



## OmniSTAR



IAP certified Service Provider OmniSTAR displayed a range of information on the products and services it has on offer. OmniTRACK is an advanced web-based system that uses state-of-the-art technology to allow businesses to remotely monitor and track their assets. The easy-to-use system provides real-time information that can be accessed all day, every day by transport operators through any internet-enabled PC. Features of the product include two-way messaging and alerting, personal alarms, fatigue management and job scheduling. It also records information on factors such as fuel consumption, harsh braking, over-speeding, odometer readings and the engine RPM. All of this information is obtained through the in-vehicle unit (IVU) and processed at OmniSTAR's Control Centre before being made available on-line. The information can only be accessed through an issued user name and password. OmniSTAR's IVU can store up to 20,000 position records and peace of mind is ensured thanks to a seven-day battery back-up. It also reports any attempts of the box being tampered with or disconnected.

## Palfinger

A name that was on everyone's lips – and in everyone's eyes – this year in Brisbane was definitely Palfinger. Dominating the skyline (almost as much as the Show blimp that kept heads tilted towards the blue skies) was the Palfinger huge PK44002 crane.

The PK44002 offers a maximum lifting capacity of 14.5 tonne – even managing a hefty 700 kg at 24.6 metres.

Inside, the sight was just as dramatic and impressive, beginning at the other end of the scale with the PC3300 Compact. Palfinger's series of Compact cranes are especially suited for mounting on light trucks. Their unique knuckle booms are designed to perform in tight conditions, such as cramped construction sites, yet without sacrificing strength. The PC3300 Compact, for example, has a maximum lifting capacity of 2,050 kg and a slewing angle of 340°.

In these curiously challenging economic conditions, Palfinger staff reported increased interest in the Palfinger one year guarantee on its cranes, as well as a lot of discussion on the retrofit spare part kits that are available for older models.

