

Manitex International Launches High Reach Boom Truck Targeted for Power Distribution Sector

\$1.1 Million of Orders Received With Shipments to Commence in Third Quarter 2009

Units To Be On Display at ICUEE in Louisville, KY, October 6-8

Bridgeview, IL, August 3, 2009 — Manitex International, Inc. (Nasdaq: MNTX), a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles, today announced that it has accepted the first orders valued at approximately \$1.1 million for its new 50155S crane equipped with a powered boom and single piece jib.

Developed for the growing power line construction market and other high reach applications, this model, based on the successful existing 50 ton platform, has the unique ability to break the 200' barrier without the need of a two-piece jib and offers a significant reduction in the user's operating costs through reduced and simpler set up time. The Company expects initial shipments to Rush Crane Systems and Truck Utilities, both N. American Manitex dealerships, to commence in the third quarter of 2009.

"The investment in rebuilding the North American power distribution network is expected to be substantial in the years ahead as indicated by the allocation of \$11 billion of funding in the stimulus bill to this sector. Major projects are already commencing or are in planning stages," said Scott Rolston, Senior Vice President of sales and marketing for Manitex International, Inc. "To serve this market, height and lift with speed of operation are critical. Manitex has again demonstrated its ability to expand the capability of cranes mounted on a commercially available chassis, therefore providing the potential for superior returns to users of our equipment."

About Manitex International, Inc.

Manitex International, Corp. is a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles. Our Manitex 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 Manitex 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. In July 2009, we acquired through a stock purchase, Badger Equipment Company, a Winona, Minnesota-based manufacturer of specialized rough terrain cranes and material handling products.

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