS Permits

management conflicts and employees choosing to leave to pursue other career paths. The state staffing turnover at times causes severe permit delays and can lead to a total standstill of the oversize/overweight vehicle awaiting permits. These delays can cost carriers large sums of money. This is currently an issue in all government oversize offices, and as time goes on, I see this getting worse if there isn't a way to spark the interest of the youth.

As a permit service provider, we at times run into similar situations with staffing as our older agents retire. To combat this, WCS Permits & Pilots consistently works to cross train staff and fill positions. Lastly, there are far fewer young drivers coming into the transportation industry, which is currently affecting permitted load travel. As the older experienced drivers retire, there are fewer qualified drivers to handle these loads.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF UPT2021?

TODD: Uniform Permit Transport 2021 by most metrics has been a huge success. Not only have we seen in 10 years the number of states auto issuing single trip permits rise from six to 38, even more importantly those states have begun to buy into the idea that automation is actually more accurate and safer than manually processing permits and they have in turn, continued to increase the dimension and weight thresholds by which they allow their systems to auto issue. There are currently about five states that auto issue permits up to 16-17 feet high and wide and 250,000 pounds.

Illinois system, which I'm quite proud to have played a role in developing, now issues over 99 percent of their permits automatically without any human intervention. UPT 2021 has a map depicting which states meet industry's minimum thresholds for auto issue (14 feet wide, 14 feet 6 inches high, and 150,000 pounds gross). Not only are dozens of states now meeting that threshold, we actually hear of state officials who have pushed their state hierarchy to

raise their thresholds simply to change the color of their state on SC&RA's UPT map from red to green! That's pretty awesome when a trade association's number one advocacy initiative creates a bit of a competitive environment among the very state governments you're advocating to.

But there's more to UPT2021. Besides continuing to raise states to the "meets industry minimum thresholds" and then on to "meets industry maximum thresholds" there's the whole component of state acceptance of common industry configurations. UPT 2021 contains 11 common configurations ranging from 5 to 13 axles along with specific minimum spacings and individual and tandem weight allowances. This portion of UPT 2021 has not been quite as successful as the automation portion of the initiative. As we near the point of nearly every state having a fully automated permit system, we must turn our attention to nationwide acceptance of these common configurations.

WOODS: For years, the SC&RA has worked arduously to get all of the states to work together in uniform permit harmonization. It seems that all of their diligence, efforts and dreams of what could be are finally coming to fruition. As of November 2019, 38 states in total have joined the movement, with a possible one or two more close to following behind them next year.

Permit harmonization, although a tough task to tackle, will streamline the process on various levels industry wide. With the minimum industry threshold being 14-0 wide, 14-6 high, 110-0 long and 150,000 pounds, this makes way for quicker permit processing (on both the state and customer side), consistent state rules/ guidelines and cutbacks on costs that are incurred for delays and rerouting. Before many of the states harmonized, drivers were forced to route around states that allowed less weight per axle group, less weekend travel and at times, additional costly paperwork such as route surveys.

These individual state issues wasted not

only profit for the carriers, but valuable time by causing crucial delivery deadline concerns. In addition to the simplified process it offers both permit service providers and customers, it also takes a large workload off state officials. This in turn allows them to put more time into processing larger more complex loads.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF **AUTOMATING THE PERMITTING PROCESS?**

TODD: A recent report by the U.S. Department of Transportation said it best. In this 2017 FHWA report, an extensive study of the states with automation concluded what we term a "win/win/win" for states, industry and most importantly the general motoring public. A domino effect of sorts, as I term it. The FHWA study found:

- 1. Permit issuance turnaround time, of course, dropped dramatically
- **2.** Permits issued automatically versus previously manually issued permits were more accurate
- 3. Permit revenue to states increased (because of course, more carriers elected to purchase permits due to decreased permit issuance turnaround time)
- **4.** Infrastructure (bridges and pavement) were better preserved because of points
- 5. Most importantly states reported safer roadways due to points 2, 3 and 4.

WOODS: The automated permit process can be beneficial on many levels. Efficiency, accuracy and the one-stop shopping experience is something that all areas of the transportation industry look to for success. Being able to order a permit 24/7 without the need of state office review, engineering or a phone call, surely streamlines our permit process and allows us to service a wide variety of customers.

On a permit service level, it allows our staff to efficiently assist a customer regardless of the time of day, which greatly helps with last minute load confirmations or emergency loads. Automated permitting also allows you to refer to information saved within their individual systems such as, road construction, insurance requirements and state holiday closings. Before automated permitting came into play, these areas of concern could take quite a bit of time and research to gather and many times multiple phone calls into the states themselves. From the start of my career in 1998 until the present, I've witnessed a great deal of change, by far automated permitting has been one of the best for the transportation industry.

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Matt Reinhart discusses how to make better use of fleet management data.

elematics systems log important fleet data. But this information is relatively static when it isn't incorporated into a larger system that allows for reporting and analytics. Integrating your telematics data with a comprehensive fleet management system allows fleet managers to turn static data into actionable information.

If you are using a telematics system to track fleet performance and are concerned you are not making proper use of that data, you are not alone. Fleet Cost & Care's Senior Technical Product Manager David Thornton explained that telematics systems can solve some problems, but there are some they cannot solve.

Centralized fleet management systems are essential in transforming data into action, he said. Telematics can help with the management of equipment across multiple jobsites and multiple regions.

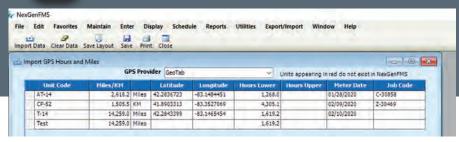
"Currently, there are many GPS providers that enable fleet managers to track their units across jobsites, projects and regions," he said. "And, some have started working towards a more granular approach by incorporating unit components. This is being achieved through a variety of technologies including Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and Long-Term Evolution (we all know it as the 4G standard - LTE). These smaller, long-life battery powered systems enable fleet managers to track their nonmotorized components with accuracy.



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Fleet management software is a hub for important telematics data.



Measuring asset utilization Fleet management software acts as a hub for this data, integrating unit and personnel information for scheduling, inventory tracking and maintenance. It allows you to measure asset utilization versus cost, Thornton said.

Telematics data can also help with service and preventative maintenance.

"Most providers offer some form of maintenance tracking, but they do not have or support a full maintenance system," he said. "For example, one provider may offer a solution for identifying a deficiency through their Daily Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR); however, this information is relatively static and still requires verbal communication or active monitoring of a web application to identify and resolve."

A comprehensive fleet management system should offer end-to-end maintenance tracking solutions, from deficiency identification, automated communication back to a work order system, work order generation and labor and cost tracking. Some systems are even introducing interfaces with ELD providers' DVIR features for integrated solutions.

Telematics data, used effectively, can offer reduced costs through improved transparency such as fuel and driver safety.

"Keeping up with preventative maintenance can save a lot of money on repairs and extend the life of a unit, so that's a big one," said Thornton. "Increased revenue margins will certainly come as a second order effect of reduced costs. Comprehensive reports from an integrated system will bring telematics data and all fleet costs under one umbrella."

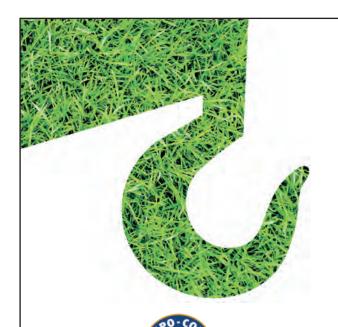
"You can automatically have telematics data integrated and incorporate it with other costs to get a full picture of a fleet profitability," Thornton said. "This full picture enables informed decision making on future capital investments and market diversification."

This data can provide insight into employee performance, work duration and safety. In most fleet management software, users can see on-the-job schedules; how much time is remaining for cycle time; driving time and on-duty time each day; and maintain historical records of services for law enforcement. There are also e-tickets and checklists that users can access on a smartphone or tablet.

Telematics providers are constantly coming up with new ways to track data, including Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) levels, engine diagnostics, seat occupation, use of seat belts and video camera captures.

"As these concepts become more widely adopted, I suspect we will see their data points coming into a centralized management," said Thornton. "There they can be tracked and reported in a multitude of ways to inform management on employee evaluations, capital investment and other critical business decisions."

Fleet management systems shine when they are integrated with telematics systems, bringing together critical data for improving productivity and reducing operational costs.



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ruck cranes continue to be utilized in construction projects across the country as the market appears to remain steady.

The modern-day taxi crane – truck cranes are a cost-effective alternative to all terrain cranes. Transformers on the road, these versatile and highly mobile machines work across North America performing a variety of lifting projects. Most commonly used in construction, mining and on marine industry jobsites, truck cranes are a common sight in urban areas and on smaller scale jobsites that often require a speedy turnaround time, as the crane is quick to erect and often requires less effort for counter-weight installation.

American Cranes & Transport spoke to Link-Belt and Manitowoc, the industry's leading truck crane manufacturers, about the ins and outs of some of their most popular models.

Versatile features

Link-Belt Cranes offers a variety of options when it comes to its telescopic truck cranes. Manufacturing seven models, the range includes the HTC-8640 SL, HTC-8660 Series II, HTC-8675 Series II, HTC-8690, HTC-86100 and the HTC-86110.

Among the most popular is the Link-Belt 110-ton HTC-86110, which features a 164-foot main boom that outreaches the competition and challenges European-built all terrain cranes in its class, according to Link-Belt.

"The HTC-86110 has been a reliable source for truck crane owners, particularly those with a taxi crane fleet," the company said. "Link-Belt truck cranes hold the largest market share in the North American truck crane market, and for 2020 we expect to see a steady market with growth."

Link-Belt's SmartFly is available on the

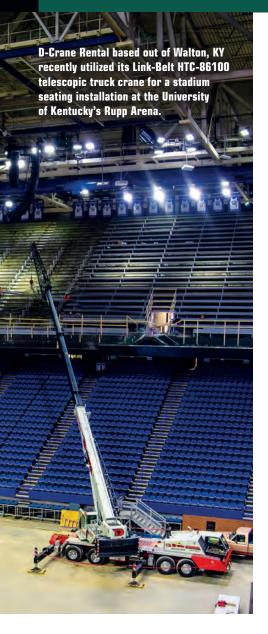
HTC-86110. With a 58-foot on-board fly, it features four offset positions of 0, 15, 30 and 45 degrees. It has an integrated 10-foot fly that reeves up to four parts of line and is capable of 26-ton capacity lifts. The 10-foot fly is ideal for applications where two load lines are necessary for lifting one load. Two additional 16-foot lattice boom extensions bring the maximum tip height of the HTC-86110 to 261.6 feet.

Multiple lifts

D-Crane Rental based out of Walton, KY recently utilized its Link-Belt HTC-86100 telescopic truck crane for a stadium seating installation at the University of Kentucky's Rupp Arena. Home of the UK Wildcats, the arena hosts basketball games and a variety of concerts and special events.

Understanding the versatility of the truck cranes, D-Crane was hired for

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an eight-week project to install stadium seating. The crane was expected to make multiple moves and set-ups inside the arena. More specifically, the D-Crane team was lifting the base panels for stadium seating, which weighed 1,500 to 2,000 pounds and measured 30 feet by 2 feet in length and width. The HTC-86100 has a capacity of 100 tons and a fivesection pin-and-latch boom that extends 38 to 140 feet. Its maximum tip height is 237 feet.

When it comes to the benefits of using the HTC-86100 truck crane versus another type of machine, D-Crane spoke to the truck crane's transportability and the versatility on the jobsite.

"The HTC-86100 allowed us to stay in capacity while working at a very low boom angle and reaching a 145-foot working radius," said Rob Domaschko, Jr. of D Crane. "Also, it was very





easy to move with its base jib and counterweight."

Rapid deployment

Manitowoc is set to showcase the Grove TMS500-2 at ConExpo this month in Las Vegas. The crane made its debut at Manitowoc's 2018 Crane Days event and has since become a steady and reliable machine for its owners.

The 40-ton capacity TMS500-2 features a quick set up and its versatile taxi crane capabilities are expected from a truck crane in this class. This truck crane has two boom options. The first boom option reaches from 29 to 95 feet with three quick-reeve Nylatron sheaves in its main boom nose. The second option reaches from 32 to 102 feet and has four quickreeve Nylatron sheaves.

Both four-section booms are synchronized and full-power, making this crane easy to deploy, according to Manitowoc Cranes.

The TMS500-2 can also be equipped with an optional 26 to 45 foot telescoping swingaway jib.

Sky high success

Digging and Rigging, a crane and rigging company based out of Mount Airy, MD, deployed a Grove TMS500-2 truck crane

> Digging and Rigging deployed a Grove TMS500-2 truck crane to assist a helicopter with the installation of a new radio tower in Clear Spring, MD.

Manitowoc is set to showcase one of its more popular truck crane models at ConExpo 2020, the Grove TMS500-2.

to assist a helicopter with the installation of a new radio tower in Clear Spring, MD. The helicopter air-lifted the 5-ton tower antenna while the truck crane helped tail it until it was in a complete vertical position.

The company decided to use the TMS500-2 in this unique application because it is lightweight and could be deployed quickly.

"It was an exciting job because this truck crane was just acquired by Digging and Rigging and this was the first project it was put to work on, which is not an ordinary everyday lift for a crane," said Andrew Forepaugh, vice president of sales, Crane and Shovel, the dealer that helped the Digging and Rigging team choose the TMS500-2. "The whole team was excited about this unique opportunity, and the crane performed great."







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shows rises and declines across the board. Hannah

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- **542** gantries and rubber tired gantries are owned by these companies, compared to 582 in 2019.
- **900** strand jack units are owned by the SPECIALIZEDLIFTING50, as compared to 977 in 2019.
- **5,053** pieces of other specialized lifting equipment (not classified as a gantry or strand jack) are owned by these companies as compared to 5,278 in 2019.
- The total capacity of every unit owned by every company on the list equals **1,391,662** tons. The total last year was 1,460,697 tons.



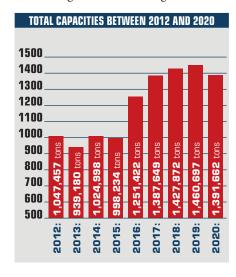
igging and lifting jobs are becoming more complex and require solutions that involve all types of specialized lifting equipment. From power plants to oil and gas, jobs continue to grow alongside the demand for equipment. Over the course of the last year, the ACT SPECIALIZEDLIFTING50 list has seen a both increases and decreases across categories. Employment has increased by 702 people, while gantries, rubber-tired gantries and strand jack fleets have decreased slightly. While

there is no lack of specialized lifting projects, this could be an indicator of more streamlined fleets and stronger usage of the rental market versus actual equipment ownership.

