

Efficiency with Assign

Assign is a new mobile service offered by Norweb Telecom which allows transport managers greater control of their drivers, even while they are out on the road. It gives drivers and managers access to email, schedules, address books and task lists from their WAP mobile phones and over the Internet. It doesn't matter where they are geographically, the information is available immediately and any updates can be instantly shared with the rest of the team. For the access industry it means, for the first time, a manager can make real-time changes to fleet logistics and be sure that each driver is kept fully informed. The driver will receive a text message which prompts him to check his revised delivery schedule.

Assign is exclusive to Norweb Telecom and has been developed in collaboration with Nokia and Time/System UK.

Hugh Logan, managing



director of Norweb Telecom, said: "This mobile service will allow the UK transport industry to take a big step forward in fleet management. Assign operates over WAP mobile phones and laptops, and is syn-

chronised with back-office systems so everyone is using the most up-to date information. It means delivery times and driver utilisation can be optimised, and it could save the transport industry millions."

Gaiter protects joystick

Penny & Giles has introduced a new model to its SWJ switched joystick range. It features a protective gaiter to improve environmental sealing in control panel mounted applications.

The protective gaiter, which provides IP65 sealing, will protect the SWJ from the inevitable spilled drinks on control room consoles, and from the elements when fitted

to remote control consoles for outside use.



Ropes & chains



Nationwide hire services company Lloyds Equipment has joined forces with power hoisting experts Stahl to offer a comprehensive range of electrical wire ropes and chain hoists to the UK industrial market.

The Stahl products have

been specifically designed to cover almost every application, including requirements for explosion proof hoists and enclosure. All items are available from any of Lloyds' 19 branches across the country.

Hard-wearing joysticks

ITT-Cannon has brought out joysticks for material handling applications. Especially targeted at the scissor-lift and access platform markets is AJ3-series, a heavy duty joystick for rigorous use in rugged



harsh environment. Mounted on a solid aluminium housing, several grip types can be mounted such as Ball grip, Rocker grip and/or Deadman grip. The joystick is based on contactless Hall-effect sensing and its lifetime exceeds 5 million cycles. Electronics are fully protected against moisture.

Emission reducing switching

Emergency switches for electric powered access platforms are now available from battery connector manufacturer Rema Lipprandt GmbH. The Emergency Switch is an essential safety component for connecting and separating battery power to motor drives. The new design, according to the manufacturer, recognises the need to control EMC emissions when joining custom made wiring harness assemblies. In addition the switch housing is available in 80 amp size with battery connector interface and so eliminates one connector "half". Plus the operating knob can be removed in the off position providing authorised user only access.

The product range has been built in line with European Forklift standard EN1175-1, also DIN43 589 -1.