

Potain takes Lasco 10t portable rights

AFTER a successful launch of the Potain PC10T 10t Portable Crane (known previously as the Lasco Lift LL10T) on the Australian market at Intermat in Paris in May.

Potain has purchased all intellectual property to the design, and will take over all manufacturing of the cranes.

Designer Ron Laczko will act as a consultant to Potain in the ongoing development of the range.

Potain plans to expand the range into other sizes, all with the same design principals of being light enough to operate from the floor slab of a building, readily broken down into component sizes that can be transported through doorways and carried in lifts, and quickly assembled and disassembled. Lasco Cranes retains the marketing rights for these cranes, and Potain self-erecting cranes, for Australia, NZ and PNG. Company principal Ron Laczko is excited by a revised range of HDM series cranes that have the transport wheels permanently fixed to the crane body. He believes that the greatly improved set-up and pull-down times will make these cranes viable

on much shorter term lifting projects than before, greatly expanding their appeal to hirers and contractors.

Potain has also developed a range of building hoists, including a hoist designed to give operator access to the cab of tower cranes, increasing safety and decreasing time lost when the operators climb up to and down from the crane cab.

Lasco Cranes is expanding its hire fleet of HDM cranes around Australia, and believes that with the fixed transport wheels these cranes are competitive with a mobile crane for daily hire. The company has designed a platform for mounting on tower crane sections, allowing a self-erecting crane to be lifted onto the platform and increasing the size of job it can service.

This was done successfully on a recent job in Sydney where the crane was set up on a three section tower.

Self-erecting cranes have also been set up on slabs, where they have worked in pairs leap frogging each other from floor to floor. Lasco Lifts have proven themselves in lowering these



Potain self-erecting crane working from platform built on tower crane sections.

cranes after the jobs are completed. Self-erecting cranes have also been set up on platforms straddling laneways, allowing the cranes to operate without impeding traffic and incurring lane closure fees.

Lasco Cranes has recently formed an alliance with P.A. Construction Equipment (PACE) in NSW whereby PACE will work with Lasco Cranes promoting and marketing Potain cranes including their hire.