

Manitex International Announces \$3.1 Million in New Orders

New International and Military Orders Slated for First Half of 2012 Delivery

Bridgeview, IL, September 12, 2011 — 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 its Manitex Liftking subsidiary was recently awarded orders valued at approximately \$3.1 million for specialized material handling equipment from various military and international customers. The orders are scheduled for delivery for the first half of 2012.

Commenting on the Manitex Liftking orders, Mark Aldrovandi, who is responsible for Manitex Liftking's military, governmental and international agency sales, said, "We have seen good, but seasonal order flow from our military customers this year and we see indications of demand remaining firm throughout this calendar year, This repeat business from long-standing customers is testament to our customers' high level of satisfaction with our specialized products."

Chairman and CEO of Manitex International, Dave Langevin, commented, "Even in the absence of a flourishing global economy, we continue to execute our strategy to position Manitex to serve diversified and specialized niche markets. The emphasis we've placed on augmenting our presence in select international markets continues to serve us well and affords us opportunities to improve our top and bottom line financial performance throughout this year and in periods to come."

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 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.

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