

Veri-Tek International Corp. Announces International Distribution Agreement

Agreement Marks Veri-Tek's Entrance Into Key Global Growth Markets

Bridgeview, IL, April 29, 2008 — Veri-Tek International Corp. (AMEX:VCC), a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles, today announced that its Manitex subsidiary has reached agreement with a well-established heavy equipment distributor in the Middle East, thus, launching Veri-Tek's strategic entrance into international growth markets. Management anticipates receiving initial stocking orders for its 50- and 30-ton Manitex boomtrucks to this distributor, with deliveries and financial contributions beginning in the second half of 2008.

Scott Rolston, General Manager of Veri-Tek's Manitex subsidiary, commented, "We continue to pursue opportunities to expand to key international markets that we believe will drive our future growth. This new agreement will enable us to introduce our higher tonnage boom trucks to a top distributor in the Middle East and gain access to a new, growing customer base. We view this as an important first step towards achieving global product acceptance and market penetration and it is our intention to continue to pursue such agreements with additional international distributorships. We look forward to serving an international customer base with our high quality and competitively priced products."

About Veri-Tek International, Corp.

Veri-Tek International, Corp. is a leading provider of engineered lifting solutions including boom truck cranes, rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles. Our Manitex subsidiary manufactures and markets a comprehensive line of boom trucks and sign cranes. Our boom trucks and crane products are primarily used in industrial projects, energy exploration and infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and commercial construction. The Manitex Liftking subsidiary, which includes the Noble forklift product line, manufactures and sells a complete line of rough terrain forklifts and special mission oriented vehicles, as well as other 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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