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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 21, 2012**

**MANITEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Michigan**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation )**

**001-32401**  
**(Commission  
File Number)**

**42-1628978**  
**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**9725 Industrial Drive, Bridgeview, Illinois 60455**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(708) 430-7500**  
**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.04. Triggering Events That Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement**

Manitex International, Inc. (the "Company") has disclosed in its previous filings with the Security and Exchange Commission that its insurance carriers had denied coverage for two product liability suits. The insurance companies subsequently filed a Declaratory Judgment action in a U.S. District Court, seeking a determination that there was no duty on the part of the liability insurance carriers to defend the Company. The Company indicated in its earlier filings that Company believed that the insurance companies' basis of denial of coverage was improper.

On November 16, 2010 the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, (the "District Court") granted the Company's motion for Summary Judgment finding that the insurers did have a duty to defend the two product liability claims. The insurance companies were granted leave to appeal the decision to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Company has also disclosed in previous filing with the Security and Exchange Commission that on May 5, 2011, that the Company had entered into two (2) separate Settlement Agreements with the two (2) Plaintiffs in the underlying product liability lawsuits. Pursuant to these agreements, if the Court's decision in the Declaratory Judgment action were to be affirmed, the Plaintiffs will have the opportunity to pursue their recovery solely and exclusively against either or both of the liability insurance carriers and the Company itself shall have no liability to the Plaintiffs. If, however, in the Declaratory Judgment action, it is ultimately determined that there was no duty on the part of the liability insurance carriers to defend the Company the Company will be liable to the Plaintiffs in the total amount of \$1.9 million, payable in equal annual installments over a period of twenty (20) years without interest, beginning at the conclusion of the Declaratory Judgment action.

On February 21, 2012, the Company was informed that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the District Court's decision and determined that the insurance companies did not have an obligation to defend these two product liability suits. The Company plans to file a Petition for Panel Rehearing pursuant to Rule 40 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. If this petition is denied, or the Court determines that its decision was correct, The Company will become liable to the Plaintiffs for the annual payments described above.

As a result of the recent Fifth Circuit appeals court ruling, and since the Company has not yet released its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company has concluded that it should now recognize the liability under the May 5<sup>th</sup> settlement agreements and record an exceptional charge to income for this liability in 2011. In accordance with current accounting guidance, the liability is recorded at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of return. The Company is currently in the process of determining the appropriate amount of the charge. However, the Company estimates that the after tax impact on 2011 earnings is expected to be between \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million which is the after tax impact of an estimated before tax charge of between \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million.

Also, attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K is a press release dated February 27, 2012.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Shell Company Transactions.*

Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits.*

See the Exhibit Index set forth below for a list of exhibits included with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**MANITEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

By: /s/ David H. Gransee

Name: David H. Gransee

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: February 27, 2011

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

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99.1

Press release date February 27, 2012

**Court Decision Triggers Settlement Payments by  
Manitex International in Legacy Product Liability Lawsuit**

**Bridgeview, IL, February 27, 2012**— Manitex International, Inc. (Nasdaq: MNTX), a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts, container handling equipment and special mission oriented vehicles, today announced that, a recent decision from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a decision that favored Manitex and held its insurers liable for damages. As a result, pursuant to a May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 settlement agreement, with two plaintiffs relating to damages from legacy products that the company no longer sells nor supports, Manitex has become liable to make combined payments of \$95,000 annually to the two plaintiffs over a twenty year period, without interest. The total of all payments is \$1.9 million, and Manitex expects to record a one-time exceptional expense of approximately \$0.8 million, net, after-tax, against its fourth quarter and full year 2011 GAAP financial results.

Although the Company plans to file a Petition for Panel Rehearing pursuant to Rule 40 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Company will recognize the liability under the May 5th settlement agreements and record an exceptional charge to income for this liability in 2011. In accordance with current accounting guidance, the liability is recorded at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of return. Manitex management is not aware of any other similar potential liabilities at the present time and has secured insurance coverage to explicitly cover such future instances, mitigating future business risk.

For more information on this settlement, please refer to a Form 8K the Company has filed today with the Securities and Exchange Commission related to this matter. The matter has also been disclosed in the Company's previous filings filed with the SEC.

**About Manitex International, Inc.**

Manitex International, Inc. is a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including cranes, reach stackers and associated container handling equipment, 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. Additionally, Badger Equipment Company, a subsidiary located in Winona, Minnesota, manufactures specialized

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rough terrain cranes and material handling products. Badger primarily serves the needs of the construction, municipality, and railroad industries. Our Italian subsidiary, CVS Ferrari, srl, designs and manufactures a range of reach stackers and associated lifting equipment for the global container handling market, which is sold through a broad dealer network. Our Manitex Liftking subsidiary is a 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. Our subsidiary, Manitex Load King located in Elk Point, South Dakota is a manufacturer of specialized engineered trailers and hauling systems, typically used for transporting heavy equipment.

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. The division also provides a wide range of used lifting and construction equipment of various ages and conditions, and has the capability to refurbish the equipment to the customer's specifications.

### **Forward-Looking Statement**

Safe Harbor Statement under the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains statements that are forward-looking in nature which express the beliefs and expectations of management including statements regarding the Company's expected results of operations or liquidity; statements concerning projections, predictions, expectations, estimates or forecasts as to our business, financial and operational results and future economic performance; and statements of management's goals and objectives and other similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "project," "continuing," "ongoing," "expect," "we believe," "we intend," "may," "will," "should," "could," and similar expressions. Such statements are based on current plans, estimates and expectations and involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the Company's future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors and additional information are discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and statements in this release should be evaluated in light of these important factors. Although we believe that these statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we cannot guarantee future results. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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