The SPECIALIZEDLIFTING50 posted an index of 1,391,662, decreasing 69,035 tons over the 2019 index. This decrease is attributed to the absence of two big industry players this year. Bigge Crane and Rigging transitioned from service providers to suppliers of heavy lift equipment through bare rentals and sales. The general contracting world

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	NAME OF	SPECIALIZED LIFTING	LIFTING UNIT	INDEX
RANK	COMPANY	UNIT	(U.S. TONS)	(U.S. TONS)
1	Mammoet North America	Mammoet Lift System	350,000	372,800
2	Fagioli USA	Fagioli Self-Propelled Skid Syster	n 70,000	288,000
3	Deep South	Deep South Specialized Jack Sys	tem 16,000	50,900
4	Buckingham Heavy Transport	Synchronized Lifting System	12,000	22,905
5	Omega Morgan	Heavy Slide System	6,000	8,150
6	Barnhart Crane & Rigging	Barnhart Modular Lift Tower	5,000	301,181
7	Berard Transportation	Enerpac Syncrolift	4,000	12,600
8	Emmert International	Emmert Lift System	3,250	80,850
9	Transport Bellemare*	Enerpac Syncrolift	2,872	12,000
10	Lampson International*	E-Z Lift	2,400	13,500



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	NK 1 2019	NAME OF COMPANY L	OCATION	# OF DEPOTS	SCOPE OF OPERATION	# OF Employees	SENIOR CONTACT
1	o 1	Mammoet Americas	USA	25	Worldwide	1,300	Anthony Garcia, vice president of operations
2	\oint{0} 3	Barnhart Crane & Rigging	USA	51	National	1,550	Alan Barnhart, CEO
3	o 2	Fagioli, Inc.	USA	2	Worldwide	142	Edoardo Ascione, president
4	o 5	Emmert International	USA	3	Worldwide	110	Terry W. Emmert, president
5	6	Edwards Moving & Rigging	USA	9	Worldwide	140	Mark Edwards, CEO
6	o 7	Deep South Crane & Rigging	USA	8	Worldwide	750	Mitch Landry, president
7	© 9	Doral Equipment Rental	USA	3	National	25	Rob Keelan, vice president
8	a 10	Buckingham Heavy Transport	USA	2	National	45	Jamin Buckingham, president
		(A division of Wolfe House Move	ers)				
9	a 11	Lampson International*	USA	8	Worldwide	300	Kate Lampson, director, PR and marketing
10	a 12	Rigging Gear Sales, Inc.	USA	1	National	15	Ben Forster, vice president
11	a 13	Taylor Crane & Rigging	USA	2	National	86	Jim C. Taylor, Jr., president
12	△ 14	Erickson's*	USA	3	Regional	70	Steve Erickson, president
13		Berard Transportation	USA	5	National	75	Brett Berard, vice president, operations
14		Transport Bellemare*	Canada	4	Worldwide	1,100	Daniel Provost, transport operations manager
15		<u> </u>	USA	1	Worldwide	30	Dan Close
16	△ 18	International Industrial	USA	4	National	300	Ken Goddard, vice president
		Contracting Corporation*					
17		Omega Morgan	USA	4	Worldwide	350	Erik Zander, director of sales
18	a 30	Riggers Group	Mexico	3	Worldwide	85	Hector R. Tores, Da Vila, vice president
19	2 20	IRM Industry Movers	Mexico	2	Worldwide	130	David Gonzalez, president/CEO
20	2 21	TNT Crane & Rigging*	USA	42	National	1,700	Mike Appling, CEO
21	© 22	Norris Brothers Co.*	USA	1	Regional	65	Bernard E. Weir Jr., chairman
22	2 23	PSC Crane & Rigging*	USA	4	National	175	Randy Sever, executive vice president
23	2 24	Maxim Crane Works	USA	61	National	3,615	Frank Bardonaro, COO
24	△ 26	Advanced Rigging & Machinery Movers	USA	1	Regional	30	Matthew Hinty, president
25	o 25	Transtell SA de CV*	Mexico	1	Worldwide	120	Guillermo Arce, general manager
26	2 27	Duffy Crane & Hauling*	USA	1	Regional	50	Jeffrey L. Cummings, president
27	28	Engineered Rigging	USA	3	Worldwide	15	Christopher Cox, president
28	2 29	Atlas Industrial Contractors	USA	7	Worldwide	350	
29	△ 31	Mid-Atlantic Lift Systems	USA	1	Worldwide	3	Travis Hall, president
30	a 32	Williams Steel Erection Company*	USA	1	Regional	100	Marianne Pastor, vice president
31	3 3	Process Group Inc.	Canada	3	National	275	Bryan Snyder, vice president, construction
32	3 34	CSE Inc. *	USA	5	National	250	Lisa Moon Stinnette, CEO
33	3 6	Holland Moving & Rigging*	USA	1	Worldwide	20	Chris Holland, president
34	a 35	Intermountain Rigging & Heavy Haul	USA	2	National	95	Ron Montgomery, president,
35	^ 27	Mountain Crane Service	USA	4	National	122	Paul Belcher, CEO
36				4	National	170	Harry Baker, president
37						75	Johnathan Vieira, marketing manager
38	4 1		Canada USA		National	587	
39		AME Inc.*	USA	14	National Worldwide	158	Scott Wilson, president, MLHCCG Mike Davis, vice president
		HMS Lift Inc.*		4			·
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WEBSITE	# OF Rubber Tired Gantries		FOF OTHER PECIALIZED LIFTING UNITS	# OF Strand Jack Units	MAKE/MODEL CAPAC OF LARGEST LARGEST SPECIALIZED LIFTING LIFTING UNIT (U.S.	ALIZED	SPECIALIZED LIFTING INDEX (U.S. TONS)
www.mammoet.com	0	20	305	157	Mammoet Lift System 350	0,000	372,800
www.barnhartcrane.com	0	91	788	37	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5,000	301,181
www.fagioli.com	0	20	146	596	Fagioli Self-Propelled Skid System 70	0,000	288,000
www.emmertintl.com	1	4	1,055	4	Emmert Lift System 3	3,250	82,350
www.edwardsmoving.com	0	16	560	4	Hydrospex Strand Jack System	800	60,957
www.deepsouthcrane.com	1	8	107	13	Deep South Specialized Jack System 16	5,000	50,900
www.doralequipmentrental.com	0	4	59	0	Riggers 604	600	22,585
www.buckinghamtransport.com	0	0	89	0	Lifting System	2,000	22,500
www.lampsoncrane.com	0	4	8	0	E-Z Lift	2,400	13,500
www.rgsinc.net	0	102	189	0	•	1,000	13,158
www.taylorcrane.com	0	9	210	0		2,400	12,998
www.Ericksonsgr.com	0	5	80	0	•	1,176	12,676
www.berardtrans.com	0	0	8	0		4,000	12,600
www.groupebellemare.com	0	1	5	0		2,872	12,000
www.globalrigging.com	0	0	15	16		2,000	10,000
www.iiccusa.com	0	36	525	0	Riggers Manufacturing EZ604	600	9,660
www.omegamorgan.com	0	6	18	0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5,000	8,150
www.riggers.mx	0	4	47	49	J&R Engineering Lift N Lock Gantry L1200	600	7,860
www.irmindustrial.com	0	3	103	0	J&R Engineering Lift N Lock Gantry	500	7,530
www.tntcrane.com	0	6	75	0	Enerpac SBL 1100	1,100	7,200
www.norrisbr.com	0	3	13	0		125	6,695
www.pscind.com	0	3	103	1		1,000	6,210
www.maximcrane.com	0	12	124	4	Lift Systems, Model 48A	800	5,850
www.advanced-rigging.com	1	11	138	0	Hydratech FS404 270	400	5,410
www.transtell.com.mx	0	2	3	2	Hydrospex HSL2000 Lifting 2	2,040	5,340
www.duffycrane.com	0	1	20	0			5,000
www.engineeredrigging.com	0	2	8	12		1,200	5,000
www.atlascos.com	0	3	89	4	Atlas Tower Lifting System	800	4,400
www.midatlanticlift.com	0	40	36	0	Lift Systems 34PT5400WT	500	3,740
www.wmsi.com	21	24	6	0		300	2,200
www.processgroup.ca	0	6	6	0		1,000	2,130
www.cseonline.net	0	1	6	0	J&R Engineering Lift & Lock Gantry	900	2,000
www.hmrsupplies.com	50	0	20	0	Holland Power Dolly	55	1,990
www.irhusa.com	0	4	4	1	J&R 900 Series	450	1,500
www.mountaincrane.com	0	2	8	0	J&R Engineering Lift-N-Lock Gantry	700	1,400
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www.ameonline.com	0	3	5	0	Lift Systems 75 Ton Twin-Lift	75	755
www.brutelift.com	0	0	8	0	BruteLift	200	345

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is more competitive than ever, and as a result, these types of businesses are seeking to become more autonomous in their niche markets, the company said. Bigge has converted its business

ACT began distributing survey forms for the SPECIALIZEDLIFTING50 list via email in January 2020 and followed up with phone calls and more emails in February. The companies that completed and returned these surveys over the course of the last two months were included in this year's list.

For some companies, we were forced to use their data from our 2019 list. In these cases, an asterisk will appear next to that company's name. As a result, the SPECIALIZEDLIFTING50 is an estimate.

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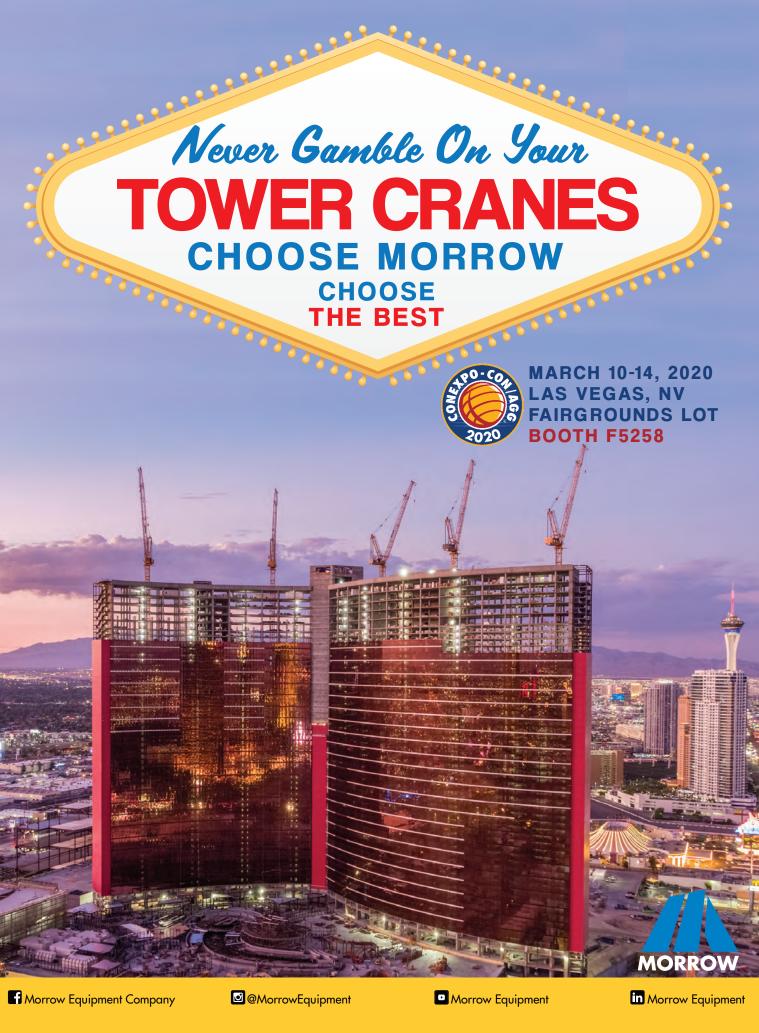
into a rent, lease to purchase and sell model for this type of work. In addition, during the summer of 2019, Burkhalter Rigging was acquired by Barnhart Crane and Rigging. This knocked them off

the SPECIALIZEDLIFTING50 list, but explains the growth of Barnhart as a result. With the transition of these companies, we saw changes in rankings, with some companies moving up.



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Strength of fleet

The scope of work was the transport of three rotors weighing 308,686 pounds each from a rail siding into the turbine bay of a nuclear plant in the southeastern Edwards transported three 308,686-pound rotors to the turbine bay of a nuclear plant.

region of the U.S. In addition to its Goldhofer ADDrive trailers, Edwards utilized its 550-ton capacity gantry to lift each rotor from the rail car and load it onto the platform trailer. The rotors were over 15 feet tall, so the deck was engaged to minimize overhead obstructions and maximize

efficiency.

The loaded trailers were pulled by one of the two C500 Kenworth Prime

Movers at the job, which with the ADDrive support could climb the grades encountered on the seven-mile transit.

The value of the ADDrive was really shown at the plant, where the Edwards team detached the Prime Mover and used the ADDrive as a self-propelled module to reduce the turning radius and allow them to get the lengthy trailer combination into the turbine bay.

Slide operation

Once in the turbine bay, Edwards used its jack-and-slide system to move the rotors to where the overhead crane needed to lift and install them into their final positions. Edwards said completing this job on time and safely simply required getting the right amount of the right equipment along with quality personnel in place.



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Planes an crane

Blue Hat Crane is hard at work on Kansas City International Airport renovations from the cab of a new Tadano GTC-800 telecrawler. Hannah **Sundermeyer** reports from the jobsite.





t's certainly not all yellow brick roads and twisters in Kansas City, as 2020 has already proven to be a major year for the city. Besides holding the title of Super Bowl LIV Champions, (I had to sneak in a humble brag somewhere) the city continues to urbanize and evolve with plenty of major developments and construction projects slated. One such undertaking includes the revamping of the Kansas City International Airport, the largest construction project to ever take place in KC. JE Dunn Construction was contracted for the concrete work on this massive endeavor. Berkel & Company, Axiom Construction Group and Kissick Construction have also teamed up with JE Dunn on the project. This joint venture hired Blue Hat Crane to man several cranes on the site - specifically for work on the concrete package for the parking garage. Blue Hat has been tackling the project most notably with a new Tadano Mantis GTC-800.

The GTC-800 telescopic crawler delivers

88 tons of "pick & carry" capacity, a maximum tip height of 198 feet and significant safety and efficiency gains.

An incredible feat, the new, single KCI terminal will feature a new garage adjacent to the terminal with plenty of close-in, covered parking and 39 gates.

There will now be two levels, one for departures and one for arrivals with clear wayfinding and sightlines. Two moving walkways will expedite transfers between the two concourses to make navigating the airport a better experience, and consolidated and flexible security checkpoints with multiple lanes will accommodate the ups and downs of passenger volume, according to BuildKCI.

A "perfect machine"

David Lapin, account manager, Blue Hat Crane, is responsible for the unique touch on this GTC-800. The crawler is wrapped with a rendering of the completed project. Lapin mentioned that the team is hard at

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The GTC-800 telescopic crawler delivers 88 tons of "pick & carry" capacity and boasts a max tip height of 198 feet.

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the GTC-800 is the "perfect machine" for the project.

"One of the big things is the ability to be as mobile and nimble as we are," Alexander said. "We're going through buildings pretty fast and having multiple set-ups - so to not have to pull pads - we see labor savings on moving and setting up, which speeds things up a little bit."

Vigorous operation

Alexander later went on to describe that the biggest challenge the team has encountered so far is, "getting the work in front of us done in order to leverage the time savings the team is achieving with this crane. In construction, meeting or beating the schedule saves resources and reduces risks, so it's important to leverage every opportunity you have to safely work faster."

"Wind has also been an obstacle, but we overcome it with forklifts when we have to shut the cranes down," Alexander added. "It's usually very windy up here. We even went through a three-week span where we were constantly hit with wind and rain."

So weather permitting, the next time you find yourself touching down in Kansas City, be sure to keep your eyes on the horizon for the boom of a blue and white Tadano Mantis telecrawler.

The JE Dunn Construction and Blue Hat Crane teams are at work pouring concrete and setting rebar for the new parking garage.

work with hopes of completing the project in time for the expected traffic of the 2023 NFL draft, which will be held in Kansas City. Behind the controls of the crane is Ray Everett, a veteran crane operator with Blue Hat, who will retire on this project, a memorable way to close out a crane career.

But with any three-year project of this magnitude, there is certainly no lack of crane work to be done. When American Cranes & Transport visited the jobsite, the JE Dunn team was in the process of pouring concrete buckets clocking

in around 5,000 to 6,000 pounds and setting pre-built rebar cages at 3,000 to 4,000 pounds. The rebar will support the foundation of the new parking garage.

For this process, the iron workers rig the steel, and the concrete bucket has a choker on it that the hooks are then inserted into. The forms use picking clamps that will set the framework in place.

Scott Alexander, superintendent, JE Dunn Construction, weighed in on the benefits of utilizing this crawler with its pick and carry capabilities. He thinks that







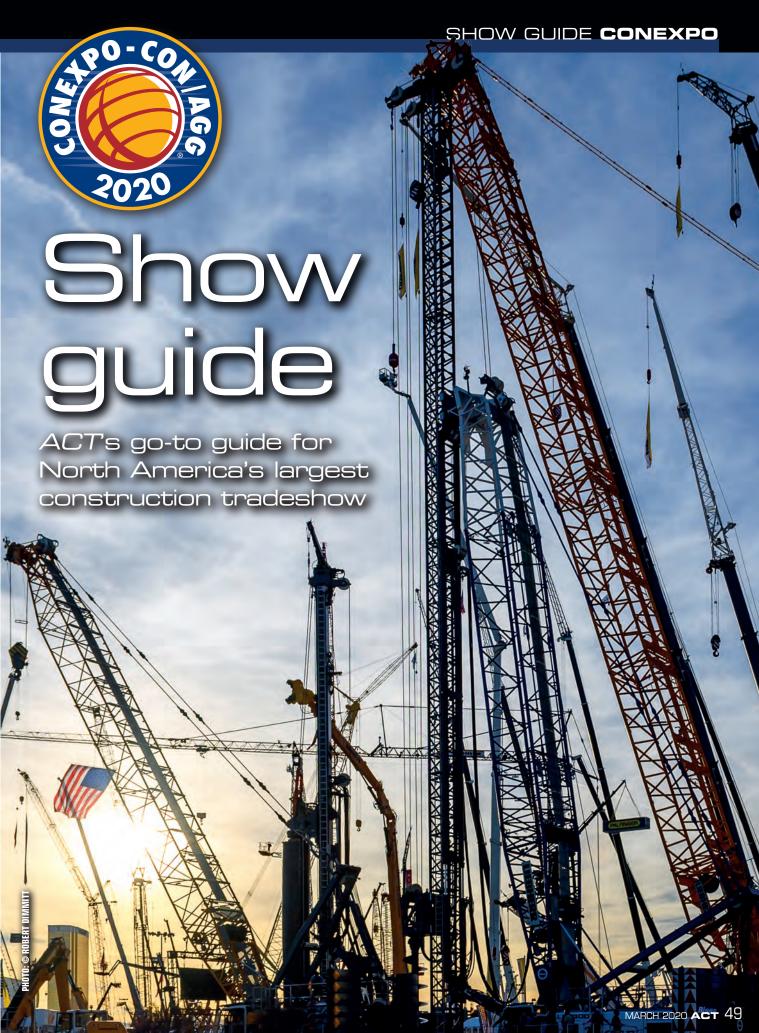
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ll eyes are on Las Vegas this month as crane booms of every type punctuate the skyline of the world's largest gambling mecca. Some 2,500 construction-industry-related exhibitors will display equipment that their product development teams have been working on for the last three years.

