

“One of the first new products features a modular design,” says Ola Samelius, president at Tele Radio. “Based on a standard enclosure, it is possible to incorporate the operation of virtually any desired function. Extra functionality can be added without difficulty. This gives our customers more possibilities as their needs change and grow, for example, if they wish to modify their machinery.”

Beginnings and endings

Global engineering group Cavotec has opened a new production facility in Milan, Italy. “Not only are we opening a state-of-the-art production facility, we’re opening a new chapter in the Cavotec story,” said Cavotec CEO, Mikael Norin. “These premises will ensure that we build the manufacturing and supply chain excellence that will see Cavotec realise its full potential.”

In Spain, technological engineering and development company Ikusi was acquired by Danish hydraulics and controls manufacturer Danfoss in the second half of 2018. Ikusi makes wireless systems to operate and control, among others, truck mounted cranes, winches, and off-road machines. It will be integrated into the Danfoss Power Solutions business segment, Danfoss said. The price of the deal was undisclosed. The acquisition included a factory in Spain and sales offices in the USA, Germany and Dubai.

In related news, Stockholm, Sweden-headquartered radio remote control systems specialist Scanreco announced that, as of 1 March 2019, Danfoss Power Solutions will no longer be a distributor in Norway for Scanreco’s products. Instead, Scanreco refers customers to BT Hydraulikk.

Scanreco has also announced it supplied the remote control used to operate a huge pile gripper frame that’s being used for the construction of the Veja Mate offshore wind farm in the North Sea. The 1,400 tonne capacity pile gripper frame is being used onboard the Seajacks Scylla wind turbine

installation vessel to place 67 XXL-size monopiles. According to Scanreco, its remote control worked very well for this application. Scanreco will be present at Bauma (stand number A2/143).

New markets

Wisconsin, USA-based digital power and motion control systems manufacturer Magnetek has announced its Flex Base wireless control system is now available in Europe. The Flex Base is designed for lifting applications, including chain hoists and small cranes. Flex Base systems are have two transmitters and a receiver which, Magnetek says, allows for easy replacement and increased uptime.

The Flex Base transmitter can be packaged with Magnetek’s Flex Base or MRX receivers. Paired with the four and six-button Flex Base transmitter, the MRX receiver can be mounted on a control panel or the body of a hoist without causing any system imbalance, says Magnetek. The MRX receiver offers a Voltage Select feature that automatically adapts to control voltage from three power supplies: 9-36 VDC, 24-48 VAC, and 48-240 VAC.

New orders and products

Italian radio remote control specialist Imet has launched the M880 tri-axial joystick. The company claims it has the highest functional safety level available in the market at PL d safety specification. The bidirectional rotating knob can control both on and off and proportional outputs. IMET said the control uses proven contactless optical sensing technology that provides a long operational life and immunity to magnetic fields.

Spanish radio remote control company Itowa is shipping a dozen remote control devices to control weight for a customer in South America. The push button remote controls control both overhead cranes and the total load the cranes are lifting, thus increase safety, Itowa says.

Itowa has also been awarded ‘innovative

The photo below is used by Pennsylvania, USA-based industrial remote control specialist Control Chief to illustrate the long life and durability of its remote controls. “We have serviced units that have been in operation for close to 30 years,” the company claimed.

But it’s not all about the old models; Control Chief has revealed that it will soon launch a new L-Series transmitter. The new lightweight transmitter has a real-time feedback display and intuitive controls, said Control Chief. “The additional market potential that this model opens up for Control Chief is enormous,” comments Brian Landries, vice president of sales and marketing.



business’ status by Spain’s Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. This recognition lasts until 23 January, 2022, and follows the company’s previous recognition from 2016.

Radio remote control system manufacturer Åkerströms in Sweden won orders worth SEK 1.2 million (US\$ 132,000) towards the end of 2018. The control equipment for industrial use will go to Scanmaskin and Weimer Skogsteknik & Hydraulik.

Anna Stiwne, Åkerströms head of sales, said, “The co-operation with Scanmaskin started in 2007. We have since then delivered a significant amount of radio remote controls for them. In close co-operation with the customer we have developed custom solutions for their needs and machines.”

Scanmaskin has manufactured surface treatment, floor and polishing equipment at its facility in Lindome, outside Gothenburg, in Sweden since 1975.

The other order is from Weimer Skogsteknik & Hydraulik, a manufacturer of industrial forestry trailers for the Swedish market. The remote control equipment will be used for trailer mounted winches.

“We are thrilled to be able to supply remote controls for Weimer’s quality winches which meets their high quality demands in durability,” concluded Stiwne. ■

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