

Time Versalift to acquire Ruthmann

US based aerial lift manufacturer Time Manufacturing/Versalift is to acquire German truck mounted and spider lift manufacturer Ruthmann creating a business with combined annual revenues in the region of €375 million.

The transaction is expected to complete by the end of the first quarter, with Time acquiring the entire Ruthmann business including its Bluelift facility in Italy and recently acquired US distribution company Reachmaster. We understand that management teams at both companies will remain in place. With a relatively small product line overlap, both companies have been working increasingly closely in recent years with Time distributing Ruthmann products in the US since 2013 as well as a number of European countries, while Ruthmann distributes Versalift in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Both companies also share a number of dealerships elsewhere.



Zoomlion's 217ft boom lift

Zoomlion unveiled the prototype of its 217ft ZT68J self-propelled boom lift at bauma China in late November. It featuring a five section polygon boom with a new single cylinder telescope system and is topped by a long two section telescopic articulating jib. It offers a working height of 67.7 metres and up to 31 metres of outreach. Maximum platform capacity is 454kg with 300kg unrestricted. Overall stowed length is 15.5 metres, with an overall width of 2.5 metres and a stowed height just over three metres.

Features include a 4.5kph drive speed, 40 percent gradeability and 360 degree continuous slew with a 2.15 metre tailswing. The chassis has swing out legs which is now standard on big booms, while four wheel steering and drive are standard.

Zoomlion also unveiled a number of other new products, including an 80ft articulated Rough Terrain hybrid boom lift - the ZA24JH - which features a two section telescopic riser, topped by a long two section telescopic boom and articulating jib. Its new 46ft ZA14JE-Li and the 66ft ZA20JE-Li lithium battery electric boom lifts were also on show.



The new 217ft Zoomlion ZT68J at bauma China



The ZT68J's triple hinged axles

Magni extends telehandler range

Magni has significantly expanded its TH range of fixed frame telehandlers, announcing six new models with capacities from five to six tonnes and lift heights from eight to 19 metres.

The first two models to go into production will be the 24 metre/5.5 tonne TH 5,5.24 and 9.7 metre/6,000kg TH 6.10.

The TH 5,5.24 is one of three new 5.5 tonne models along with the 15 metre TH 5,5.15 and the 19 metre TH 5,5.19. They will be available in two versions with the full specification 75kw model or lower specification unit with 55kw power unit. The TH 5,5.24 has a five section boom with maximum lift height of 23.9 metres at which it can handle up to 1,500kg, it also offers an impressive forward reach of 19.1 metres. The overall width is just under 2.5 metres, and length just under seven metres with a ground clearance of 420mm. The overall weight is 17 tonnes and travel speed 40kph.

The existing six tonne TH 620 has a four section boom and maximum lift height of 19.2 metres, at which it can handle two tonnes, while maximum forward reach is 14.4 metres. Weighing 14.4 tonnes, the overall width is 2.55 metres with an overall length of 6.52 metres.

The new models have low stowed booms to reduce the centre of gravity, which gives them a slightly unusual look when elevated. The cab has the same high specification as those on Magni's 360 degree models and includes a seven inch intuitive touch screen display, cab pressurisation and filtration, air conditioning and a super deluxe seat. Power comes from a Stage V Deutz, with 4F or Stage III engines also available. The hydraulic system runs at 350bar/5,100psi and includes automatic load sensing and flow control for maximum efficiency and multi-function operation. Automatic levelling of up eight degrees and automatic attachment recognition are all standard while a suspended load winch is optional.

Other models will include two heavy duty low profile units - the six tonne/10 metre TH 6.10 and five tonne/eight metre TH 5.8 which are also available with a mining pack option. The range will eventually run to 11 models and variants. The current plant will have the capacity to build 1,500 units of these new models once 360 degree production moves to the new 35,000 square metre factory, which will have 3,500 unit capacity.



The new Magni TH 5.8



The Magni 5,5.24