

Manitex International, Inc. Announces Key Management Appointments

Action Strengthens Commitment to Growth Initiatives, Customer Experience and Product Excellence

Bridgeview, IL, June 10, 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 announced today three key appointments targeted to strengthen the Company's customer interface and accelerate the drive towards business excellence in its manufacturing facilities. Each appointment reports directly to Andrew Rooke, President and Chief Operating Officer of Manitex International, and the appointments are effective immediately.

Scott Rolston has been appointed Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing, for Manitex International Inc. covering all territories, domestic and international, for all products in the crane portfolio. Mr. Rolston is responsible for ensuring that the Manitex sales and marketing organization is optimized to deliver planned growth initiatives within the North American dealer network, strengthening strategic alliances, enhancing in-house distribution and expanding international focus. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Rolston was President of Manitex Inc. and has been with Manitex for sixteen years. His background includes experience in engineering, sales and marketing and product development.

Phil Fridley has been appointed President of Manitex Inc. and will be responsible for continuing the drive towards business excellence at the Georgetown, Texas facility. Mr. Fridley is directly responsible for the financial performance of Manitex Inc. and specifically manufacturing operations, purchasing, manufacturing engineering, sales ordering and administration. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Fridley was Director of Operations at Manitex Inc. and has been with Manitex for one year. His background includes experience in manufacturing, quality, supply chain and business excellence in a variety of industries including five years at Grove Worldwide.

Paul Zaremba, General Manager of Crane & Machinery, which Manitex acquired in October 2008, has been named V.P. Customer Service and Support and will take on the additional responsibility for the Customer Service function for all crane operations. In this role, Mr. Zaremba will develop best-in-class customer support for all Manitex customers. Mr. Zaremba has been with Crane & Machinery for one year and prior to that was General Manager of Randall Industries. Paul's background includes experience in the rental equipment market from both an operational and financial perspective.

Commenting on the appointments, Andrew Rooke, said, "These appointments reflect our commitment to the continuous growth and diversity of our customer base and the markets we serve. Scott, Phil and Paul are experienced leaders with proven expertise in our markets and possess the skills and resources that will be cornerstones of our future growth. These appointments are consistent with our commitment to providing excellent equipment and customer support, and ensuring that Manitex International products remain the product of choice in the markets we serve."

About Manitex International, Inc.

Manitex International, Inc. (Nasdaq: MNTX) is a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including cranes, rough terrain forklifts, indoor electric forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles, including parts support. Our Manitex subsidiary manufactures and markets a comprehensive line of boom trucks and sign cranes through a national and international dealership network. Our boom trucks and crane products are primarily used in industrial projects, energy exploration and infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and commercial construction. Our Crane and Machinery division is a Chicago based distributor of cranes including Terex truck and rough terrain cranes, Fuchs material handlers and our own Manitex product line. Crane and Machinery provides after market service in its local market as well as being a leading distributor of OEM crane parts, supplying parts to customers throughout the United States and internationally. Our Manitex Liftking subsidiary is provider of material handling equipment including the Noble straight-mast rough terrain forklift product line, Lowry high capacity cushion tired forklift and Schaeff electric indoor forklifts as well as 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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