From March 10-14, Vegas and its vast exhibition grounds and convention center will be teaming with potential buyers of cranes, rigging gear, trailers, specialized components, training and a range of related products and services.

The 2020 show is shaping up well and there is a vibe of excitement among exhibitors and attendees. Following is American Cranes & Transport's most comprehensive show guide ever. What follows is a roundup of news from manufacturers and service providers, large and small, relevant to our industry. A version of this guide will appear online at www.americancranesandtransport.com and include a full list of select exhibitors and booth numbers.

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Altec

Altec offers telescoping and articulating cranes. Telescopic boom truck cranes are available with sheave heights ranging from 80 to 207 feet and load ratings from 18 to 45 tons. Altec will show two new boom trucks, the AC30-53t and the Altec AC45-127s. In the knuckleboom range there will be the Altec Effer Crane EC685-8s+3S and the Altec Effer EC655.

Broderson

Broderson produces a full line of small capacity cranes and lift equipment. On show will be the company's new RT-400 rough terrain crane, IC-100 industrial carry deck crane and the IC80-K series carry deck crane.



A view from the top: How do crane OEM executives view ConExpo?

In general, crane manufacturers are optimistic about ConExpo.

"The economy is in a good place," said Jack Fendrick, COO of Kobelco Construction Machinery USA. "This should lead to an enthusiastic show. With the departure of Terex Cranes coupled with our 2018 divorce from Manitowoc our traffic should be excellent. Historically we have had great success at the show, and I believe this year will be even better."

Tadano America President Ingo Schiller is also positive about the show, especially considering the company will now be showing its familiar Tadano brand and the Demag brand at the same stand.

"I am hugely excited," said Schiller.

"We are expecting great things at this year's ConExpo and much business. To date, our customers are anticipating a busy 2020 and they show strong interest in the new models that we are bringing to the show."

Link-Belt President Melvin Porter thinks this could be a record show.

"Based on interest from our distributors and their customers, we expect a

strong showing of people looking for crane solutions," he said. "One thing that could have a slight effect is the coronavirus and the travel

Jack Fendrick, Kobelco **Construction Machinery**



Ingo Schiller, Tadano America

ban for Chinese attendees."

Barry Pennypacker, Manitowoc president and CEO, is excited to showcase his company's product development and the unveiling of six new cranes.

"I am proud that these cranes were developed using the voice of the customer process of The Manitowoc Way," he said. "In addition to the new cranes, we will have several other cranes making their North American debuts, some with features specific to serve the North American market. Given our origins in the U.S. 117 years ago, and now the last American crane company in the lifting business, we consider ConExpo

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tradeshow, ConExpo 2020 features more than 2,000 exhibiors.

300-metric-ton AC 300-6 will be exhibited among the company's all terrain line, as well as the 3-meter wide, 14.49-meter long AC 220-5.

compact crane in the 220-metric ton class. Its 78-meter boom is touted as the longest main boom of any 5-axle crane on the market. It is designed to remain under a 12-metric-ton axle load limit with a payload of up to 1,322 pounds.

Also displayed will be the improved four-axle, 100-metric ton capacity AC 100-4L. It incorporates new features to increase lifting capacity, especially when working at steep main boom positions.

Demag will show its CC 3800-1 lattice crawler for the first time in North America. Capacity is 715 tons at a radius of 39 feet and its maximum load moment rating is 9,152 metric ton-meters. It can erect wind turbines with a hub height of up to 384 feet without the need for a superlift system.

A Boom Booster capacity enhancement increases the main boom's stiffness and boosting capacity

> The Demag AC 45 City will make its U.S. debut.

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Demag's 45 metric-ton AC 45 City and

Demag said the AC220-5 is the most

a buzz to the atmosphere, but it can also distract from our focus on crane-buying customers," he said. "The distance of the new lot does cause some logistical hurdles for our customers. Big contractors buy all types of items and this location change may put a burden on their time."

Schiller views the changes as an improvement.

"There is more room and the location

makes logistics for both the attendees and the exhibitors better." he said. "As we booked space before the Demag deal closed, we worked with AEM and other exhibitors to get the space that we needed for our largest display ever."



Barry Pennypacker, **Manitowoc Cranes**

Porter at Link-Belt said the change of location doesn't change Link-Belt's expectations of the show.

"It hasn't changed our approach," he said. "Our team has worked hard

to create a welcoming environment for crane buyers, and we are excited to showcase our world-class cranes. It may be that people stay in our exhibit longer, which can't possibly be seen as a bad thing."

Pennypacker said it's interesting to watch ConExpo grow and evolve.

"We have voiced some concern about attendee transportation logistics to and from the Festival Lot, but we are excited to participate with a significant presence at the event," he said.

to be our home turf to engage closely with dealers and customers on the latest innovations in lifting, and we expect this to continue in 2020.

The OEMs may be a little weary of the relocation of the Gold Lot to the Festival Grounds, away from the main tradeshow.

"This is the big question," said Kobelco's Fendrick. "How much Gold Lot traffic was driven by the main show? I believe that our crawler customers are a very specific bunch and the relocation will not have a major impact on the quality of our traffic."

Fendrick thinks that total traffic for the Festival Grounds will be down. but that may not be a bad thing.

"Having 'dirt attendance walking through the lot to see big stuff adds

Melvin Porter, Link-Belt Cranes

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by up to 30 percent. Boom Booster kit lengths are between 79 and 276 feet. With maximum Boom Booster, the CC 3800-1 can reach a hook height of 571 feet and lift 88 tons.

Jekko

Italian manufacturer Jekko, via North American dealer Fascan, will show its 21.5-metric-ton capacity JF990, which it calls a "real evolution." Dimensions are 6.75 by 2.14 by 3.45 meters, vertical reach is 41 meters and horizontal outreach is 38 meters. It was designed to be easy to transport and user-friendly.

Also shown will be the flagship model, the SPX532, which lifts three metric tons and reaches 17.3 meters on the full main boom and jib. Other cranes on show are the SPX429, SPX527 and SPX1275.

Liebherr

Liebherr's USA division celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Liebherr



Elliott Equipment
Company will introduce
a new 40-ton capacity
truck-mounted crane.
The 40142 has a 142foot main boom with
a 152-foot tip height.



Elliott Equipment's new 40-ton truck mounted crane.

Including the jib gives it a 207 foot tip height. With the optional work platform the reach is 210 feet. Its user interface has a touch screen and the machine includes LMI and Bluetooth diagnostics so users and technicians can remotely access the machine to troubleshoot and make adjustments. Another feature is a tilting cab optimized for visibility, ergonomics and low cost of ownership. Elliott said.

will have around 30 machines on display. Cranes include the 110-metricton capacity LTM 1110-5.1 and the 700-metric-ton LTM 1650-8.1, both of which were introduced in April 2019. The 700-metric ton LTM-1650-8.1 can be configured with 54 and 80-meter main booms.

A brand new Liebherr crane making its debut will be the 120-metric ton capacity LTM 1120-4.1. Liebherr describes it as the most powerful 4-axle mobile crane ever. It features a 66-meter telescopic boom, in seven sections, (six plus the base section), puts it on an equal footing with 200-metric ton cranes, Liebherr said.

An exclusive article in the February 2020 issue of our sister magazine, *International Cranes and Specialized Transport*, said the crane breaks into the performance class of five-axle ATs. This new unit is undergoing testing, and deliveries will start in the third quarter of 2020.

The LTM 1120-4.1 will replace the 110-metric ton capacity LTM 1100-4.2 introduced in 2009. Capacity of the new crane is 9 metric tons with the 66-meter Telematik boom fully raised so it is good for tower crane erection and dismantling and putting up radio masts. Adding the lattice boom extensions increases hook height to 94 meters. A 64-meter lifting radius is achieved with a 7-meter lattice extension and the 10.8 to 19 meter

double folding jib. An option is to have hydraulic adjustment between 0 and 40 degrees. There is also a 2-meter erection jib with a

Liebherr aims to get the most out of what can be achieved on a four-axle carrier with its new LTM 1120-4.1



Making its U.S. debut, the Demag CC3800-1 features a 571-foot hook height.

runner which can be swung sideways.
A standard feature is the VarioBase outrigger extension optimization system. VarioBallast, a similar system for the counterweight, is an option. VarioBallast give a ballast radius of 3.83 or 4.77 meters.

A maximum of 31 metric tons of counterweight is available. Shifting it around can give evenly distributed axle loads of 12, 13.5, 15 and 16.5 metric tons per axle. At 12 metric tons per axle, the crane includes hook block and 2.1 metric tons of counterweight. At 16.5 metric tons per axle 20 metric tons of ballast can be carried on board. Power for the crane is from a 330 kW, six-cylinder inline Liebherr diesel engine mounted in the carrier. The engine is designed to meet the requirements of Tier 4 in the U.S.

Strong charts and low cost transport worldwide are the main features of Liebherr's new 880-ton capacity lattice boom crawler crane, the LR 1800-1.0. It is designed for use with a luffing jib and derrick system. Boom section dimensions are such that three sizes can be inserted one inside the other to reduce transport volume.

Another Liebherr on show, in the 200-metric ton category, is the HS 8200 duty cycle crawler crane, based on its









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Link-Belt Cranes

An all-new 80-ton Link-Belt TCC-800 telescopic crawler crane will make its debut. The all new telescopic crawler crane will begin field-testing early spring 2020, and first shipments scheduled in fourth quarter 2020.

Development of Link-Belt SmartFly began with its introduction on the HTC-86110 telescopic truck crane in 2015. The early success came from a collaboration between Link-Belt engineering and voice of the customer - developing a streamlined process for fly assembly that can be easily understood by operators, minimizes work at height and stands above countless industry methods.

Load King

Load King will show its 80-ton capacity Stinger on a Kenworth T880 chassis. The crane has a six-section, 160-foot full power boom. It has a new double-keel design which is lighter and stronger than the old four-plate box boom it replaced. Two single-stage cylinders provide two different operating modes: one focused on stability, and the other for structural capacity, making a better chart throughout, Load King said.

This new crane also introduces a brand new 58 foot bi-fold lattice swing-away jib. making the maximum tip height 228 feet. The crane will set up faster at the jobsite due to increased speed of the outriggers. The crane retains the modern tilt-cab from the 80-126 model, previously known as the (Terex) Crossover 8000.



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Maeda

Maeda USA is set to unveil updated versions of two popular models, the MC305-3 and MC405-3 mini crawler cranes. Like previous machines, both updated models feature small bodies that can fit through a standard double door. The MC305-3 has a width of 51 inches and the MC405-3 is 55 inches wide. But despite their smaller frames, each has impressive lift capacities at 6,500 pounds and 8,400 pounds respectively, Maeda said.

Maeda's cranes feature the new generation MC285-3 with multi-angle outriggers, wireless remote control, new generation touch screen moment limiter, and a removable electric motor package for maximum versatility, all the while

maintaining single doorway
access to buildings.

Maeda MC090 mini
crawler fits
through standard
doorways.

To date, Link-Belt has broadened its SmartFly technology across multiple product lines – from on-highway truck cranes to telescopic crawler cranes, rough terrain cranes and all-terrain cranes.

Among the units on display will be recent additions to Link-Belt's rough terrain lineup, the 100-ton 100|RT and 120-ton 120|RT, along with the highly successful and market leading 110-ton HTC-86110 telescopic truck crane. Following extensive endurance, road, field-testing and the first shipment delivered in fourth quarter 2019, the 175-ton 175|AT will make its full North American unveiling. Additionally, the 300-ton 348 Series 2 lattice crawler crane will be on display – with several of the first shipments delivering in late 2019 in the southeastern U.S.

Manitex

A highlight from Manitex will be its 2485T tractor-mounted boom truck. It lifts 24 tons has an 85 foot boom. The display of Manitex MAC articulating cranes will feature the MAC 38.5 and MAC 65, plus the MPL74 wallboard delivery system.



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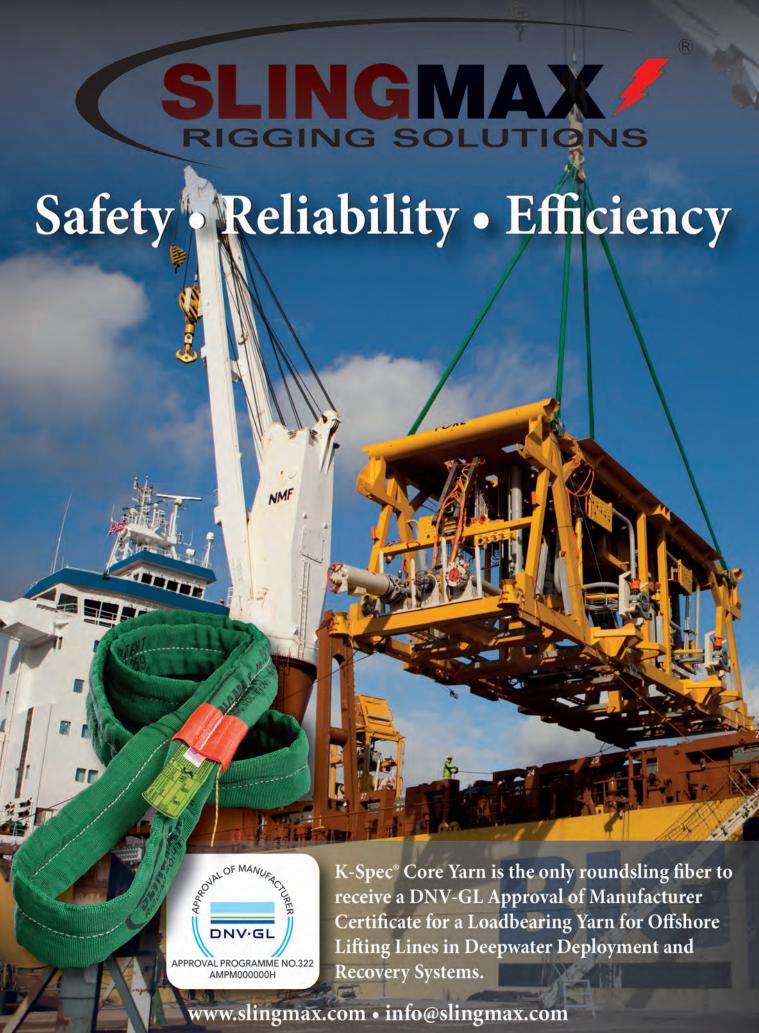
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Terex Franna

Terex Franna will make its North American debut with its mobile pick and carry crane line from Australia. On show will be the AT 22, a mid-sized, mobile pick and carry crane with a lifting capacity of 24 tons at a radius of 4 feet 7 inches. It offers a maximum hook height of 55 feet 9 inches.

The Franna AT 22 pick and carry crane is new to the U.S. market.

Manitex Valla will show its V80R and its 25EL electric industrial cranes.

Manitowoc

Manitowoc will unveil six new cranes and show four models for the first time in North America.

The Grove GRT8120 is one of five new Grove models that Manitowoc will show. The 120 ton rough-terrain crane has a 197 foot boom length and a new carrier design that increases versatility and utilization.

