

Veri-Tek's Manitek Boom Truck Product Line Joins Caterpillar's Allied Vendor Program

Distribution Agreement Highlights Strategic Value of Noble Forklift Acquisition

Bridgeview, IL, March 25, 2008 — Veri-Tek International, Corp. (AMEX: VCC), a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles, today announced that select models within the company's Manitek product line would join the Manitek Liftking and Noble product lines as part of The Cat Rental Stores Allied Vendor Program, in Europe, North and South America.

"The main goal of the Allied Vendor Program is to provide our customers with a uniform product offering at each of The Cat Rental Stores," said Jim Grasse, Allied Products Program Manager for Caterpillar Inc. "Each of the Allied Vendors has demonstrated a commitment to provide the highest overall value to our dealers and, most importantly, to Cat Rental Store customers. We welcome the Manitek product lines as a 2008 Allied Vendor."

"With our acquisition of the Noble forklift product line in July 2007, which was originally designed and marketed by Caterpillar, we acquired a product line that was already part of the Caterpillar Allied Vendor Program. Caterpillar's agreement to add Manitek into its European and North and South American Allied Vendor Program supports our strategy in several important ways. It provides us with a robust new distribution opportunity for select models of our Manitek products, which is a key synergy that we identified and hoped to achieve when we acquired Noble. While being a part of the program does not guarantee distribution throughout the global Cat Rental Stores, we are excited about the potential new business opportunities afforded by this agreement and hope our performance will allow us to expand our presence into the remaining regions covered by The Cat rental Stores in the future. We are confident that our Manitek products, along with our current Noble and Manitek Liftking products will continue to provide the value and quality that The Cat Rental Stores expect from their Allied Vendors," said Andrew Rooke, Veri-Tek's Chief Operating Officer.

About Veri-Tek International, Corp.

Veri-Tek International, Corp. is a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles. Our Manitek subsidiary manufactures and markets a comprehensive line of boom trucks and sign cranes. Our boom trucks and crane products are primarily used in industrial projects, energy exploration and infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and commercial construction. The Manitek Liftking subsidiary, which includes the Noble forklift product line, manufactures and sells a complete line of rough

terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles, as well as other specialized carriers, heavy material handling transporters and steel mill equipment. Manitex Liftking's rough terrain forklifts are used in both commercial and military applications.

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