

Manitex International, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 16, 2014**

**MANITEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Michigan**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**

**of Incorporation)**

**001-32401**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**9725 Industrial Drive, Bridgeview, Illinois 60455**

**42-1628978**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(708) 430-7500**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

*Lift Ventures LLC Joint Venture*

On December 16, 2014, Manitex International, Inc. (the Company), BGI USA Inc. ( BGI ), Movedesign SRL and R & S Advisory S.r.l., entered into an operating agreement (the Operating Agreement ) for Lift Ventures LLC ( Lift Ventures ), a joint venture entity. The purposes for which Lift Ventures is organized are the manufacturing and selling of certain products and components, including the *Schaeff* line of electric forklifts, and certain *LiftKing* products. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the Company was granted a 25% equity stake in the Lift Ventures in exchange for the contribution of certain inventory and a license of certain intellectual property related to the Company's products.

As previously disclosed by the Company, Lubomir T. Litchev, the Company's President of Manufacturing Operations, is BGI's majority stockholder.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**MANITEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

By: /S/ DAVID H. GRANSEE  
Name: **David H. Gransee**  
Title: **Vice President and CFO**

Date: December 19, 2014