

ACCESS HIRE IMPROVES INDUSTRY SAFETY

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NEW ACCESS HIRE EQUIPMENT BOOSTS SAFETY STANDARDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Access Hire's equipment is at the forefront of the industry with the latest safety features. Our clients operate in many high-risk industries, such as the construction and maintenance sectors, where the safety of all personnel on site is the number one priority.

"The past 30 years have seen a dramatic improvement in equipment safety features, policies, and procedures. However, constant improvement and innovation is required. Utilising the latest equipment with the latest technology is the key to striving towards an accident-free workplace."

John Jones, President and Chief Executive Chairman of Access Group Middle East.

As part of our international expansion strategy, Access Hire will commence operations in the Middle East region in FY18 delivering our products and services to major projects in the sector. Middle Eastern work sites have historically been slower to utilise better safety practices but there are some encouraging signs for the region.



"Looking at key safety statistics in the Middle East over the past decade, it's worth realising just how far the region has come. The Access Group and Access Hire Middle East are certainly looking to play our part in that continual improvement for both productivity and safety. "

The Access Group supplies plant and equipment to large scale projects around the globe. With a focus on the construction, commissioning, and operational phases of major oil & gas projects, our operating entity, Access Hire Middle East LLC, will provide services such as Equipment Manufacturing, Hire, Sale, Servicing, Transport, and Training. Our fleet will include the latest plant & equipment covering; Access Equipment; Generators; Lighting Towers; Materials Handling; Air Compressors; Nitrogen Membranes, and Welding Supplies.



"We're shipping the latest equipment straight to the Middle East as our new operations take shape. We'll be investing in a fleet of over 5,000 machines valued at over US \$500 million - and new equipment means better productivity and significantly reduces accidents and injuries."

"Already on the way is our first delivery of Genie boom lifts. We'll bring the full range from the smaller 60 ft booms, right up to big SX-180. That model is the pride of the fleet offering an industry leading height of 180 ft, exceptional working envelope, and ability to drive at full height. No other product in the mobile boom lift industry is as capable."

Robert Carson, Managing Director of Access Hire Middle East.

Access Hire supplies world-leading brands such as Genie and JLG, market leaders in access equipment. The impressive features you can typically find on a Genie elevated working platform include:-

	BATTERY ISOLATION Lockable battery isolation prevents unauthorised use		EMERGENCY LOWERING Easy to access lowering system	 <p>Genie A TEREX BRAND</p>			
	TILT LEVEL SENSOR For operating safely on slopes and uneven surfaces		CONTROL GUARD Secondary guard prevents unintended movement				OVERHEAD PROTECTION Overhead protection (OPS) and mesh panels
	MAINTENANCE BARS Negates potential crushing injuries for personnel		OPERATIONAL BEACON LED beacon for personnel in the vicinity				MINE SPEC FITOUT Reflective tape, fire extinguishers, battery isolation
	EMERGENCY STOP At both platform and ground level		SMART LINK SYSTEM All-in-one operating, diagnostics, maintenance				CONTACT ALARM SYSTEM Reduces entrapment risk from above
	ANTI-PUNCTURE TYRES Solid or foam filled tyres		LIFT GUARD SYSTEM Reduces entrapment risk from above obstructions				OVERLOAD SENSORS Prevents working platform from being overloaded

Our long-term partnerships enable us to be at the cutting edge of access technology and provide the very best equipment with the latest safety features. The impressive features you can typically find on a JLG elevated working platform include:-

	BATTERY ISOLATION Lockable battery isolation prevents unauthorised use		POTHOLE PROTECTION Enhances driveability and gradeability	 <p>JLG An Oshkosh Corporation Company</p>			
	TILT ALARM For operating safely on slopes and uneven surfaces		SELF-CLOSING GATES Self-closing, self-latching gate for platform safety				TIE DOWN LUGS For safe transportation and lifting of equipment
	MAINTENANCE PROP Negates potential crushing injuries for personnel		BEACON & ALARM Operational beacon & alarm for personnel in the vicinity				MINE SPEC FITOUT Reflective tape, fire extinguishers, battery isolation
	EMERGENCY STOP At both platform and ground level		ATC TRACTION CONTROL Improved traction on slippery floors				SKYGUARD Reduces entrapment risk from above
	LANYARD ATTACHMENT Multiple points for operators' safety harnesses		EASY TO READ DECALS For clear operational and safety instructions				LLC LOAD SENSING Prevents working platform from being overloaded



Over the past few years, the Middle East market has seen an increase in demand for new equipment as companies realise both the hidden costs and loss of productivity associated with accidents and breakdowns.

“The days of old equipment fleets arriving in the Middle East are over as major companies seek to benefit from utilising the best equipment built with the latest technology and safety features.”

“The cost of equipment failure is serious injury or death so if it’s not up to international standards, we don’t supply it - full stop.”

John Jones, President and Chief Executive Chairman of Access Group Middle East.

“It makes more sense - not only regarding health and safety, but newer equipment innately provides massive cost savings in the long run, with less breakdown, efficient fuel consumption, lower cost spare parts, quicker cycling times, and greater productivity.”

Robert Carson, Managing Director of Access Hire Middle East.

At the Access Group, we place education and training at the top of our list when it comes to improving work practices and legislation to advance better working conditions. We are member of IPAF (International Powered Access Federation) which promotes the safe and effective use of powered access equipment worldwide - through providing technical advice and information; through influencing and interpreting legislation and standards; and through safety initiatives and training programs.

“It’s important for the larger plant & equipment suppliers to lead the way - IPAF is a not-for-profit organisation owned by its members, which include manufacturers, rental companies, distributors, contractors and users. IPAF members operate a majority of the MEWP rental fleet worldwide and manufacture about 85% of platforms on the market. It’s an organisation we are proud to be associated with.”



John Jones, President and Chief Executive Chairman of Access Group Middle East.

The objectives of IPAF are clear - encourage the highest standards of safety trading by members; represent the industry in discussions with government and trade associations; encourage technical efficiency in the industry; facilitate co-operation between all members in resolving problems; and promote the use of members’ products on a world-wide basis.

As our next generation equipment hits the market, the region is set to reach new heights in safety and efficiency. Overall, our clients can look forward to receiving premier equipment manufactured to international standards, with enhanced machine uptime, better performance; and improved and safety features.

For more information on the Access Group in the Middle East click [here](#) for our press release. For general enquiries, contact Robert Carson on +971 508 67696 or visit our website www.accesshiremiddleeast.com



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