Other Grove cranes will include the previously released GRT9165 roughterrain crane, GHC140 telescoping crawler crane, TMS500-2 truck crane and a new, yet-to-be-announced model.

The new GRT8120 features the longest boom and strongest load charts in its class, along with a new compact carrier design with flat decking for improved maneuverability, serviceability and job site access. Based largely off the success of the

GRT8100, the GRT8120 has a capacity of 120 tons and a 197 feet main boom with 265-foot maximum height when equipped with the 57.6 foot bi-fold swing away extension that comes in either manual or hydraulically offsettable configurations. Also new to the GRT8120 is the MAXbase asymmetrical outrigger system for ultimate versatility in job site setups. This feature, combined with the lightweight, compact carrier and long boom, make this crane ideal for congested job sites that require maximum reach. A new, wider, full-vision cab with 20-degree tilt maximizes operator comfort and visibility. From an operational perspective, the GRT8120 features the Boom Configurator mode that

simplifies telescoping of

the boom and provides

on-board lift planning.

85-foot boom. In early 2019, Manitowoc launched its

biggest Grove Hydraulic Crane (GHC) in North America: the GHC140. The GHC140 features a 171 foot six-section, pinned boom with a maximum capacity of

Manitowoc will also showcase the Grove TMS500-2. The truck crane made its debut at Manitowoc's 2018 Crane Days event. The 40-ton TMS500-2 features the quick set up and versatile taxi capabilities expected from a truck crane in this class with two boom options: The first ranges from 29 to 95 feet, with three quickreeve Nylatron sheaves in its

main boom nose. The second option ranges from 32 to 102 feet and has four quick-reeve Nylatron sheaves.

Tadano GR-800XL-4

Also on show will be the National Crane NBT60L boom truck.

Palfinger

Palfinger will exhibit several of its knuckleboom cranes in Las Vegas. A highlight will be the company's largest loader crane, the PK 200002L SH. With a 66,140-pound capacity, the crane is equipped with the Paltronic 50, radio remote control and Power Link Plus system.

Palfinger produces a large range of knuckleboom cranes from .8 metric tons capacity to 150 metric tons capacity in its compact, light, medium, heavy and large crane ranges.

Tadano

The tractor-

2485T has an

mounted Manitex

In the all-terrain range, Tadano will show its 100-metric ton capacity ATF 100-4.1 and the 120-metric ton capacity ATF 120-5.1. Both models use the same 60-meter main boom. The five axle 120 can travel on public roads at just under 10 metric tons per axle - at a total weight of 48 metric tons, which Tadano says is unique in its class.

From its rough terrain crane range Tadano will show two models, the recently upgraded GR-150XL-3 and GR-800XL-4. The GR-150XL-3 has a 78.7foot boom, a tail swing radius of 4.1 feet and asymmetric outriggers. The 15-ton capacity compact RT has improved single line operation capacity of 7,050 pounds; the longest boom in its class and a 97.4 foot maximum tip height; 360 degree swing cab; new cab; new generation crane control system (AML-E) and added cameras, including rear view and left front.

With a capacity of 80 tons and a boom length of 154.2 feet, the GR-800XL-4 has a gross vehicle weight of 99,800 pounds. It has more capacity than the previous GR-750XL; the longest boom in the 80 ton class and a maximum tip height of 211.3 feet; a new cab design with 20 degree tilt;

Terex Cranes

Terex Cranes will present its TRT 80US rough terrain crane. With a maximum capacity of 80 tons, the crane has a main boom length of 138 feet. It is the first model featuring the new Terex Operating System known as TEOS. This next generation control system features a 10inch touch screen display with a new user interface with improved information flow and accessibility, the company said.

Off-Highway

Industry trend analysis

An interesting event will be the Off-Highway Research Global Briefing on Wednesday March 11. Speakers include Chris Sleight, Off Highway Research managing director, who will present the latest regional and global trends for the industry.

Sleight will be joined by Scott Hazelton, managing director at IHS Markit. Hazelton will discuss the underlying drivers for the equipment industry worldwide, and Alex Woodrow, managing director at Knibb Gormezano Partners, will discuss technical and regulatory changes for the industry.

a new generation crane control system (AML-E2); and three new cameras, including winch camera, right front camera and backup camera.

Tadano Mantis

Tadano Mantis will exhibit the new GTC-1600, a 160-ton telescopic boom crawler that expands the GTC product line to six. It has a 6-section, 42.8-foot to 200.1-foot hydraulic boom. There is a 33.8 foot to 59.1 foot bi-fold jib with offsets at 0, 20 and 40 degrees. Jib length of up to 105 feet is possible with two 23 foot optional lattice inserts, giving a maximum tip height of 305 feet. An optional 11.8 foot heavy lift offset jib is available for tiltup work.

The company will show two additional cranes, the GTC-900 and GTC-550, which highlight the continued enhancements to the GTC Series - including increased maximum capacities, improved load charts, upgraded carbody jacks, dual certified Euromot Stage V/ US EPA Tier 4F engines and new U.S. ton-based model names for the North American market.

The 90-ton GTC-900 is the largest sub-100 ton tele-boom crawler on the market and features a full power, 5-section boom with maximum extended length of 141 feet 1 inch.

The 55-ton GTC-550 features a 4-section full power boom that allows continuous telescoping with load to the maximum extended length of 113 feet 10 inches. The main boom is complemented with a 28.9 foot to 49.9 foot bi-fold jib. An optional

The new Tadano Mantis GTC-1600 telescopic boom crawler crane will be shown for the first time.

Heavy Configuration Counterweight package (28,200 pounds) provides increased lifting performance at longer radiuses.

TOWER CRANES

Arcomet

Europe-headquartered international tower crane specialist Arcomet, part of the Uperio Group, will be exhibiting at ConExpo for the first time in its 64-year history. Its primary focus will be its A50 Eco self-erecting tower crane which it builds in Belgium. Arcomet cranes are available in North America from P&J Arcomet. Self-erecting tower cranes offer many advantages over both mobile or truck cranes and conventional tower cranes, Arcomet said.

Comansa

Those visiting the Comansa stand will be able to find out about the LCL310 luffingjib crane, specifically its 18-metric ton maximum load version, which will be exhibited during the show. Its maximum jib length is 60 meters, and the different

XCMG

China's XCMG will show a truck-mounted crane in the shape of the XCT40U, which was shown at the previous ConExpo in 2017. It is mounted on a T880 universal chassis from Kenworth and the second axle is a steerable lift axle. Axle load requirements of different U.S. states can broadly be met, the company said.



configurations allow for maximum jib steps every 5 meters. This luffing-jib crane, with its compact design and reduced out of service radius, is ideal for use in cities or congested building sites.

Comansa will also exhibit the CUBE cab, winner of the prestigious iF prize in 2018 and that comes as standard in most of Comansa's cranes. It combines a new design, comfort and maximum productivity, as well as innovative advantages in terms of ergonomics and features.

Comansa will also promote the latest versions of its cranes developed over the last year, especially its new 21LC1050 and 21LC1400 models, with maximum load capacities of up to 50 and 66 tonnes respectively, which will improve productivity and enhance options in a market that is focussed on large flat-top

Similarly, the new Quick Set system will



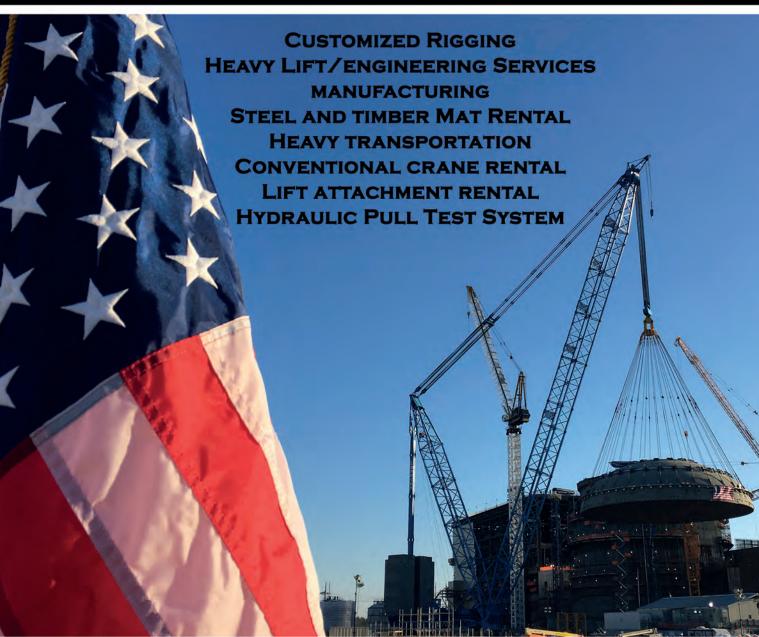


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The Liebherr 340 EC-B features synthetic fiber rope.

Liebherr

Liebherr will show the 340 EC-B flat top tower. Capacity is 26,450 pounds (12 metric tons) and maximum radius is 256 feet (78 meters). Maximum hook height is 301 feet (84.7 meters). Three models in the range first shown last year are optimized for the use of synthetic fiber hoist rope.

New in Liebherr's fast erecting crane range is the 17,630 pound (8 metric ton) capacity range-topping 125 K. Its maximum lifting radius is 180 feet (55 meters) and maximum hook height is 215 feet (41.5 meters). Civil engineering projects, traffic bridges, commercial and industrial building construction are expected applications.

be introduced. This is a new technology designed to simplify the commissioning of cranes. With Quick Set, the set-up and calibration times have been significantly reduced using a system that leads to easier, safer and more intuitive adjustments, achieving faster and less labour-intensive calibration. This smart development is the result of experience gained over the years and is readily available across the entire 21LC range and, during 2020, it will be expanded to the 11LC and 16LC ranges.

Spanish manufacturer Jaso will show its J265PA luffer. New to the U.S. market, it offers a maximum line speed of 366 meters per minute and can be set freestanding up to 312 feet. Features include a clamp type secondary brake system on luffing, an optional secondary brake on the hoist; a reduced free slewing device and park radius system, slack rope detection and a load levelling system.

Manitowoc Potain

The recently launched Potain MRH 175 will be shown for the first time and the Hup M 28-22 will make its North American debut. Both cranes focus on easier transport and assembly, as well as



Jaso's J265PA is new to the U.S. market.

improved on-site productivity.

The MRH 175 is the latest release in Potain's line of hydraulic luffing jib cranes, a product line the company has continuously developed since unveiling the MRH 125 a year ago. Maximum capacity for the MRH 175 is 11 tons, while the maximum jib length is 180 feet. Tip capacity is 1.65 tons when working with the full 180 foot jib, or 3 tons if fitted with 164 feet of jib. Maximum line speed is 705 feet per minute when working with the 90HPL25 hoist. The crane's unique design, with its fixed counter jib and topless structure, facilitates its trademark fast erection and dismantling, as well as making it more compact for transport, needing only four standard containers,

Manitowoc said. The elements weigh under 8.5 tons and there is a single counter-jib/jib foot package. The topless design also means less space is needed on sites where multiple cranes overfly the jobsite, and the hydraulic design means no wire rope installation is needed. It also means a smaller assist crane is needed for erection as there is no cathead to assemble.

Potain's hydraulic luffing design features a shorter counter-jib and out-of-service radius than rope-luffing alternatives. The MRH 175 delivers an out-of-service radius of only 33.5 feet, regardless of jib length. Freestanding heights of up to 206 feet are available with the 6.5 foot K-mast sections, and the crane is also compatible with 5.2 foot K-mast sections. On the hoisting drum, up to 3,136 feet of rope is available with the 90HPL25 winch, allowing users to choose either 1,568 feet in a two-fall configuration with a 5.5 ton maximum capacity or 784 feet in a four-fall configuration with an 11 tons maximum capacity. Luffing the crane from the horizontal to vertical is efficient, taking less than two minutes, Manitowoc

The Hup M 28-22 is being shown with a new transport axle for the regional market and it is the third model from the Hup self-erecting crane range. The doublesteering axle gives the model better jobsite accessibility and enables it to travel at speeds of up to 50 mph. It measures 38 feet when folded, making it the most compact crane in its category, the company said. The crane has a 92 foot jib and features 16 configurations.

Wolff

Wolffkran will show its new Wolff 166 B US luffing jib tower crane. It is designed to meet U.S. electrical standards and all requirements regarding structural components. Instead of a conventional

Terex Corporation will be shoowing the flat top model CTT 472-20. This new tower crane features 11 jib configurations from 98 to 262 feet and a competitive load chart, delivering a maximum 22 tons and up to 4.9 tons at maximum max jib length, the company said.

The new Terex T-Torque slewing technology will be presented for the first time at ConExpo. A fully dynamic system, as a result of several internal testing and with the precious support of crane operators from around the world, Terex claims T-Torque can answer the different needs in terms of load control and crane operation. It is a fully customized system that will easily help crane operators find the best fit to their driving style, from smoother movements to fast reaction, Terex said. The new system matches the well-known Terex SK models behavior.

Terex will present the T-LINK Telematics System both for tower cranes and rough terrain cranes, for remote access of crane data via the internet.

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rope and winch luffing gear it has an hydraulic mechanism. This eliminates the classical tower top and reeving of the luffing rope, Wolffkran says. Another benefit is a smaller out of service radius.

Capacity of the 166 B US is 26,460 pounds in two-fall operation and 13,230 pounds in single-fall. Jibs are from 82 to 180 feet and can be extended in 16.4 foot increments. With a 164-foot jib it achieves a tip load capacity of 7,270 pounds, the company claims. Its 60 kW hoist winch gives a line speed of 377 feet per minute.

TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

Faymonville Cometto

Faymonville and its subsidiary Cometto will show a range of trailers and transport solutions, including the HighwayMAX-2, MultiMAX, DualMAX and a new innovation from its Cometto division.

The steerable 9-axle (3+3+3)HighwayMAX is an ideal trailer for a legal payload up to 170,000 pounds. Faymonville will show the next generation HighwayMAX-2 with an additional 3-axle pin-on nitro-booster to significantly increase the legal payload capacity up to 205,000 pounds. When it is transported empty, the booster can just be uncoupled and loaded onto the main vehicle.

The DualMAX modular dual-lane trailer excels with its capability to be widened

Goldhofer

Goldhofer's STZ-P 9 highway semi-trailer has a loading length of approximately 90 feet and 3x3 pendular axle bogies. It has hydromechanical steering up to an angle of 60 degrees. Suspension stroke is 23.6 inches. The STZ-P 9 was designed to handle narrow roads with tight bends as well as uneven and potholed road surfaces. The rear bogie can be retracted under load making it possible to reduce the length of the vehicle as required and then use a tractor to re-extend it. That makes negotiating obstacles and tight turns easier. The hydraulic axle compensation of the STZ-P 9 makes for easy loading and unloading with a wide range of cargos, with or without the use of a crane. Also, axle spacing between the bogies can be adjusted for operations in locations where different approval regulations apply. Goldhofer will show a wide range of new and improved products.



under load in various steps from 14 to 20 feet. This patented principle is called "lift & shift" and is used when the trailer width has to be adjusted for infrastructural reasons, such as crossing bridges or when going from state to state with different legislation. Unlike with other brands, the steering system of the DualMAX does not need to be modified during the widening process.

Faymonville's Cometto division is a specialist for self-propelled trailers. Cometto will launch the Eco1000, a new product range with integrated Power Pack Unit for in-plant transport jobs up

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to a payload of 1,000 metric tons. The whole concept builds on a future-oriented modular principle.

