

HI-REACH MANLIFT SUPPLIES BIGGEST BOOM LIFT IN AFRICA

Hi-Reach Manlift, the official Genie distributor in Southern Africa, recently sold the biggest articulating boom lift in Africa to the Germiston-based access rental company, Johnson Access.

The unit, a Genie Z-135/70 was imported to supplement the Johnson Access rental fleet and the five superboms they already have in their fleet. Johnson Access has these units working all over Southern Africa, including in Zambia and the DRC. George Landsberg, Managing Director of the company tells that medium-term demand for such big machines is quite buoyant with the 2010 stadium work currently in progress as well as power station refurbishment projects being planned.

The Z-135/70 has a maximum working height of 43.15m and a maximum horizontal outreach of 21.26m with the riser retracted. It also has a 5.87m below-ground reach which is fairly unique as a result of its extendable jib. Another unique feature is its Xchassis™ extendable axles, which it is planned will be featured in other Genie superboms in future as well.

Jose de Paiva, the Johnson Access KZN Branch Manager (and now also a shareholder) was present at off-loading of the unit from the RORO cargo ship in the port of Durban. He was very impressed at the smooth functioning of all the controls and the extreme stability of the machine at height. He says the fact that the machine is not only a 4x4 unit but also has 4-wheel steer. This gives this big machine a total of four steering modes.



The new Z-135/70 being tested by the Hi-Reach technicians upon its arrival in Germiston.



L-R Jose de Paiva of Johnson Access with Martin Welmans and Paul Curnow of Hi-Reach Manlift at the Z-135/70 in the Port of Durban.