In its 44th incarnation SED continues as the UK’s largest construction equipment exhibition.

ALEX DAHM rounds up news of what to see at this year’s show from 12 to 14 May

Despite tough economic conditions the UK’s SED construction equipment exhibition will still run this year. It won’t be unaffected by the global recession. Around 200 exhibitors (about 400 in 2008) will set up for the 12 to 14 May 2009 show at the Rockingham Motor Speedway site near Corby, Northamptonshire.

There will still be new products, new exhibitors and machinery demonstrations to attract buyers. The following is a selection of what to see for the crane and transport industry.

NRC Plant is launching a 70 tonne Link-Belt telescopic crawler crane and showing others from Hitachi and Logicranes. Also on display is the Link-Belt HTT8675 truck crane, the first to be CE marked for sale in Europe.

Ernest Doe & Sons was one of the five founder members of SED in 1963 and has exhibited at every show since. The company began importing Cormach Cranes in 1986 and was one of the first exhibitors to show lorry mounted cranes. Look out for the Italian knuckle boom loader cranes again this year.

Ladybird Crane Hire is showing a new self-erecting tower crane transport system. It was developed over eight years by Gavarini, Italian Potain tower crane distributor and rental company. GAPO is a radio remote controlled, motorised, self propelled, four wheel steering transport system. It was primarily developed to carry tower cranes but is also suitable for other applications.

Trailers

Visitors can see the all-new Faymonville Megamax semi-trailer with two swing axles instead of beam axles. Advantages include a lower loading height on the rear bogie, in this case 1,050 mm in the version with 17.5 inch wheels, instead of 1,120 mm for a swing axle with 19.5 inch wheels. The vehicle is light because it weighs only 500 kg more compared to a semi-trailer with two beam axles, the manufacturer says. The load of 12 tonnes on the swing axle instead of 10 tonnes on the beam axle gives an extra 3.5 tonnes of usable load.

Montracon first exhibited last year where it sold an extendible trailer off the stand and delivered it straight from the show. The range includes machinery carriers, tippers and flat platform derivatives, including step frames, extendibles and brick & block carriers.

Northern Irish trailer manufacturer, McCauley Trailers Ltd is showing step frame low loaders, commercial drags and agricultural low loaders. Other