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**Mammoet buys four Grove RT550Es**

Leading industrial lifting expert Mammoet recently bought four Grove RT550Es after Martijn Tuijtel, procurement manager at Mammoet, and Wouter van Noort, managing director of Mammoet Benelux, visited Manitowoc’s manufacturing facility in Niella Tanaro, Italy. The latest units add to the company’s large fleet of Grove rough-terrain cranes. The four new cranes have already been commissioned to start work on a large steel mill and other industrial plants in Belgium.

A key factor in Mammoet’s decision to purchase the four RT550Es was what they saw during a two-day visit to the Manitowoc factory in Italy, explains Giuseppe Pompeo, director of sales for Belgium and the Netherlands at Manitowoc. “Representatives from Mammoet visited our production facility in Niella Tanaro and were impressed by Manitowoc’s high-quality manufacturing processes as well as the crane’s outstanding credentials,” he said. “In 2009, we introduced Kanban principles and lean manufacturing to the factory, which brought significant improvements to the entire production process. The cranes undergo extensive testing even during the assembly phase to ensure the final product is of the highest possible quality.”

At less than 12 m long, 2.55 m wide and weighing under 29 t, the RT550E offers the highest capacity in its class at 45 t and the longest boom at 39 m. The five-section boom has the ability to telescope partial loads between any two boom positions. It can also be fitted with an 8 m fixed swingaway jib to extend its reach to 47 m. The hoist offers a higher single line pull, increased speed and line pull speeds are improved by up to 70 percent compared to similar cranes in this class.

Wouter van Noort said the company chose the versatile and reliable Grove RT550E because it can easily access tight spaces while offering impressive reach. “The RT550E is an ideal product for us with its small footprint and quick and easy set-up times,” he said. “One of the main reasons we selected this crane was because it has the longest boom in its class, so we did not require an additional jib section. Additionally, because we are a rental company, we required a crane that was easy to transport to different jobsites at the lowest possible cost. Because of its compact dimensions, the RT550E was the perfect choice.”

The Niella Tanaro plant, which is near Turin, was originally a plant for self-erecting tower cranes in the late 1960s. It was acquired by Potain in 1990 and in 2006 the plant started to assemble rough-terrain cranes and small all-terrain cranes under Manitowoc’s ownership. Since then, the plant has distributed thousands of cranes across the world.

Mammoet is one of the world’s largest crane rental companies, it also provides engineering services.

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