The 4.3 inch display of the newly designed remote control shows all trailer and transport information. And the 12.1 inch color touch-screen display within the Power Pack Unit provides information about lifting, steering and driving modes to the operator. The compact vehicle Eco1000 is available as a 2-axles type with 2 driven suspensions, as a 4-axle type with 2 or 4 driven suspensions, as a 4-axles type with 2 or 4 driven suspensions and a long frame and as a 6-axles type with

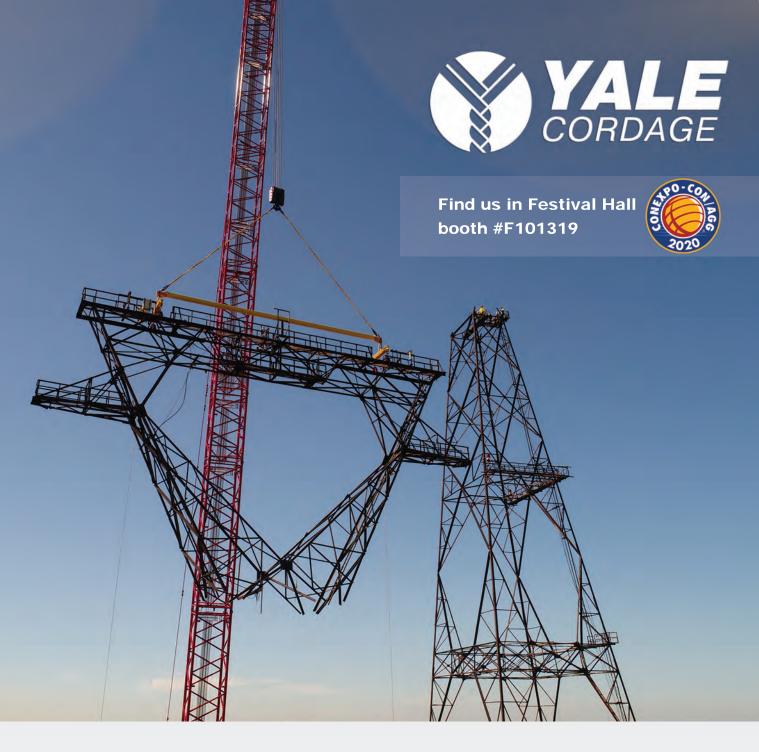
> 4 driven suspensions. Up to four units can be combined together with interchangeable components, different Power Pack technologies and a wide selection of accessories.

Nelson Manufacturing

Nelson Manufacturing will unveil its NextGen boom launch trailer, which includes hydraulic suspension and eight lines of kingpin steering axles. Axle spacing is configured to allow up to 20,000 pounds (9 metric tons) per axle and is legal in California. Nelson said this trailer will eliminate the need for removable stinger axles and front jeeps on larger cranes, greatly reducing launch and trailer set-up time.

The trailer will include Nelson's "Boots





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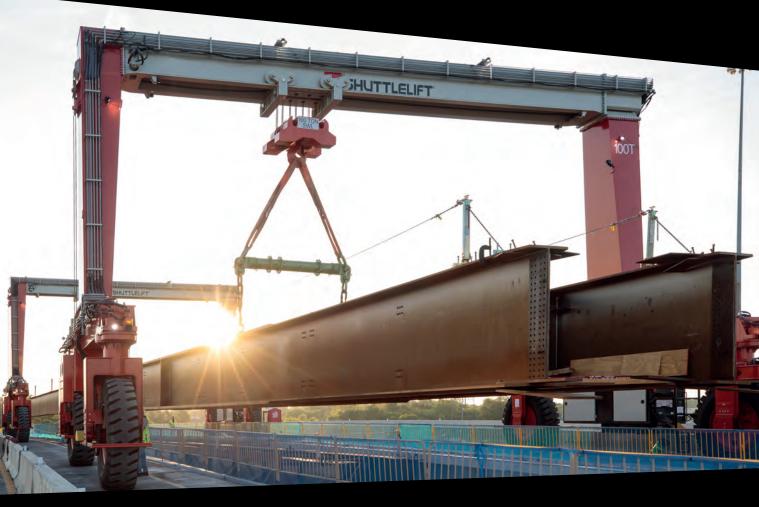
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Lift Safety Zone

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators will feature its popular Lift Safety Zone, an information booth that will feature written and practical certification exams, education sessions and practical examiner training. NCCCO celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2020.

Also find out about the new NCCCO mobile phone app and the progress made with testing in languages other than English.

on the Ground," option allowing the operator to side shift the front trolley and pin to the front of the boom via a wireless remote control. The outrigger levelling legs are also on the remote control to allow the operator to position him or herself as needed. The new NextGen can be configured to handle multiple different crane booms and configurations, and it provides storage space for various boom saddles and adapters to remain on the trailer deck.

Talbert Manufacturing

Talbert Manufacturing will showcase a customized 3+1 configuration of the 60CC/55SA-LD trailer. The show model is designed to be under 53-foot overall length with a 28-foot deck length and tandem axle trailer with provisions for a third and fourth axle capable of a 2, 3, 4 and 3+1 axle configuration set up. Capacity for various configurations are: 55 tons in 10-foot two-point rigid load base with 108-inch swing and four axles close coupled; 55 tons in 13-foot two-point rigid load base with 132-inch swing and

3+1 E1Nitro axle extension; and 60 tons in 13-foot two-point rigid load base with 108-inch swing and four axles close coupled. The base model of the 60CC/55SA-LD features a 108-inch swing radius, 26-foot deck

length and 8-foot-6-inch deck width. Additional customization is possible, including a 24-inch flip gooseneck extension that increases swing radius to 132 inches and allows greater load transfer capabilities.

The 60CC/55SA-LD is manufactured with heavy-duty T-1, 100,000-psi minimum yield steel for extreme durability and longevity. Valspar R-Cure 800 paint is standard on all Talbert trailer to prevent corrosion, offering a long-lasting finish and better return on investment.

XL Specialized

XL Specialized Trailers will feature the XL Low-Profile HDG trailer along with three other new trailers. The XL Low Profile HDG is a 13-foot gooseneck with a swing clearance of 110 inches, and the relief cut out in the gooseneck provides additional space between the truck and trailer. The sloped nose of the gooseneck protects the air and electric connections from damage.

The neck also offers a five-position ride height. Based on neck position and load, the deck can be leveled as needed with the adjustable wheel area

Scheuerle **SPMT PowerHoss**

TII Group/Scheuerle

Scheuerle will show its new SPMT PowerHoss, which replaces the SPMT Light. The SPMT PowerHoss is compact and has a high payload with four axle lines and a diesel drive. Payloads of up to 86 or 176 tons are possible with two or four axle lines. The top of the platform has fastening points to fix special transport stools for long material transport, and it is available with diesel and electric drive. TII Group will showcase a variety of transport solutions.

ride height. With a capacity of 110,000 pounds in 12 feet, the trailer has an overall length of 53 feet and overall width of 8.5

With Apitong decking for increased durability, the 26-foot-long main deck features a loaded deck height of 24 inches and an 8-inch ground clearance. The

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Trail King

Trail King will be exhibiting a monster perimeter expanding frame trailer. Designed for multiple load configurations, the trailer expands from 12 to 20 feet wide. The TK160 is decked out with hydraulic hat boxes on both front and rear goosenecks which allows for navigating unpredictable terrain. Trail King will also be launching updates to its travelling trailer series and will debut several new products.

trailer also offers a 14-foot-long rear deck that has a 40-inch loaded deck height.

INDUSTRIAL LIFTING

Shuttlelift.

Shuttlelift will debut its Shuttlelift DB Series rubber tired gantry crane as well as its new E-Series electric RTG cranes. These cranes eliminate emissions at the point of use while maintaining lifting power.

Enerpac

Enerpac will highlight tools for construction equipment repair with several hands-on displays showing high force tools in action. A bucket maintenance display will demonstrate Mirage line boring machining for pin hole refurbishment, nut cutter tooth replacement and metal straightening using the MS2-1020 maintenance set. A vehicle maintenance display will demonstrate track bolt tightening and loosening using a hydraulic torque wrench and slew-bearing facing with



Mirage portable facing machines. Other interactive features in the booth include a cylinder display with high-pressure hydraulic telescoping cylinders, a hydraulic cutter display showing industrial re-bar cutting, a hydraulic pump display featuring new E-Pulse pumps and ZE pump series, lifting display with cube-jack self-cribbing lifting system and puller display with lock-grip pullers and syncgrip pullers.

LGH

LGH provides hoisting, pulling, jacking and rigging equipment to meet virtually every conceivable lifting or moving need, the company said. Among the products the company will showcase is the Plate Clam, which lifts and turns in one operation, enabling the plate to be taken from the horizontal to a true vertical.

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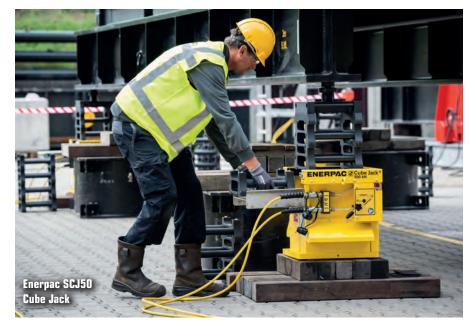
A1A Software

A1A Software will demonstrate new integrations between features of is lift planning and fleet management tools, including 3D Lift Plan and iCraneTrax. Integration will allow users of both products to save 3D Lift Plans to iCraneTrax job records. Key features of the integration include the ability to attach 3D Lift Plan to a job record in iCraneTrax; run a crane search in iCraneTrax fleet records, checking for availability against scheduled maintenance or other project allocation; save 3D Lift Plans with job data; and better manage documentation.

Prior to ConExpo, A1A Software will release the iTeleTrax app for iCraneTrax users. This app delivers access to six different information pages right from an Apple or Android mobile device, making it easier for operators, technicians or fleet managers to access critical information while on the go or at the jobsite, the company said. The iTeleTrax app includes a fleet map overview of key service items, engine hour and maintenance notifications, DMI engine codes, fleet position for location tracking and a summary page.

A1A Software also will debut the industry's first VR Simulator for lift planning. 3D Lift Vision enables users to execute a 3D Lift Plan in VR Mode using a virtual reality headset and controls.

There is no limit to the number of people who can engage in 3D Lift Vision, which allows the entire crane and rigging crew to see and practice a lift in the virtual environment, including the crane operator, riggers, signal person and tagline holders.



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AMCS

Collision avoidance safety systems specialist AMCS Technologies will highlight the DCS 61-S, (Driving Control System Safety) system. The DCS 61-S can detect in real time the risk of collision of all crane elements in interference. It is a complete safety system designed to ensure the safe execution of orders to manage the machines in interference,

operating in the area of the

tower cranes.

The AMCS Technologies system intervenes on the control mechanisms of the machine to ensure a slowdown and-or complete immobilization of the lifting machine at a pre-set distance from the obstacle. The system provides the crane operator Bigge brand recognition Bigge Crane & Rigging has positioned itself throughout ConExpo with cranes bearing its brand at three booths. Units include the Liebherr LR 1300.1 SX. Kobelco CK3300-2 and the Tadano GR1000XLL

with working comfort by displaying all the parameters useful for operating the machine and allows him to program delivery zones and targets more intuitively. It also gives the possibility of viewing in real time the position of the crane in its environment as well as the ability to see the positions of the interfering cranes while guaranteeing high performance on-site productivity.

The company will preview its own telematics called IoT Lifting with its mobile application which will be available during the second quarter of 2020. The DCS 61-S anti-collision systems can be equipped with a SIM card that can be used

> to collect precise data on each crane on a web portal, when the crane is powered, in

> > **AMCS Technologies** is showing its DCS 61-S collision avoidance system.



CM Labs offers simulator-based training.

CM Labs

The latest simulator in CM Labs' Edge series of award-winning training products. the Vortex Edge Max is an entry-level tool that develops transferable operator skills. The affordability of the Vortex Edge Max expands professional-grade simulation to contractors and training organizations that did not previously have access to these capabilities. The Vortex Edge Max replicates the motion and feel of real construction equipment, and comes embedded with CM Labs' Smart Training Technology. Smart Training Technology results in solutions that deliver the most transferable operator skills anywhere, outside the real equipment.

To meet the widest possible range of training needs out of the box, the Vortex Edge Max comes pre-loaded with CM Labs' full catalog of lifting equipment training packs, earthmoving training packs, or both. Every training pack includes guided learning exercises, so trainees can upskill at their own pace when training personnel are not available.

motion, in weathervane, and generate personalized statistics for each jobsite. The main objectives of the IoT Lifting are to follow the productivity of the construction site with precision and remotely and to know the activity of the cranes every day.

The IoT Lifting mobile application (available internationally on Android and Apple Store) will guarantee the productivity and safety of cranes equipped with anti-collision systems DCS 61-S.

Curtiss-Wright

A focus for Curtiss-Wright will be its human-machine interface (HMI) controls, electronic throttle controllers, transmission shifters, sensors and power electronics. A current trend is towards OEMs incorporating electronic HMIs that integrate fully into custom control boxes and armrest assemblies, providing operators with a wide range of new capabilities.

Visit SC&RA and its education sessions

SC&RA, the world's largest association for the crane, rigging and specialized transportation sector invites prospective and current members to rest, recharge and reconnect in the Festival Pavilion. Meet subject matter experts and learn the latest developments on legislative and regulatory issues.



SC&RA will introduce two new programs: the Property and Casualty Insurance Program and SC&RA's Retirement Solution (401k) Affinity Program.

SC&RA will also show its new website and online learning opportunities, including the Bridge Hit & Accident Prevention course, as well as the soon-to-be released, Truck Crane and All-Terrain Crane Boom Dolly Best Practices course.

Also don't forget the 16 education sessions sponsored by SC&RA and its partners. A full list is available at scranet.org/ConExpo

- Crane Inspection How Do You Do That? Ray Feidt, Corporate Inspection/Training Manager, Stephenson Equipment
- How To Manage a Crane Accident, Joseph Collins, Heavy Lift Manager, Becht Engineering
- Managing Crane Ground Bearing Pressures, Joseph Collins, Heavy Lift Manager, Becht Engineering
- Best Practices for Inspecting and Connecting Your Rigging, Jim Canfield, National Sales Manager, All Material Handling
- Best Practices for Oversized Cranes & Specialized Carrier Permits, Steven Todd, Vice President, Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association
- Responsibilities for Onsite Personnel for Cranes, Thom Sicklesteel, CEO, NCCCO
- Qualifications in the Crane Industry: What Does It Take? Graham Brent, CEO, NCCCO Foundation, and Thom Sicklesteel, CEO, NCCCO
- How to Delay/Prevent Rope Twist and Cabling from Rope-Sheave Interaction, Joost Eertman, Technical Director, Ropeblock NV
- Developing a Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program, Peter Juhren, Vice President of Operations, Morrow Equipment, and Chris Smith, Corporate Service Manager/Director of Safety, Morrow Equipment
- Getting the Most from Crane Rental Agreements, Robert Moore, Risk Manager/General Counsel, Southwest Industrial Rigging
- Why Do Crane Accidents Happen? Jim Wiethorn, Chairman/Principal Engineer, Haag Engineering
- Lift Planner Putting the Puzzle Together, Joseph Kuzar, Technical Director, ITI

TWG

Crane electronics and monitoring systems specialist TWG supplies OEMs, distributors and end users of cranes. In addition to showing Greer LMI and Greer Vision, TWG will launch Greer Intelligence.

Wika Mobile Control (WMC)

Wika Mobile Control (WMC) will introduce the LWG cable reel series upgraded with the latest mechanical signal transmission and electronics technology. Features include standardised gears and length sensors, optimized electronics, improved length cable connection and a new slip ring design that provides higher current ratings. Also new from WMC will be the gSENS LWG610 length and angle sensor. It is suitable for use on a range of lifting applications, including telehandlers, service trucks, industrial cranes and reach stackers.

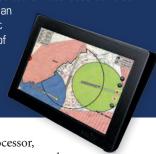
WIKA Mobile Control (WMC) provides operator aids, controls, upgrades and

sensors including load moment indicators, wireless/wired load, angle and A2B systems for lifting equipment. WMC will present the new gSENS LWG610 length/ angle sensor that provides an economical option suitable for use on a variety of lifting applications including telehandlers, service trucks, industrial cranes, and reach stackers. WMC will also launch the cSCALE S9 controller that includes

SMIE

French collision avoidance system specialist SMIE will focus on its operator training simulator technology. SMIE will also show its ProSite anti-collision and zoning demonstrators. Attendees can also

expect to see an announcement of the launch of a 4G remote product that will be in use at the show.



a new NXP processor, 256 MB flash memory, and features improved boot-time and faster flash process via a USB-stick. Also on display is the cSCALE for use in any application from monitoring standard to custom control solutions. These systems and sensors meet OEM & retrofit requirements in lifting applications.

Stellar

Stellar will introduce to end-users Stellar Telematics. This new platform consists of Fleet View for fleet managers and E-Link Mobile for operators. With Fleet View, fleet managers can optimize their fleets with real-time and historic data beyond the chassis. Having access to crane usage, load trends, compressor usage and more helps fleet managers make informed decisions like never before. With E-Link Mobile, operators can control equipment and access information for troubleshooting all from their mobile device.

