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# ALLIVII & CPCS end affiliation talks

Many readers will be aware that further to ALLMI joining the CPCS management committee several years ago, discussions have been held between the two parties with the aim of introducing a single, nationally recognised card for loader crane operators working in construction. However, further to a detailed consultation process involving the ALLMI membership and the CPCS management committee, both organisations have announced the cessation of the affiliation and have confirmed that the two card schemes will remain independent in the construction sector.

ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "discussions have been on-going for some time, but recently it's become increasingly clear that it won't be possible to produce a single card for construction, mainly due to certain fundamental differences in the way that the two schemes are administered. There were several issues but what I mean by this, first and foremost, is that ALLMI member companies, the vast majority of which are directly involved in construction, are understandably passionate about the delivery of ALLMI training being a mandatory part of any training and testing procedure which is agreed upon and unfortunately it was not possible to reach consensus with CPCS on the inclusion of this requirement. There is recognition from ALLMI members of what CPCS is aiming to achieve for various items of plant across the construction sector, but as the loader crane experts, we feel that the ALLMI scheme offers the highest standard of training available for lorry loader operators and that

its provision is key to raising standards throughout the industry."

"Every effort has been made to make this agreement work, but it is not to be so. However, the affiliation has ended on amicable terms and both ALLMI and CPCS plan to maintain their good working relationship."

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, added: "our priority now is to continue developing our excellent relationship with the construction sector, with the single aim of improving standards in relation to loader crane activities. The ALLMI operator card is widely accepted by the UK's leading construction companies, many of which also use our Appointed Person training, and have expressed an interest in the forthcoming Crane Supervisor course. Being the UK's only trade association dedicated to the loader crane industry, it is our role to work with the construction sector to raise standards and we truly believe we are the best people to do that."





#### 10 Reasons to choose ALLMI training

- 1. The ALLMI scheme is fully compliant with the requirements of BS7121 Part 4: 2010 (the British Standard for lorry loaders) and is endorsed by the ALLMI / CPA Best Practice Guide (BPG) for the "Safe Use of Lorry Loaders". The BPG is endorsed by UKCG, SAFed, ConstructionSkills, the National Construction College, MPBA and HSE, and it can be downloaded free of charge from the ALLMI website.
- 2. ALLMI is the only accrediting body to specialise in loader crane training and delivers the only operator programme to be written by the loader crane industry, for the loader crane industry. The training standards are developed and maintained by the association's training committee, which consists of representatives from the HSE, UK loader crane manufacturers, importers, fleet owners and training companies.
- 3. ALLMI provides comprehensive technical and legislative support for its accredited instructor network, and ALLMI card carriers. No other body is able to offer such specialist advice and guidance in relation to the safe use of loader cranes.
- 4. The quality and standard of ALLMI's course documentation for both instructors and operators is unrivalled. Instructors receive the ALLMI Instructor Manual and a range of training aids which assist them in delivering the highest standard of training and assessment. Operators are issued with the ALLMI Operator Manual, which serves as a reference guide throughout their career.
- **5**. ALLMI is the only accrediting body to provide an Instructor Course which is geared specifically towards the delivery of loader crane training.
- 6. Quality, accredited and audited training forms the backbone of the ALLMI scheme, in addition to the rigorous assessment process that operators must successfully complete.
- ALLMI trains six times as many loader crane operators a year as any other scheme.
- 8. Due to the way in which the scheme is managed, the ALLMI programme provides employers with a comprehensive documented audit trail in relation to the training of operators, therefore providing essential support, should an accident occur.
- 9. ALLMI enjoys an excellent reciprocal working relationship with HSE. HSE has input into many of ALLMI's projects and standards and in turn, ALLMI assists HSE in communicating best practice and legislative requirements to industry. The ALLMI scheme is also the only one of its type to have received the HSE's "Working in Partnership" commendation when these were issued.
- **10**. ALLMI does not use NVQs or log books, as it believes that the most appropriate way to assist employers in determining competence is to administer refresher training and re-assessment on a periodic basis, as endorsed by Annex B, section 8.6 of BS7121 Part 4: 2010.

Ian Berrill, Fleet Director for Saint-Gobain Building Distribution, said: "ALLMI is totally committed to best practice and as such, is ensuring that our operators stay both productive and safe. So far over 1,000 members of our staff have successfully completed the ALLMI course."

Kevin Bennison, training manager at Emerson Crane Hire said: "I've been involved with lifting operations for a number of years and although I considered myself to be a very capable trainer, the ALLMI Instructor Course increased my level of understanding and adapted my teaching skills perfectly towards delivering lorry loader training. Since achieving accreditation, I've been very impressed with ALLMI's dedication to promoting best practice and the support that they have given me and our customers."