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ALLMI delivers first AP course

ALLMI recently delivered the first pilot course for its new Appointed Person training programme, the only one of its kind in the UK aimed specifically at loader crane operations.

Following the stringent application process, candidates undergo an intensive training course which covers a total of 18 modules, including: legislation, roles & responsibilities, rated capacity, lift categories, assessing loads, site surveys, slinging/signalling, siting the loader and developing lifting plans. Alan Johnson, ALLMI technical director and chairman of the ALLMI Appointed Person Working Group, said: "The main purpose of the pilot course was to

obtain feedback on course material and assessments and to train two ALLMI instructors who will now play a pivotal role in helping to expand the delivery and availability of the training programme throughout the UK. Those two instructors will be running two further pilot courses in the coming weeks, after which we'll hold a meeting of the AP Working Group to review the feedback. We then hope to be in a position to release the course. So far, the feedback has



(L-R) Alan Roberts-Terex Atlas, Andrew Hollingsworth-Travis Perkins, Alan Johnson-ALLMI, Jason Moore-Moore Training, Steve Frazer-Brown-David Watson Transport.

been very encouraging, as has the demand for places on the pilot courses. With the recent introduction of BS7121 Part 4: 2010, which places increased

emphasis on the formalisation of lift planning and the role of the Appointed Person, we're expecting this course to be very popular with members and the industry in general."

Vertikal Days



The ALLMI stand at Vertikal Days

For the fourth successive year, ALLMI's presence at the Vertikal Days show proved a big success. Exhibiting alongside a host of loader crane manufacturers, the ALLMI stand was a hive of activity, with an impressive number of visitors over the two days.

ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "We've always found exhibiting at Vertikal Days to be a great way to promote the association and this year's show was no exception. We experienced a high level of activity on the stand and because of the specialist nature

of the show, every visitor we spoke to had a genuine interest in lifting operations. We already feel that the show was a success for us, but we expect to see further benefits over the coming months as we build upon some of the relationships we've established".

Operators' Forum General Meeting Review

On 17th June, ALLMI held its first Operators' Forum General Meeting of 2010. Tim Watson (CPA), Marcus O'Conner (HSE) and Alan Johnson (ALLMI) presented the ALLMI / CPA Best Practice Guide for the Safe Use of Lorry Loaders. This was followed by updates on EN12999 A3, Driver CPC accreditation for the ALLMI training schemes, the development of the new ALLMI Code of Practice and the recently issued guidance documents on thorough examinations, BS7121 Part 4 and the supply and use of remote controls. Forum chairman, Steve Frazer-Brown, updated delegates on the executive

committee's activities, including the introduction of a new membership application process, the provision of guidance on employee induction and the survey on health and safety requirements for sub-contractors, as well as supplier approval questionnaires. Frazer-Brown said: "the general meetings present an excellent opportunity to provide members with updates on a number of fronts and just as importantly obtain feedback on the projects we're involved in. With so many issues currently being dealt with by ALLMI, the meeting couldn't have come at a better time."

ALLMI / CPA Best Practice Guide (BPG) launched

On 16th June, at Vertikal Days, ALLMI and the CPA launched their 'Best Practice Guide for the Safe Use of Lorry Loaders'.

The launch included presentations from Marcus O'Connor of the Health & Safety Executive, Alan Johnson of ALLMI and Tim Watson of the CPA, with the aim of providing those present with an understanding of the document's content and objectives and promote support within the industry – the BPG is endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive, the Modular and Portable Building Association, the Safety Assessment Federation, the United Kingdom Contractors Group, the Pre-cast Flooring Federation, the National Construction College and Construction Skills. ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "With over 70 delegates attending the seminar it was a big success. It's pleasing to

see so much interest in the BPG as it's a document that will serve the industry well within terms of clarifying and expanding upon the requirements of BS7121 Part 4."

The content of the BPG includes:

- Planning
- Types of Hire Contract
- Roles & Duties of Personnel involved in Lifting Operations
- Selection & Training of Personnel
- Siting of Lorry Loaders
- Lorry Loader Operation
- Lifting Accessories
- Maintenance Checks & Inspection
- Thorough Examination

The BPG can be downloaded free of charge from www.allmi.com and www.cpa.uk.net

