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**Fifth Manitowoc Intermat Dealer Award goes to BLE**

Belgian Lifting & Equipment Company (BLE) has won the ‘Best Sales Progression GMA and GMK 2017’ award at Manitowoc’s Intermat Dealer Awards.

The Puurs-based Manitowoc distribution partner produced exceptional results for mobile crane sales last year. It also achieved the biggest progression for GMA cranes. Despite only establishing a GMA rental presence in 2015, BLE quickly amassed a substantial fleet. It then doubled that fleet in 2017 and has already put in more orders in 2018.

BLE was presented with the award by Manitowoc president and CEO Barry Pennypacker and executive vice president Aaron Ravenscroft. During a short speech, BLE managing director Paul Spaepen announced that the company would be affirming its commitment to Manitowoc by opening a new sub-dealership.

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