WCS Permits & Pilot Cars

WCS Permits & Pilot Cars has a new feature available in the Permit Portal app. The app has been live on both the App Store and Google Play for almost a year and has positive reviews for its simplicity. Drivers and dispatchers across North





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Netarus will launch its 5 Series HoistCam industrial grade wireless cameras. Three new models are: Low Profile (HC145), Armored Dome (HC185), and Pan-Tilt-Zoom (HC195). The reporting and analytics capabilities can keep site supervisors informed of day-to-day activities and safety trends. The low profile HC145 offers day and night monitoring capability. It can be used on tower cranes, telescopic boom cranes and overhead cranes.

Netarus will demonstrate all three of its HoistCam models. All of HoistCam's wireless cameras are rapidly deployable and feature wireless technology, providing equipment operators with better lines of sight, the company said. HoistCam's turnkey systems also feature optional reporting and analytics capabilities to keep site supervisors informed of day-to-day activities and safety trends.

America have opted in to receive instant automated text message notifications when oversize permits are approved.

This latest version of the app took it a step further and links all required attachments with state and local permits.

For years, WCS' online system, The WCS Permit Portal, has allowed customers to place orders, and view and download permits. The addition of this app allows for drivers and dispatches to quickly check the status of a permit.

RIGGING GEAR

Bigfoot

Bigfoot Construction Equipment will show its Custom Composite Ultra Pads which come in stock sizes from 12 to 60 inches diameter and thicknesses of 1 to 4 inches. Custom sizes can be made. Latest products include BigGrip, Slide Pads, Pole Puller plates, stop bar and boot style pads. Custom composite cribbing and wood cribbing is also offered. Pads can be customised with engraved logos, company name, and so on. Custom Composite Ultra Pads carry a lifetime guarantee. In addition to polymer and timber mats, for larger cranes, steel mats are available.



DICA/Axion

DICA outrigger pads and related products on show will include: FiberMax crane pads, SafetyTech outrigger pads, FiberMax outrigger pads, ProStack cribbing blocks, TrainSmart pole barriers and Workforce pole hole covers. The company is set to introduce a range of new products and product improvements.

Another development is that DICA and Axion Structural Innovations plan to co-locate in multiple booth locations throughout the show. Axion's Struxure Composite Crane Mats and Heavy-Duty Access Mats will be on display. Among the Axion products to be on display are steelreinforced composite mats, composite laminated mats and composite wedge mats. Using a proprietary structural composite formula, Axion mats are strong, durable and impervious to rot, fungus, insects and moisture. They provide costeffective, long-term solutions in wet or harsh temperature environments, the company said.

In addition to co-locating at ConExpo, DICA and Axion have agreed to establish a strategic partnership to bring engineered matting products to crane users in the heavy lift market. The companies' values and products share common benefits for users. Each company uses the highest quality engineered materials that provide benefits over traditional wood products. The companies' engineered materials produce reliable and consistent performance properties in products that have an extremely long life.



Greenfield Products

The new Greenfield Skycrane offers customers a versatile and efficient cantilever beam operation. All the lifting beam functions are remote controlled. Functions include telescoping jib, counterweight positioning, slew rotation and chain hoist operation. The cantilever beam is also equipped with a capacity booster extension that almost doubles the capacity of the lifting beam. This feature offers a lot of flexibility when working in tight spaces and a shorter beam is needed. The beam rotator eliminates the need of tag lines which will save time between lifts and eliminate the risks of tag lines. The counterweight is removable so the system tare weight can be reduced when handling light loads.

The beam that will be on display is the medium version which, has a maximum capacity of 20,000 pounds at 20-foot offset. Greenfield is also offering a small and large version to complement the product line. The company will also show its boom dollies, ground stabilization products and specialized rigging gear.

Kinshofer

New and recently updated products will be highlighted by Kinshofer. For the truck crane industry will be the KM461 Universal forks for wallboard loader cranes. Capacity is up to 6,000 pounds. The KM605U HPX is a clamshell bucket without HPX drive without exposed and vulnerable hydraulic cylinders.

Rope manufacturer Teufelberger makes ropes from steel wire and synthetic fibre. It says it is the only manufacturer to offer one with a fibre rope-based steel wire rope construction. It is designed to combine the best of both. Following extensive testing beginning in 2016 SoLite was made available on Liebherr tower cranes a year ago in early 2019.

Lube-A-Boom

Lube-A-Boom is a leader in providing specialty lubricants to the lift industry for telescoping boom cranes, aerial lifts, telehandlers, forklifts and a multitude of other types of equipment and applications. The company will show its wide line of products including Lube-A-Shine and Lube-A-Boom Insulator.

Wireco World Group

WireCo World Group will present crane rope from the Casar, Union and Oliveira brands. Products include Turboplast, Eurolift, Doublefit, Flex-X, NR Maxipact, HD8K PPI.

Betalift SP is a new product for extend and retract assemblies on cranes. It uses drawn galvanized wire and offers an improvement of up to 50 percent in fatigue life.

TRAINING AND SAFETY

Crane Industry Services

Crane Industry Services will introduce its Leading Safety Works certification program for construction and utilities managers. Developed in partnership with Okos, a business and people strategies consultant, Leading Safety Works is designed to train construction and utilities leaders in the art and discipline of engaging teams in workplace safety. A key feature is practical tools to foster safety and continuous improvement, guide productivity and protect profits.

With an educational focus on crane safety and lifting operations at ConExpo 2020, Crane Inspection & Certification Bureau (CICB) will be reprising its Preparatory Training for the NCCCO Mobile Crane Exams. It will be held on March 8 and 9. CICB's training will prepare the attendees to take their OSHA-recognized and ANSI-accredited written and practical exams provided by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) during the expo on March 10-13.

With onsite testing and instant results, attendees will be given the opportunity, if successful, to walk away from the show NCCCO-certified.

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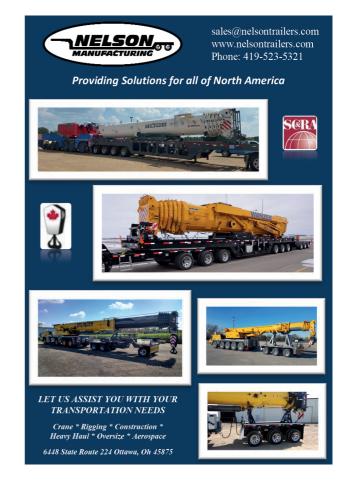


Simulator training gives operators the ability to hone their skills.

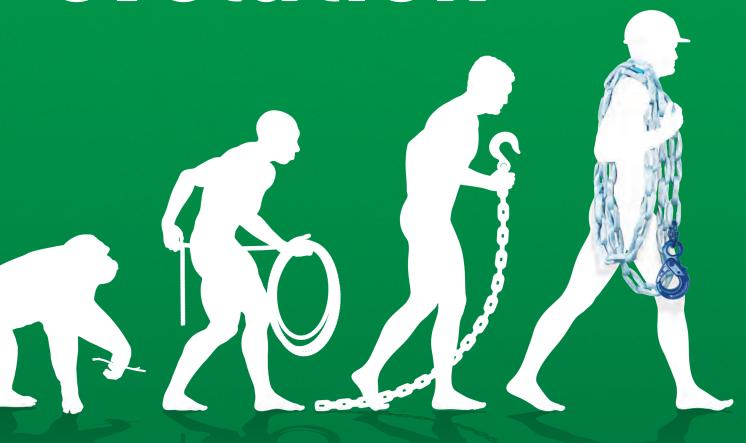
rigging, lift planning, rigging engineering training and technical services. It is one of the first innovators of virtual reality (VR) training.

Don't miss ITI's VR Tower Crane Simulator that is available to aid in all tower crane operator training needs. Developed by ITI and Serious Labs, (and a partnership with Liebherr Cranes), the training tool offers an authentic tower crane operator experience, without the need to be hundreds of feet in the air. The simulator is authentically modeled to replicate running a Liebherr 550-ECH tower crane.





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DSHA defense strategies

Michael Rubin discusses how to defend a citation for unpreventable employee misconduct.

follow company safety rules. OSHA has broad authority to cite employers who violate applicable safety and health standards and it is the employer – not the employee – who may get cited for an employee's misconduct and be obligated to pay penalties and

espite their perceived best

efforts, employees still fail to

suffer negative consequences that include reputation damage, negative publicity, inability to bid on certain jobs, loss of contracts and clients, lost productivity and employee morale problems. Plus, there's the risk of future violations with penalties potentially 10 times higher.

This article will address employee misconduct in the context of raising the "unpreventable employee misconduct" defense to an OSHA citation. Since the four requirements of this legal defense are consistent with effective components of a health and safety program, employers should benefit by taking a critical look at their existing safety program to determine how they might fare should they have reason to raise the defense in the future. Analyzing the four requirements of the defense provides an opportunity for an employer to enhance its safety program and its safety performance.

A review of OSHA matters litigated before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission shows that the defense of "unpreventable employee conduct" has been raised countless times before, including in crane matters. For example, these include operating a crane

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within 20 feet of a power line; failing to remove a crane from service (prior to a boom failure); and an employee working within the swing radius while a crane was operating.

Establish the rules

The success in raising this defense often hinges on what an employer does well before, not after, OSHA shows up. To establish the defense, an employer must show that it:

- has established work rules designed to prevent the violation;
- has adequately communicated the rules to its employees;
- has taken steps to discover violations of the rules; and
- has effectively enforced the rules when violations were detected.

The first requirement is that an employer have established work rules designed to prevent the particular safety violation. Generally speaking, company work rules must be in writing, be in the form of rules (using language such as "shall," "must," "never," etc.), and relate to those specific hazards and standards that apply to the employer's operations. Work rules must be consistent with any applicable OSHA safety and health standards.

The second requirement is that the work rules be communicated to employees. Even the most comprehensive health and safety plan will not satisfy this second element if the plan, and any work rules included within the plan, are not communicated to both supervisory and non-supervisory employees. This underscores the necessity of employee safety training, including communicating work rules relating to any potential jobsite hazards. Furthermore, even if there is reason to believe that a new employee was trained previously (for example, an experienced operator), the employer must ensure that the employee receives sufficient and effective safety training and has a clear understanding of the company's safety plan and rules. Even if

the rules are no different from those of past employers, the current employer must communicate them.

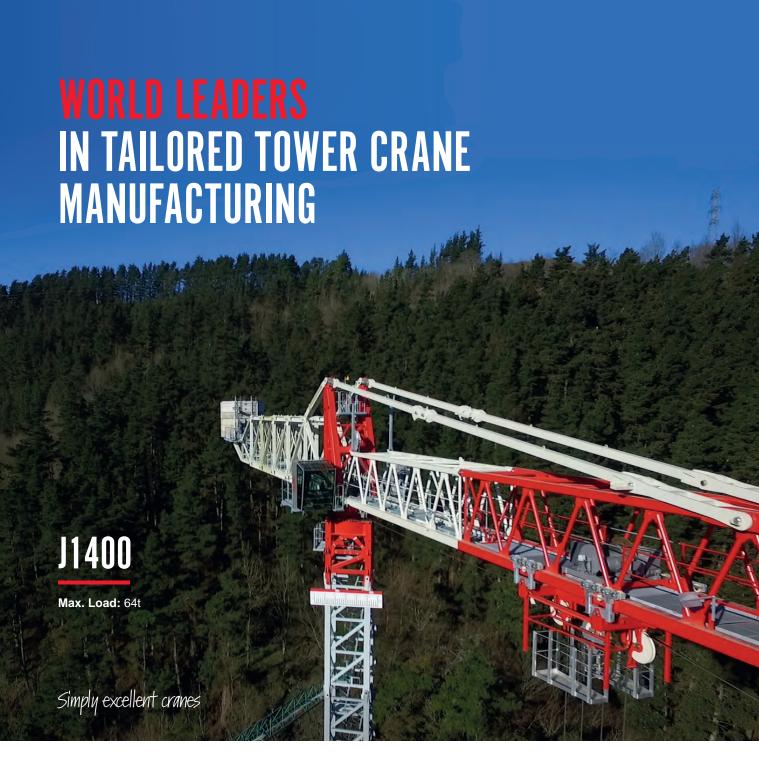
The third and fourth requirements of the unpreventable employee misconduct defense - i.e., engaging in steps to discover violations and enforcing safety rules/disciplining employees - are where employers most often fall short in establishing the defense. For this reason, employers should take special note of these requirements. Some basic questions those in management should ask themselves (the same questions we would ask if defending against an OSHA citation) are as follows:

- What supervision does the company provide of its employees?
- What is the company doing to discover violations of company safety
- Does the company have an employee disciplinary policy and have employees been disciplined?
- What records does the company maintain in the ordinary course of business bearing on the above?

Specific challenges

Establishing the third element of the defense (taking steps to discover violations of safety rules) may present challenges to crane and rigging companies because the company might solely provide a crane and an operator to a particular jobsite. Also, the operator may be deemed a supervisor, which makes the unpreventable employee misconduct defense more difficult to prove - although a safety supervisor's review of the operator's daily/monthly inspection records, as well as any site visits conducted by management or other supervisory employees, may be sufficient to establish the third element.

Regarding the fourth element (disciplining employees for safety rule violations), employers should not only have a progressive disciplinary policy, but they must also implement it and discipline employees.





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rom the Lift Safety Zone in the Festival Grounds (**F-9107**) to Practical Examiner Accreditation workshops in the South Hall and Platinum Lot, NCCCO will be visible from one end of CONEXPO to the other. Stop by the NCCCO information booth at its usual spot (**GL-10878**), take written CCO exams in the North Hall, or attend any of the 13 educational sessions in Westgate Pavilion that make up the special Cranes, Rigging and Aerial Lift track. Wherever you turn, NCCCO will be there to enhance your show experience!

Lift Safety Zone (F-9107)

This year, NCCCO's Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) is featured prominently along Las Vegas Boulevard, close to the transportation hub from the main exhibit halls, so come find it as soon as you get dropped off by the shuttle. Enjoy numerous activities and demonstrations focusing on crane safety. Grab a refreshment at the Certification Café, stop by several information stations to find out what's new at NCCCO, enter prize drawings, pickup giveaways, or attend any of several demos that will be running continuously throughout the show.

Start at the Grove GRT 655 rough terrain crane provided by Western Pacific Crane & Equipment to find out how limiting factors can affect a crane's load ratings and load dynamics. Explore how issues such as line pull, quadrants of operation, outrigger position, and similar factors impact crane capacity. Plus, you'll hear how numerous other limiting factors can affect load ratings.

Next, stop at the Liebherr 81 K.1 fast-erecting tower crane provided by Morrow Equipment Company to watch firsthand how one portion of the NCCCO Tower Crane Operator Practical Exam is performed, as a certified operator negotiates a test weight through the zig-



zag course. Attendees will also learn about the other tasks required for the practical exam, including the pre-operational (shift) inspection, placing the load hook and chain in the stop circle, placing the test weight in the load circle, and safe securing procedures. Discover what it takes become a CCO-certified Tower Crane Operator.

Finally, see how an expert rigger tackles the NCCCO Rigger Level II Practical Exam rigging frame rotation and level lift tasks. Discover how the proper selection and application of rigging equipment leads to a safe and successful lift and improves overall load handling capabilities. And watch as the rigger defies gravity and manipulates the large asymmetrical rigging frame in space without touching the ground.

While you're in the LSZ, stop by the Certification Café for a beverage, discuss the latest NCCCO news with staff and volunteers, and get your questions about the certification process and regulatory issues affecting the crane and rigging industry answered. Plus, enter a drawing for a 1:50 diecast model of the Liebherr 81 K.1 fast-erecting crane featured in the zig-zag course demonstration (donated by Morrow).

Information booth (GL-10878)

Back at the Las Vegas Convention Center, stop by the NCCCO information booth to learn about the 20-plus load handling equipment personnel certifications offered by NCCCO. Find out what's planned for NCCCO's 25th anniversary celebration.



EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: Responsibilities of onsite personnel for cranes

Presented by Thom Sicklesteel, CEO, **National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators**

Westgate Pavilion 6

Time and again when crane accidents happen their root cause can be traced back to a lack of clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved. From crane owners, crane users, and site supervisors to assembly/ disassembly directors, lift directors, operators, riggers, and signalpersons, each person on an active jobsite must have well-defined roles and clear responsibilities. NCCCO CEO Thom Sicklesteel brings his lifetime of experience to explain clearly what is required and how to determine if the designated people are truly qualified for the roles that they are performing.

