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Operators Forum at Vertikal Days

ALLMI will hold the 5th General Meeting of its Operators' Forum at Haydock Park Racecourse on 19th September in conjunction with the Vertikal Days event for lifting professionals.

The meeting will include a presentation from Sarah Hague of the HSE, who will be discussing its forthcoming Working at Height campaign, which starts in October. A second guest speaker is likely to be a representative of a supplier involved with the ALLMI buyers co-operative. ALLMI is in the process of surveying the Forum membership to establish the next step with its group buying programme. Forum chairman, Steve Frazer-Brown said: "We are trying to establish which products and services are most in demand by members and which areas they would like to see the co-operative move into." An insurance facility for members was launched this year and several Forum companies



have already benefited from substantial savings and enhanced cover. Bob Toon, managing director of the Gatwick Group, said: "We're extremely pleased with the service we've received from ALLMI's insurance provider, AIPS. They were very professional in reviewing our policies, providing an extremely personal and thorough approach, which led to us not only achieving a much better premium, but also an improved level of cover."



Balfour Beatty Utilities signs up to ALLMI Slinger / Signaller Training

Balfour Beatty Utilities, a provider of solutions for distribution asset management to the UK utilities sector, and a member of the ALLMI Operators' Forum, has started a training initiative that will see all of its drivers put through the ALLMI Slinger / Signaller training programme. Having already converted its drivers to ALLMI lorry loader training, Balfour Beatty sees the ALLMI Slinger / Signaller programme as a natural progression. Abigail Nockall, the company's project team leader for training, said: "Health, safety and training are always at the top of our agenda and so after seeing the quality of the ALLMI lorry loader course, we decided to move our Slinger / Signaller training over to the ALLMI scheme as well. The course content is extremely comprehensive and ensures that our operators have all the necessary skills to do their job safely and efficiently."



Annual Product Update for ALLMI Instructors

ALLMI will hold its first ever product update event for instructors on the 20th September at Haydock Park Racecourse, during the Vertikal Days event. ALLMI general manager, Tom Wakefield, says 'ALLMI Instructors already have direct access to the loader crane manufacturers via the ALLMI Instructor Information lines, and receive guidance via their annual audits, but with loader cranes becoming increasingly sophisticated, we feel it would be beneficial to go one step further and hold an annual event, which will allow instructors to keep abreast of the latest developments in loader crane technology.' Presentations will be delivered by manufacturers' representatives, and will cover a product overview, technical features and maintenance requirements. An outdoor practical element will include a demonstration of the latest crane systems to hit the market.

ALLMI will hold its first product update event at Vertikal Days



Appointment of a New ALLMI director

Following elections carried out in June, ALLMI has announced that Ben James, works manager of Bristol based Avon Crane and Commercial Repairs, will become ALLMI's sixth member of the Board of directors, replacing David Gardner, who retired from Hiab at the start of this year. James was previously part of the ALLMI Steering Group, a committee set up five years ago with the aim of transforming ALLMI into a more effective trade association. He said 'I've been heavily involved with ALLMI in the past via the Steering Group and the Executive Committee, and whilst Avon Crane has continued to support the association, it's good to be back in a more hands-on role, representing the members and driving the association forward.' ALLMI will hold its next Board meeting on 26th July, where Ben James will be formally appointed and the areas of responsibility of for all directors will be reviewed.

New ALLMI Membership Certificate

ALLMI has recently issued a new look membership certificate. The certificate, which will be issued to every member company on an annual basis, will be signed by the ALLMI chairman and will state the company's membership number.



The new Allmi membership certificate

New Risk Assessment Template for Forum Members

ALLMI has recently launched a new template risk assessment form for Operators' Forum members. Developed by the Forum Executive Committee, the template was made available to members in June and will soon be uploaded to the members' area of the ALLMI website, which is undergoing a number of significant developments to bring more benefits to members.

ALLMI Training Levels Soar

For the period February to May 2007, ALLMI trained 1,226 lorry loader operators; more than a 28 percent increase on the same period in 2006. "We're extremely pleased with the number of operators trained so far this year," said ALLMI

general manager Tom Wakefield. "We believe it reflects the quality of the training programme, which is the only one for lorry loaders to be commended by the HSE and to be developed and maintained by the loader crane

manufacturers. We're also experiencing a boom in the number of people wanting to achieve ALLMI instructor accreditation, with more than a 50 percent increase in the number of instructors trained from February to May compared to last year."