

## **Manitex International, Inc. Announces \$3.1 Million in New International Orders for Cranes and Specialized Forklifts**

Bridgeview, IL, August 6, 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 the Company had received orders for boom truck cranes for the Middle East and orders for specialized forklifts from a new African customer as well as a new order under the previously announced three-year contract with an international agency. The total value of these new orders is approximately \$3.1 million with initial deliveries slated to commence in 2009.

Scott Rolston, SVP of Sales and Marketing of Manitex International commented, "Our rigorous pursuit of international market expansion is starting to provide us with steady improvement in our order book. The crane orders are follow-on orders from those we announced in February of this year, and extend the range of products being utilized, and the market sectors addressed, for our Middle Eastern customers. There is an abundance of opportunities for us to introduce additional Manitex products into the region, as our products have proven they meet the rigorous demands of a variety of end-market applications in that part of the world."

Mark Aldrovandi, responsible for military, government and international agency sales for Manitex Liftking commented, "Our specialized forklift products are another key driver of our global growth and we are experiencing acceleration in international and military demand for these products. We were pleased to receive new orders for delivery this year from the African continent with a new customer, and we believe that our forklifts are well-suited to the rugged conditions of this region. Additional orders from an international agency were received under the recently announced three-year contract. These orders are expected to ship early in 2010."

### **About Manitex International, Inc.**

Manitex International, Inc. 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. 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.

### **Forward-Looking Statement**

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