Focusing mainly on OSHA regulations and ASME industry standards that apply on a national level. Thom defines each role, explains the levels of qualification, and explores the applicable responsibilities necessary to make the work site a safer place. He also provides strategies - from training to certification to evaluation – that will ensure the people you have assigned to each role are truly qualified for their assigned responsibilities. Interactive questions and answers throughout the presentation ensure that you understand what's being covered and are ready to apply it when you get back to work.

After attending this session, you will understand:

- The roles that have been identified on a jobsite
- The responsibilities of each role
- The training and evaluation requirements for each role



Stop by NCCCO's indoor information booth for details about all NCCCO certifications and the latest NCCCO news.

Try out the new myNCCCO mobile phone app, which allows you to check your certification status and update your contact information using your mobile device. Learn what you need to do to comply with the final OSHA crane rule. And enter a drawing for a 3 ft. tall diecast model of a Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 mobile crane (donated by Liebherr).

On-site CCO exams

New candidates and existing certificants alike will have an opportunity to take a wide variety of ANSI-accredited and OSHA-compliant CCO written, practical, and recertification exams. Thanks to NCCCO's Visit CONEXPO - Leave CCO Certified program featuring onsite scoring and immediate test results, successful candidates can walk away from the event CCO-certified.

On Tuesday (3/10) and Friday (3/13), CONEXPO attendees will be able to take any CCO written exams onsite at the Las Vegas Convention Center. This includes both regular and recertification exams for all NCCCO programs. In addition, on Wednesday through Friday (3/11-3/13), CCO practical exams will be offered for mobile and articulating crane operators. On Wednesday and Thursday practical exams will be offered for the Signalperson, Rigger Level I, and Rigger Level II programs, as well as Signalperson recertification exams.

Education opportunities

Be sure to check out the latest seminars on key crane and rigging issues that will be featured this year. With the assistance of the NCCCO Foundation, event organizer AEM has assembled a stellar lineup of presentations on a host of crane and rigging topics. The internationally renowned safety professionals and lifting equipment experts lined up to speak will share the latest developments affecting the industry as well as valuable insights gained after decades of experience. Attendance is limited for all education sessions, so review the entire Cranes, Rigging, and Aerial Lift education track and book your selections online.

Accreditation workshops

Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops for several NCCCO programs (Mobile Crane Operator, Articulating Crane Operator, Signalperson, Rigger Level I) – as well as Refresher workshops for operator programs, Rigger, and Signalperson – will be conducted onsite before and after the exhibition. So, if being accredited by NCCCO to administer practical exams is in your plans, be sure to arrive early or extend your stay in town accordingly.



Rigging demos in the Lift Safety Zone are always popular.



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Telematics and technology

Bill Hebron discusses a tried and true track to managing driver risk.

ack in 2012, Congress enacted the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" bill, most commonly referred to as MAP-21. Among other things, MAP-21 outlined a provision that required the FMCSA to develop a rule mandating the use of ELDs, or, Electronic Logging Devices. In the time since, the ELD Mandate (and its role in assisting the FMCSA and DOT in enforcing Hours of Service regulations) has been one of the focal points in the ongoing discussion regarding the use of technology in trucking.

The first deadline, which required fleets to implement certified ELDs, came in December 2017. The final deadline passed only a couple of months ago, in December 2019, and stated that fleets which were already equipped with electronic logging technology should be fully compliant with the published specifications.

The ELD Mandate is key to the discussion of technology in trucking because it is perhaps the most well known example of transportationspecific telematics technology in wide use today. Telematics is the general term for any devices that combines the use of telecommunications and infomatics and can refer to anything from GPS systems to ELDs or less sophisticated AOBRDs (Automatic On Board Recording Devices). Because we at NBIS participate in the



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As a fleet manager, you can incentivize driver good behavior and practice positive reinforcement.

many discussions regarding how best to manage fleets and their associated risks, we know that you have probably heard the word "telematics" used many times. You probably even know what it means especially because regulations like those outlined by the ELD Mandate affect your business so significantly. But do you know how telematics, when employed correctly, can actually help you manage risk at the individual driver level and thus make your overall fleet and organization significantly less risky?

Knowledge is power

When it comes to managing your risk, you need as much information as you can get your hands on. The nature of trucking whether it's short or long haul, specialized or not - means that drivers are out on

the road, unsupervised, with expensive company assets for enormous amounts of time. It is impossible to fully eliminate the risk that this part of business entails, but telematics can help reduce it in a number of ways.

Firstly, drivers that are aware they are being monitored are far likelier to perform more safely and responsibly. The installation and use of technology that records vehicle and driver behavior data tells your operators that you are serious about safe driving habits and responsible use of vehicles, and they will subsequently respond accordingly by matching your commitment. It'll also help curb unauthorized asset utilization through location monitoring, geofences and curfews.

It's not just about keeping an eye on your drivers to help ensure they exercise caution and employ sound decisionmaking behind the wheel. It's about supporting them as well. Telematics solutions (like the NBIS Driver Insights tool we have created with our partner Octo Telematics) allow fleet managers to locate vehicles in real-time, monitor vehicle health and track usage. That

means roadside, emergency and crash support for your drivers when they need it is easier than ever.

Watch efficiency increase, costs go down and profits go up. As it is in many arenas, in transportation, time is money. Telematics creates a window into where vehicles are, how they're being used and who is driving them. Detailed asset and trend reporting (that includes data such as fuel usage, time at rest stops and average speeds and more) can help you drive down your total cost of ownership.

An invaluable tool

Incentivize safe driving, enhance your safety culture and create targeted training opportunities. Simply put, data is the mirror of driver behavior. With telematics, you gain the knowledge of what drivers could be doing better and what they are already doing well. As a fleet manager, you can then incentivize their good behavior and practice positive reinforcement. This will build better practices in the long term and improve your risk profile on a regular basis. It'll also help you create and perpetuate an overall culture of safety at your organization through the emphasis

Telematics in all of its forms simply allows for less mystery when it comes to information about your drivers and vehicles.

your operators will see and experience you placing on consistent safe behaviors. Many carriers, in fact, have even leaned into the "gamification" of safe driving, which involves using data provided by telematics software to make earning better scores, badges and prizes game-like and thus improve operator buy-in.

Training can also assist with the enhancement of safety culture in that consistent, easy access to real-time driver data also allows for targeted training opportunities. For example, you might notice that some drivers are stopping a bit more suddenly than is safe in areas that experience winter driving hazards. You can then note which drivers display this behavior and assign them training

modules that address their areas for improvement. NBIS has online driver training modules that operators can access anytime, anywhere – so these risky behaviors can be eradicated quickly and easily.

Telematics means transparency. At the end of the day, telematics in all of its forms simply allows for less mystery when it comes to information about your drivers and vehicles. The impact of such information, when it is easily available, can never be overestimated. From keeping drivers safe by monitoring how many consecutive hours behind the wheel they are logging to allowing fleet owners a window into the complex operations of their fleets, no matter the size, telematics are an invaluable tool in managing risk and bringing your overall operating costs down

We know it can be difficult to know where to start when it comes to the implementation and installation of new technology in your vehicles. NBIS is here to help. Learn more about our telematics solution, NBIS Driver Insights, powered by telematics leader Octo, at www.NBIS.com.

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ltimately, automation will impact our industry one way or the other - and it's likely that it already has influenced or even begun to change your business. But we adapt in this industry, we evolve, we innovate - and we figure it out. It's who we are, how we've come this far and how we will continue to move forward.

We want to advance our businesses, increase profitability, lift and move the world and stay modern and agile - while also maintaining a dedicated, quality workforce. Automation threatens some of that, but it's also a reality of the modern marketplace that we can't deny. So it's on us as leaders to educate ourselves and ultimately understand where the innovations of the modern world merge and make the best of this moment.

Some recent industry studies have landed on the notion that, as automation adoption continues to change job roles and demand for new skills, companies face urgent needs to upskill workforces. None other than Tesla's Elon Musk recently revealed that, "Yes, excessive automation at Tesla was a mistake. We had this crazy, complex network of conveyor belts. And it was not working, so we got rid of that whole thing."

According to the experts, it's all about balance. Successful companies will understand that they need to manage not just their digital transformation and the adoption of automation, but also the upskilling and transition of their workforce just as well. And not only will this approach increase profitability

and efficiency, but it will undoubtedly improve employee morale and output, thus maintaining commitment and cultivating loyalty.

Remaining agile

Multinational business consulting and technology services firm Capgemeni recently provided some important details within a published report that outlined the five basic tenants of a successful upskilling strategy: Assess your technology investments and the extent of their impact on the workforce; Define the skills you need and when you need them; Make the upskilling program a win-win for your people and the organization; Align learning with organizational strategy; and Enable leaders to communicate effectively and manage change.

An additional study from Capgemini revealed that 29 percent of employees believe their skill set is redundant now or will be in the next one to two years, while another 38 percent consider their skill set will be redundant in the next four to five years. That particular study underscored that "... the main barrier to achieving these gains lies with the gap between executives and employees on attitudes towards automation. Organizations must start by making sure their leaders engage with their people, encouraging them to embark on the automation journey as true partners."

To that end, a recent World Economic Forum report indicated that "... by 2022, no less than 54 percent of all

employees will require significant re- and

An interesting nugget: according to human resources writer Suzanne Lucas, the cost of replacing an employee can be as high as 150 percent of that person's annual salary. Upskilling in this context is obviously cost-effective, but it's good in plenty of other ways too. The aforementioned Capgemini report also revealed that, "Employees who benefit from upskilling are able to better leverage automation tools, but more importantly, move to more value-added activities, thus driving more output for the organization."

In a recent interview with Training Industry, Josh Squires, director of enterprise solutions at Docebo, perhaps summed it up best: "Things are changing so quickly, so rapidly, that you really have to adapt quickly, and so having that agility as a part of your DNA and part of your framework, from my perspective, is important. You have to be willing to pivot quickly."

This type of attitude and approach will allow your company to understand that upskilling not only helps employees thrive in the future of work, but will also help your organizations thrive.

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Irving Equipment finds success on "Oak Island."

Reality

ow in its seventh season, "The Curse of Oak Island" is a hit reality television series that premiered in Canada in 2014 on HISTORY (The History Channel). Generating more than two million viewers each week in the U.S. alone, the show documents Rick and Marty Lagina's quest to solve a 224-year-old treasure mystery. Oak Island lies off the coast of Nova Scotia and has lured team after team of treasure hunters in search of something of great value or historical importance. What exactly? No one knows, but rumors range from pirate gold to William Shakespeare's original manuscripts to lost treasure of the Knights Templar, and even the Holy Grail or the Ark of the Covenant!

In 2006, the Lagina brothers purchased the rights to the majority of the island in an effort to solve the mystery, while attempting to avoid the infamous "curse" (several people have died in search of the treasure over the decades). In 2010, they were granted their "treasure-trove" license, and soon after, Prometheus Entertainment approached them about documenting their efforts. While they were excited to do it, the brothers knew they'd need to employ some modern technology, which involved, among other things, some serious heavy equipment. Enter SC&RA member company - and Saint John, New Brunswick, Canadabased - Irving Equipment Limited.



Irving Equipment, an affiliate of J.D. Irving, Limited, has been part of the show since Season 4, providing world-class equipment and expertise. And while their normal operational processes don't include film crews and equipment, the Irving team onsite doesn't waver in its

ability or desire to operate as they would on any other jobsite.

"Every job is high-profile to somebody," said Matthew Kingston, pile-driving manager at Irving. "So we remember that and execute each day in an effort to stay true to that idea."

Kingston explained that, even in the beginning, the Irving team approached the opportunity like any other job. "Our role on the show is to ultimately explore a host of methodologies - in terms of construction and feasibility," he noted. "We work closely with the Oak Island team and provide them with insight, help, different options and from there, coordinate the required resources to accomplish specific tasks."

In fact, the folks at Irving knew they'd be a good fit for the Oak Island project when they got the call, for some pretty specific reasons. "Mainly because we'd provided technical expertise before in the areas that we'd be focusing on here," Kingston added. "We established open dialogue early on with their team - providing some valuable input, solutions and suggestions - and at the end of the day, we pride







treasure hunt



ourselves on being a solutions provider and not just a crane company. And we knew that our attitude in this regard was a great fit with their team and their goals."

Team effort

While most crane companies don't have to navigate a production crew or worry about being on camera for certain parts of the job, Kingston stated that it's not as abnormal as folks might think. "Inevitably, every project has its own unique complexities and challenges. And again, we haven't operated any differently than we would on any other project - our core commitment to safety and quality doesn't change. That said, the passion and commitment we've seen from the Oak Island team - everyone on the island is really invested – presents an added level of focus to the work that is taking place."

Because of that, Kingston said that it's important to Irving not to portray itself any differently by taking short cuts or trying to do anything special because cameras are rolling. "Obviously, we take our work very seriously, with safety as the number one priority, but that said,

it's hard sometimes to ignore the various things going on around site. There are definitely a lot of things happening. But when you think about it, the camera crew is just another contractor working onsite, and you just go along with your work as it comes."

To that end, Kingston also admitted that it's definitely a fun project to be involved with. "No doubt about it; it's a fun worksite. With the passion there on the island, the community, the production – it certainly adds to a level that maybe you're not used to typically seeing."

Which is also why Irving tries to keep the same crew onsite.

"In terms of consistency and familiarity with the work, it just makes sense," said Kingston. "The equipment changes based on the scope that's needed. But with us being based in Canada, we have the resources and the flexibility that allows us to bring in the best equipment and personnel for the particular tasks needed. As far as work is concerned, "It consists mostly of what you see on television," confirmed Kingston. "Crane operators, riggers, welders, supervisors that manage our work, the sub-contractors and the drilling suppliers. But all that said, as with all projects, there's a bunch of people working behind the scenes in order to make things happen seamlessly - like our logistics coordinators, mechanics, project managers, administrative support. So there's a lot of people on the back-end pulling stuff together, and it's a whole team effort, but the front-facing team would be the crane operators, the riggers and the welders."

Firm belief

Each day onsite for the Irving team starts with a safety talk and an examination of the day's tasks. "From there, it's business as usual," said Kingston. "We'll also take a close look at all of the other activities happening on the island, and what those involve – and if things change, what types of adjustments and adaptations we'll have to make."

However, over five years into the project, Kingston revealed that one thing still can't be ignored.

"The minute you step on that island, you sort of become enveloped in the



As far as takeaways and insights that Irving has gained from the Oak Island project. Kingston firmly believes it's a lesson in discipline, overall.

mystery. The fact that you're looking for certain items and no one knows how they got there or why – especially when some of these things were put there over two hundred years ago - keeps it exciting. And the Oak Island team, as well as the people on the island, bring a nice community aspect to the work."

As far as additional attention for Irving goes, Kingston prefers to look through a broader lens.

"Well, it's not every day that you see a crane being involved in a two-hundredplus-year-old mystery project, so that's brought attention to the crane industry, which is good for everyone. And yes, we've seen an uptick in people asking questions and inquiring about what we're up to, etc., but that's to be expected."

As far as takeaways and insights that Irving has gained from the Oak Island project, Kingston firmly believes it's a lesson in discipline, overall.

"It's ultimately about staying true to what your company stands for and represents," he said "What you see on TV in terms of how Irving Equipment conducts itself is no different on or off the screen. We take tremendous pride in our work no matter the scale or profile. Obviously, as with any project, there's always elements of the unknown that come up. But again, plans change - the construction industry as a whole is very adaptable to change. As long as you're not compromising the safety of anyone, and you're true to yourself and your ability, you'll continue to move forward and find success."



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Easter gets nod as CEO at Daseke

Daseke, Inc. announced that on February 7, 2020, its board of directors appointed Chris Easter, former interim chief executive officer, as permanent chief executive officer. In addition to his role as CEO. Easter has also become a member of the board of directors.

"Following a six-month nationwide search of qualified candidates, I am pleased to announce that Chris Easter has been selected and agreed

to lead Daseke as its permanent CEO," said Brian Bonner. executive chairman. "Chris's deep industry knowledge and leadership skills have been apparent to everyone at Daseke since he joined us as COO

in January of 2019. However, his outstanding performance as our interim CEO set him apart from other candidates."

Easter began his career at Daseke as its chief operating officer in January of 2019 and assumed the additional responsibility as its interim chief executive officer in August 2019. His background includes more than 30 years of leadership serving in transportation and logistics roles with the U.S. Army,

Walmart and Schneider National. From 2012 to 2017, he served as CEO of Keen Transport. Easter graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. In the U.S. Army, he served

■ Stephenson Equipment has hired Brady Peat as the company's western Pennsylvania



trailer specialist. Peat will work with SEI Crane and Construction Equipment customers as well as new trailer customers from the three branches in Butler. Ebensburg and McDonald, PA. Peat comes to Stephenson with over 20 years' experience in the residential and commercial construction arena.



