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PASMA: New era dawns at tower champion

Peter Bennett has been appointed as PASMA's first managing director. His new role was confirmed at the association's recent Annual General Meeting in Birmingham, UK. It comes at a time when PASMA is embarking upon an ambitious development plan designed to enhance its range of services in support of its members and training centres, and the industry at large.

A committed and enthusiastic supporter of the work and role of the association throughout his long time career in the access industry, most recently as sales director with Glasgow-based Turner Access, his appointment follows two years as the association's general manager.

In that time the association has seen membership more than double and the number of delegates passing through PASMA's national training course jump from 10,000 in 2004 to 33,000 in 2006. Bennett, who studied modern languages at the University of

Glasgow, is delighted to be helping shape the future role and contribution of the association in the UK. He said: "This is an exciting time at PASMA and I look forward to working with my many



Peter Bennett

colleagues, the HSE and other kindred bodies to encourage safety and best practice across the access industry."

Access in Action



A Zone 1 access tower

Pasma to appoint a training scheme manager

Pasma is looking to recruit someone to manage the national training scheme and to ensure that the association's high standards are maintained and improved.

It is looking for a manager with experience and who already has a thorough knowledge of the scheme itself together with the ability to manage and build on the success already achieved.

As such this critical post is likely to attract someone who is already involved in the tower industry. Possibly a seasoned professional or trainer who is looking for a new challenge? However they will need to have good negotiating and diplomacy skills to work with wide range of companies and industry bodies that have a stake in the training programme.

This should be an excellent post for a person with a passion for training and the industry. More details can be found on the PASMA website: www.pasma.co.uk

Guidance Notes

The following Guidance Notes are now available from the association.

Stair Ladder Tower Assembly [Incorporating Fall Protection]:

This note describes PASMA's recommended assembly methods for mobile stair ladder towers.

Low Level Access Units [Castor Tightening]: This guidance note describes the process required to ensure that castors used in low level access units - such as folding room scaffolds or pulpit steps - remain serviceable and firmly in place.

Mobile Access Towers [Rigging and De-Rigging Safety Netting]:

A collaborative guidance note written in conjunction with FASET intended to give assistance to anyone responsible for the selection of suitable work at height equipment in respect of the requirements of the Work at Height Regulations 2005 for the purposes of rigging and de-rigging safety netting.

HSE Information Sheet CIS 10: This note from the HSE details important considerations in the assembly, use and inspection of mobile access towers, particularly in the construction sector.

For more details please visit the PASMA website: www.pasma.co.uk

Who's Who on the PASMA Council 2007/2008

Chairman: Paul Gallacher, Pop-Up Products Ltd

Vice Chairman: Roger Verallo, Euro Towers Ltd

Junior Vice chairman: Position Vacant

Brian Houston - Turner Access Ltd • Brian Meadmore - Generation UK Ltd

Peter Bond - SGB Group Ltd • Kevin Bellis - Atrium Access Ltd

Paul Pritchard - Alto Tower Systems Ltd • Don Aers - Youngman Group Ltd

Mark Turnbull - Speedy Hire Group plc • Eric Abbey - Aliscaff Ltd

Andy Weaver - SGB Group Ltd

Working at Height 2008

PASMA has accepted an invitation to take a complimentary stand at a new exhibition planned for 2008. Dedicated to working at height, Work at Height 2008 is scheduled to take place at Stoneleigh Park Exhibition Centre, Coventry, 2-3 April 2008.

The association will also be delivering a paper alongside other Access Industry Forum [AIF] member organisations. PASMA has negotiated special rates for those members who might wish to take space.

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