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**Hoist Liftruck revisits its roots; enters port/intermodal market**  
*New ro-ro forklift and empty container handler expands company's pneumatic line.*

**BEDFORD PARK, Illinois, June 15, 2007** – Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc. is preparing to make its presence known at port and intermodal locations throughout the United States as it had more than 80 years ago.

Brooklyn-New York-based Silent Hoist & Crane was one of the pioneers in port equipment for American ports, beginning to manufacture products such as heavy-duty forklifts and container handlers in 1918. Silent Hoist & Crane's presence at New York ports and others along the coasts helped boost the nation's import/export business, as well as pave the way for other manufacturers and innovative equipment.

"Silent Hoist was the first manufacturer of heavy-duty, high-capacity equipment," said Marty Flaska, president of Hoist Liftruck. "The high standards they set and the quality of their equipment can be seen on all Hoist equipment today. Though the Silent Hoist name has changed to [Hoist Liftruck], the historic tradition and solid reputation hasn't."

Many of Hoist's pneumatic P-Series line can be seen in rugged industries such as steel and concrete, but interest by such entities as port terminal operators and stevedore companies has increased over the past six months. Hoist introduced higher-capacity models of the P-Series from 45,000 pounds and higher two months ago, equipped with standard features such as Cummins diesel engine, Dana transmission, AxleTech drive axle, RemoteTech vehicle management system and low-profile chassis.

The new P-Series Ro-Ro liftruck is a more compact and shorter option to the P-Series, which the design and features of the ro-ro were based on. The roll-on/roll-off liftruck has an extremely low overall height to handle loads and maneuver within the tight interior of a cargo ship. The P-Series Ro-Ro will feature an off-center seat position, three-stage mast and removable counterweight options. Deliveries of the P-Series Ro-Ro begin this summer.

While the P-Series and the P-Series Ro-Ro can handle various types of loads, including breakbulk, the new Hoist container handlers will accommodate the needs in the world of containerization. Designs are being finalized for the new empty container handler line, which will be available this fall, with loaded container handlers available in 2008. The new Hoist empty container handlers will incorporate a mast design similar to the Neptune Series marina liftruck that combines strength and durability with superior visibility.

For more information on the P-Series, P-Series Ro-Ro and Hoist container handlers, please contact Hoist Liftruck at 708.458.2200 or sales@hoistlift.com.

*Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc. manufactures heavy-duty lifting products, ranging in capacity from 6.7 tons to 50 tons. Hoist Liftruck manufactures electric, LPG, and diesel cushion tire trucks, platform and die trucks, LPG and diesel pneumatic tire truck and marina pneumatic trucks. Hoist Liftrucks are engineered for the speed, power, and durability required of any heavy industry. With more than 100 years of proven reliability and quality engineering, Hoist provides the preferred lift truck for performance, serviceability and operator comfort.*

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**CAD rendering of the new P-Series Ro-Ro liftruck**



**The P-Series P450 (45,000-pound capacity)**



**Silent Hoist & Crane container handler**

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