INFORMATION FOR EDITORS

With depots in Glasgow, Manchester and Long Crendon, GGR Group is currently Europe's leading supplier of vacuum handling equipment, compact pick and carry cranes, UNIC mini spider cranes and restricted access lifting machinery, along with a variety of complementary products and services.

Established in 1995, the family-run business employees over 90 people in the UK and 30 dealers across Europe and the United Arab Emirates. GGR Group consists of seven brands- UNIC Cranes Europe, GGR Glass, GGR Galizia, GGR AirLift, GGR Cladding, GGR Rail and GGR Gulf.

UNIC Cranes Europe, part of GGR Group Ltd, is the European master distributor for Japanese manufacturer Furukawa UNIC. We specialize in the supply of mini spider cranes across a network of European dealers in 27 countries. UNIC mini spider cranes are compact machines ranging from 0.995 tonnes to 10 tonnes in capacity, small enough to fit through a standard doorway making them ideal for lifting in restricted access and confined working environments.

UNIC mini cranes have the flexibility and capabilities to assist in a huge variety of lifting situations from internal lifting through to waterway and railway track maintenance. These machines are designed for lifting in confined spaces and have proven invaluable for a broad range of industries including construction, marine, defence, aviation, oil & gas, rail, infrastructure, retail and more.

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Our marketing team has a huge library of images and case studies from our work in many different industries that we are more than happy to contribute towards editorial features. However, please note that it is against GGR's PR policy to participate in free editorial in exchange for a list of our contacts who will then be asked to advertise to support our article.

You can read about GGR's latest work on our blog, or by following us on: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, Youtube, Pinterest and Flickr. You can also sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter here.

COMPANY HISTORY

Brother and sister Graeme and Gill Riley started their plant hire business GGR Glass Services in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, in 1995 with just four employees and four glass lifting machines in their fleet. In 1997, Graeme and Gill travelled to the USA to secure an exclusive UK dealership for Woods Powr-Grip, the world's leading manufacturer of glass vacuum lifting equipment.

In 2001, GGR became an early adopter of mini spider cranes and secured a dealership with Japanese manufacturer Furukawa UNIC to import UNIC mini cranes into the UK. After adding ten cranes to their hire fleet, these machines were soon in high demand, transforming GGR into an 'overnight' success. Gill and Graeme saw the potential to expand the mini crane concept into Europe and then successfully secured a European Master dealership with manufacturer Furukawa UNIC. GGR sold its first mini crane in 2003 and celebrated the sale of its 200th mini crane in 2006. Today there are over 150 spider cranes in GGR's hire fleet.

GGR were also the first company to help develop and provide industry-recognised qualifications for mini spider crane and vacuum lifter operation in the UK at our own training facilities. Find out more about our training courses here.

Read more about our GGR's company history on our website.

GGR'S RECENT AWARDS

- **2014** European Rental Awards, Rental Person of the Year (Gill Riley)
- **2014** Hire Association Awards, winner of Small Hire Company of the Year, highly commended in Website of the Year category
- **2013** European Rental Awards, Small Rental Company of the Year Finalist
- **2013** Railtex Award for Plant and Equipment
- **2013** IAPA Product of the Year (GKB19 Multipla)
- **2013** Women in Construction Awards Finalist (Gill Riley)
- **2013** First Women Awards, Built Environment category Finalist (Gill Riley)
- **2012** Red Hot Women of the Year, highly commended in Pioneer category (Gill Riley)
- **2012** Infrarail Award for Plant & Equipment
- **2011** Forward Ladies Women in Business Awards Finalist (Gill Riley)
- **2010** Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year Finalist (Gill Riley)
- **2008** Atkins Inspire Awards Finalist (Gill Riley)
- **2008** Natwest Everywoman Awards Athena category Winner (Gill Riley)
- **2008** The Sunday Times Fast Track 100 League Table
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- **2006** Interbuild New Product Award (HOMER robot)
- **1998** Construction News Quality in Construction Award (EMU robot)