

Manitex International, Inc. Announces \$7 Million in New Orders

Second Quarter Bookings Include \$2 Million Forklift Order from U.S. Military

Bridgeview, IL, May 27, 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 that it received new orders valued at approximately \$7 million. The orders consisted of commercial boom truck cranes for the owner-operated and rental markets of approximately \$5 million and a new order for Manitex Liftking military container handling forklifts valued at approximately \$2 million from a United States government agency. The Company expects to ship these orders by the end of 2009.

“Manitex International has a unique, diverse, and high quality product portfolio, consisting of specialized products that deliver a healthy return on investment and cash flow for its customers,” commented Andrew Rooke, President and Chief Operating Officer. “Our niche strategy and focus have positioned us well to win new business in our target markets. Liftking has a positive history with military orders, and the recent increase in the military orders we have received is particularly encouraging.”

“Manitex Liftking container handling forklifts possess innovative features that meet strict military standards and perform in almost any terrain,” said Bob Litchev, Senior Vice President of Manitex International, Inc. “This repeat order features custom-built specifications and demonstrates the military’s continued acceptance of, and commitment to, Manitex Liftking’s high-quality products.”

Manitex Liftking’s forklifts are built to exacting military standards including compliance with the quality controls required by ISO 9001. Before being shipped, each machine is thoroughly tested on a military approved endurance track located adjacent to Manitex Liftking’s military vehicle manufacturing plant. There are a limited number of test tracks in North America and having a military approved test track is an advantage. The U.S. Department of Defense alone has hundreds of Manitex Liftking vehicles serving the Navy, Army and Air Force that they depend on daily.

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 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.

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