

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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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