■ Davide Camperi has joined Tadano to lead Demag business and sales and service efforts

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Easter was awarded the Bronze Star during Operation Desert Storm.

Global reorganization created

Following the acquisition of new structure and appointed regional managing directors.

ALE, Mammoet has created a

These roles are held by established leaders. They are John Halfweeg, Asia Pacific; Wouter van Noort, Europe & Russia; Sergio Vanina, Latin America: Jack van den Brink, Middle East; and Africa

> America. "Our regional managing

and Martijn Kuipers, North

directors are a strong representation from both Mammoet and ALE, and as such provide a good foundation for preserving the best of both cultures as we continue to integrate and optimize our operations," said Paul van Gelder, CEO, Mammoet.

Kneeland new chairman at Maxim



Maxim Crane Works Holdings has appointed Michael Kneeland as chairman of its board of directors. Kneeland is the non-executive chairman of the board and former CEO of United Rentals. He served as president and CEO of United from August 2008 to March 2018, and as CEO until May 2019. Larry Berg, Maxim Crane Works'

current chairman, will step down as chairman but remain on the board as a director.

"He is one of the most experienced leaders in our industry, and I am looking forward to drawing upon his vast wealth of knowledge and best practices as we work together to build upon Maxim's success," said Bryan Carlisle, CEO, Maxim.



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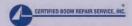
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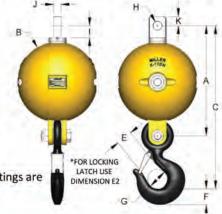


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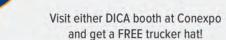
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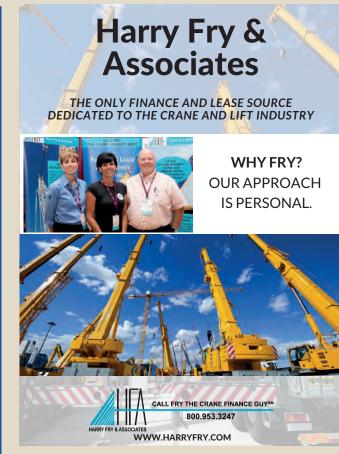
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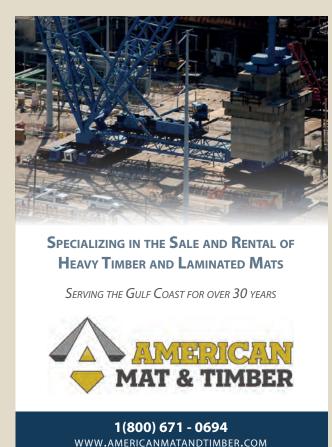
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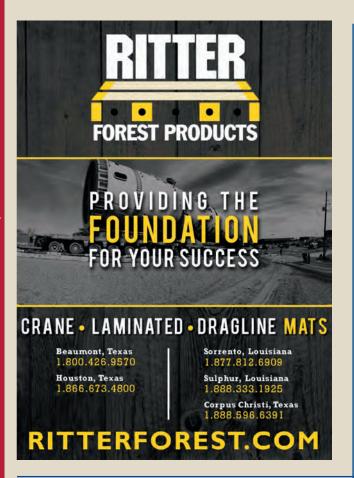




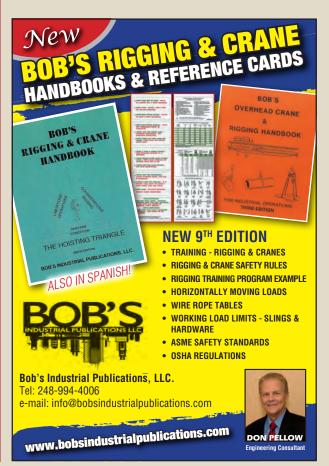














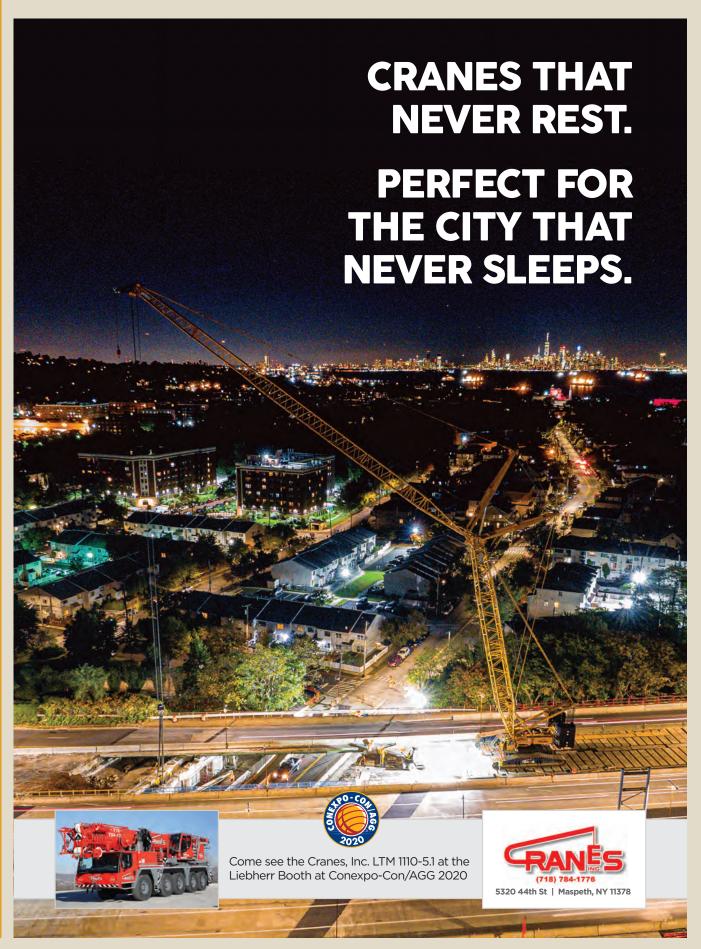




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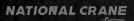
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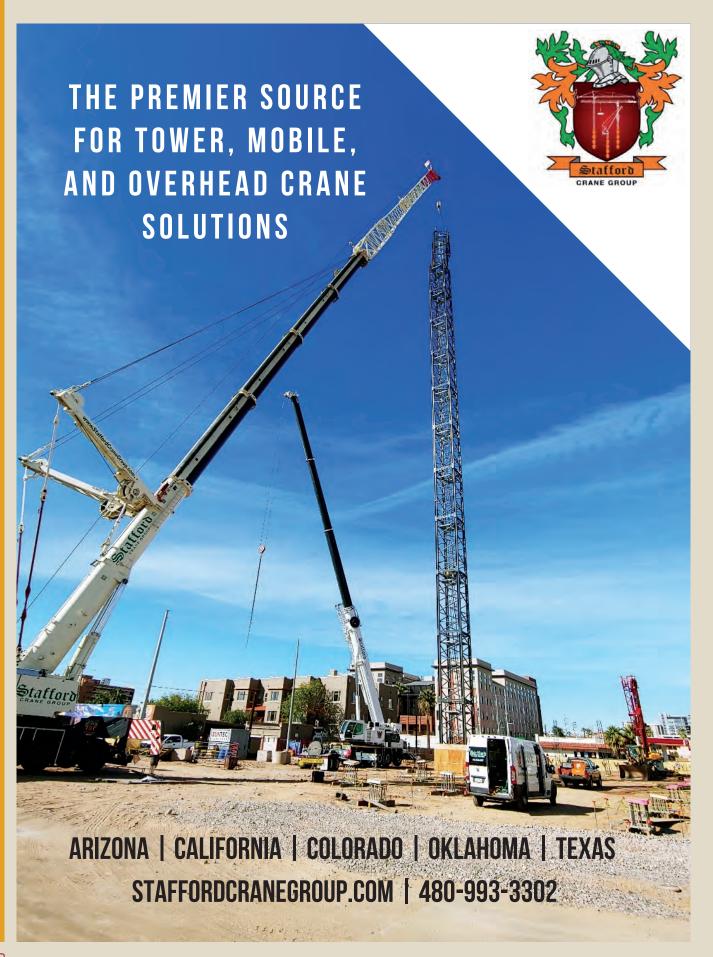


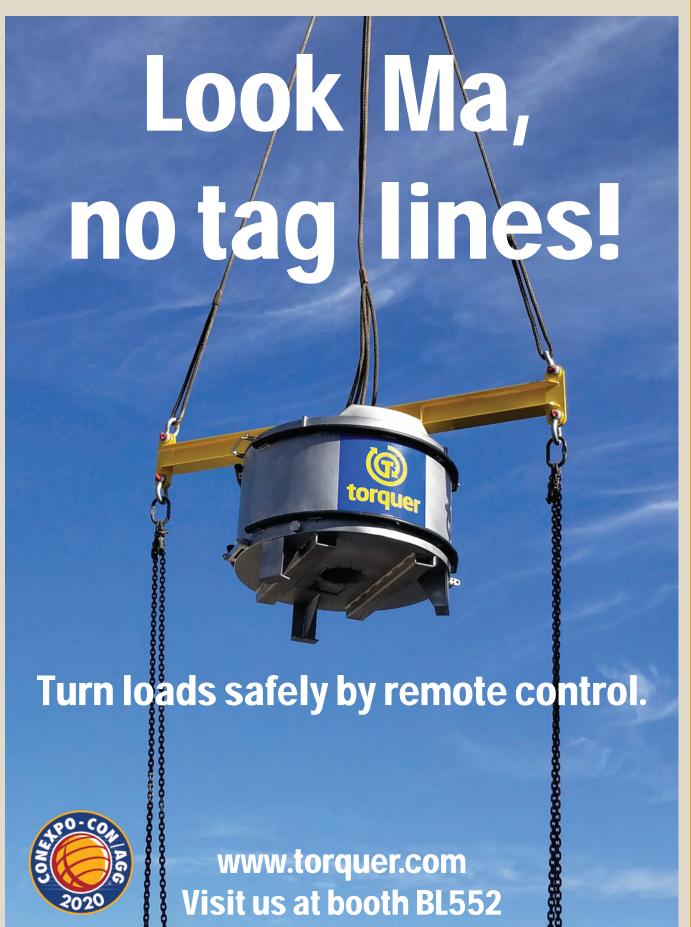
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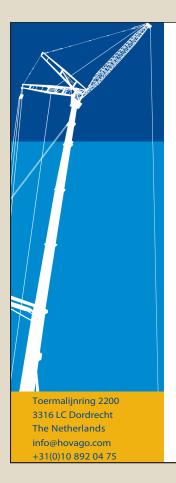
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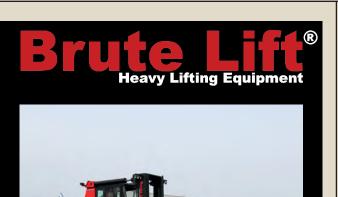
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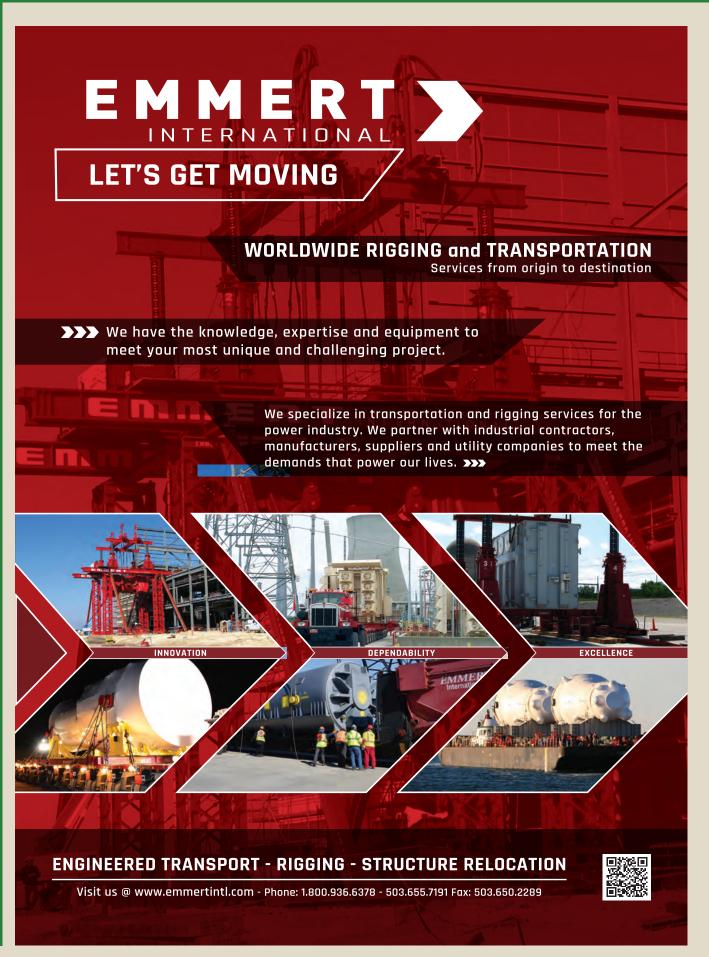
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Camile Landry is smart, humble and hardworking.

amile Landry, founder of Deep South Crane & Rigging, points to "hard work and good luck" as the key reasons for his company's success.

Ever humble and giving full credit to the Deep South team, Landry is known as one of the smartest men in the crane, rigging and specialized transportation industry. While he describes himself as "semiretired," he is still very much an innovator for the company. He works closely with Deep South's engineering team on difficult projects, and he has a knack for adapting equipment to meet specific needs.

Landry is also involved in designing new VersaCrane models, including concept drawings and preliminary designs for the centerpiece crane. The VersaCrane put Deep South on the crane and rigging map worldwide and is one of the many reasons Landry has earned a legendary status.

It was the early 1980s when Landry started pursuing high capacity cranes for the Deep South fleet. He purchased a used 308-ton Demag from Johnston Crane & Rigging, negotiating the deal on a yellow legal sheet of paper for \$875,000.

As work proliferated, Landry purchased an 80-ton Grove, a 150-ton P&H and a 4-axle Cometto transporter. He bought another 308-ton Demag and a Demag TC-2000 with superlift, bringing Deep South into the 440-ton capacity market.

By the late 1980s, son Mitch Landry started looking into strand jack capabilities. When the old P&H facility in

Escanaba, MI closed, a 500-ton heavy lift component became available for sale. "Mitch decided



that the boom sections could be modified into strand jack towers," Landry said. "The person in charge of moving the boom onto our transport equipment asked me what I planned to do with it. Not knowing anything about strand jack systems, I said that we might just build a crane around it."

Engineering dream team

The very next day Dieter Juergens, who had been head of engineering at P&H, called Landry after hearing that he wanted to build a crane. They made a deal that Juergens would work part-time from a crane concept Landry provided. An engineering team was organized on a "moonlighting" basis. And that's how the first 1,500-ton VersaCrane TC-24000 came to be. Juergens told Landry that "building a crane around existing boom is like finding a hubcap on the side of the road and building a car around it."

Landry's vision was a new generation of large capacity cranes with smaller footprints and tighter tail swings and that could be transported on U.S. highways.

It's been 52 years since Deep South Crane & Rigging started operations. Today the

company is a strong force throughout the United States and especially in the Gulf Coast region where petrochemical refineries and the petroleum industry rely on Deep South's expert capabilities.

"Initially, my only goal was to be selfemployed and use my engineering degree, but I enjoyed construction more than engineering, working out in the field with hard working craftsmen," he said. "I never knew Deep South would turn into what it is now, but I took advantage of the opportunities we got, and it worked out."

Another mainstay in the culture of Deep South is the Landry family. The third generation is now taking leadership roles.

"The partnership with my kids was a no-brainer," said Landry. "We were all on the same page. We've always been close, and I always wanted my family involved. When you love what you do, it isn't work."

Running and growing Deep South has been challenging, but it's also been a labor

"We have always been surrounded by very smart, capable people," he said. "The accidents always make an impact on you, and we try hard to put the resources in place to keep everyone safe and to improve each day. Dips in the market have their own financial challenges. I've always believed that if we came to work every day and worked hard, we could work through whatever challenge came. And everyone in the family feels a personal responsibility to our people. Our work is better because of it. Our cranes are better because of it. And we are better because of it."

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