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**Manitowoc debuts new Grove GMK5250L
at Vertikal Days 2015**

At this year’s Vertikal Days, Europe’s fastest growing lifting and access specialist trade event, Manitowoc introduced the company’s new Grove GMK5250L. The event took place at Haydock Park in Merseyside, England, and received a record-breaking 2,400 crane-buyers and approximately 7,500 people in total at the show.

Visitors to the event also had the opportunity to see a range of Manitowoc cranes alongside the GMK5250L, including the Grove GMK3060, GMK4100L, RT450E and Yardboss YB5520, as well as the Potain Igo M 14 self-erecting crane, presented in partnership with local dealers.

“Vertikal Days has become increasingly successful year-on-year, following the buoyant state of the market, and this year has been the most successful since the old format of the show in 1992,” said Steve Barnett, Manitowoc commercial director for UK, Ireland and Scandinavia. “We had the opportunity to present a range of Manitowoc cranes at the show, and the high caliber of visitors resulted in great interest on our stand, including a number of sales. Exhibiting with some of our key dealers in the region enabled us to showcase our strong dealer network and to continue building solid relationships with our customers.”

**GMK5250L**

Visitors to this year’s Vertikal Days had the opportunity to see Grove’s class-leading, 250 t capacity GMK5250L, offering the strongest reach and load chart of any five-axle crane. The GMK5250L is the first mobile crane to feature a VIAB turbo clutch and integrated retarder, which eliminates both fluid overheating and clutch burning, and enables the best maneuverability and class-leading driver comfort. The Grove crane offers a 12 t per axle configuration and dimensions suited to global roading requirements.

With its 12 t per axle configuration, and dimensions suited to global roading requirements, the compact Grove GMK5250L offers excellent roadability. In countries such as the UK, where the local requirement is for axle loadings of under 16.5 t, the crane is able to move on the highway with up to 21 t of counterweight thanks to special attention that has been given to the appropriate axle group spacing. As most other cranes in this class are limited to 12 t counterweight on the road in the UK, the Grove GMK5250L offers outstanding load chart advantages of up to 50%.

**GMK3060**

Grove’s latest three-axle all-terrain crane offers enhanced duty chart and safety features and is equally as popular as its predecessor, the Grove GMK3055. The 60 t capacity Grove GMK3060 was the first in the range to feature Manitowoc’s Crane Control System (CCS) and boom Configuration Mode.

**GMK4100L**

Grove’s 100 t capacity, four-axle all-terrain crane is a highly versatile tool. The Grove GMK4100L is the long-boom version of the popular GMK4100 all-terrain crane, with a 60 m boom which can be extended to 77 m with a jib. It can lift an impressive 1.6 t at a 48 m radius and at just 10.7 m long, the crane’s carrier, which includes all-wheel steering and Megatrak suspension, is compact and highly maneuverable, making it ideal for congested job sites.

**RT540E**

The 35 t capacity RT540E represented Grove’s rough-terrain range at Vertikal Days. It provides optimal lifting capacity in a compact package, with a maximum tip height of 47 m.

The Grove RT540E has a 31 m four-section, full-power boom with a rectangular boom shape which reduces overall weight while maximizing capacity. It combines all of the industry-leading capabilities that Grove rough-terrain cranes are famous for, including an extremely rugged design with deep box section frames, four-steering modes, inverted outrigger jacks and excellent pick-and-carry capabilities.

Provided by Peterborough-based Universal Cranes, the RT540E presented at the show has recently been sold to Davis’s Boatyard for use at the world-famous Poole Harbour on the south coast of England.

**Grove YB5520**

The 18 t industrial YB5520 crane has a 16.6 m four-section, full-power boom. Lifting power comes in a small package – only 7.1 m by 2.4 m – enabling it to fit into the tightest of work spaces. Measuring 2.5 m tall, it’s also ideal for indoor work. It is easy to maneuver thanks to crab steering with self-alignment and a pivoting boom nose – adjustable to five positions from minus 30 to 80 degrees.

**Igo M 14**

Potain’s 1.8 t capacity Igo M 14 is one of the most user-friendly, compact and versatile cranes in the Igo M self-erecting crane range. It has a class-leading 19 m hook height and a 22 m maximum jib radius. The crane has a footprint of just 4 m x 4 m and two counterweight positions – one closer to the mast that reduces swing radius to just 2 m, and one further from the mast to give better lifting capabilities.

The successful exhibition resulted in a number of confirmed sales for Manitowoc as well as several strong leads.

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