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## BS7121 Part 2 – Draft for Public Comment

The draft of the Loader Crane section for BS7121 Part 2 has recently been released for Public Comment.

Covering the subjects of Inspection, Maintenance and Thorough Examination, BS7121 Part 2 has been undergoing a detailed revision for approximately the past 18 months. For the first time, a more distinct separation has been made depending on crane types and this has resulted in a modular Standard which covers each sector in significantly more detail, e.g. BS7121 Part 2-1 (General), BS7121 Part 2-3 (Mobile Cranes) and BS7121 Part 2-4 (Loader Cranes).

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson who represents the association on Working Group MHE/3/11, the panel formed to address the issue of crane safety and testing said: "The modular approach to constructing this Standard means that each industry sector can provide far more detailed guidance and recommendations in relation to that particular type of crane. Furthermore, it permits a much greater emphasis on the requirements for effective maintenance, which we strongly endorse."

Certain parts of the new Standard have already been released, including the General section, Mobile Cranes, Tower Cranes and Overhead Travelling Cranes. The Loader Crane section, BS7121 Part 2-4, was released as a Draft for Public Comment on 1st March, with an end of April closing date. ALLMI is now seeking comments and suggestions from its members and the industry as a whole, in order to form a unified response, prior to the document's final editing and release.

For a copy of the draft Standard, please contact ALLMI.



## Emerson receives AP course as Op Comp Prize

As part of the prize for Kevin Bennison's success in the ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition 2012, employer Emerson Crane Hire received a free ALLMI Appointed Person course for five of its staff. Bennison, one of the delegates said: "We already had knowledge and experience of the role and duties of the Appointed Person, but it was extremely refreshing and beneficial to attend a course which is totally focussed on lorry loader lifting operations, we were very impressed."



"The course has a value of several thousand pounds, which together with the publicity we've received, the use of the Operator Competition logo, not to mention the cash prize and trophy for myself, taking the time to attend Vertical Days and take part in the event was definitely worthwhile and I intend to have another go this year."

The ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition 2013 takes place at Haydock Park on 26th & 27th June.

## Surge in membership growth for ALLMI

Further to yet another excellent year of growth in 2012, the start of 2013 has seen a surge in membership applications for ALLMI with no sign of slowing down. A recent addition to the membership is Cooper Mobile Services, which joined ALLMI in January. Jonathan Brimble, the company's business development manager, said: "Our engineers have vast experience with lorry loaders and have been testing the equipment for many years. However, access to ALLMI's Thorough Examination training will allow them to further sharpen their skills and also achieve a recognised form of accreditation, which is of critical importance to us. The training is just one of the many membership benefits we're planning to utilise and although we're new to the association, we are already confident that being part of ALLMI will become increasingly valuable in our efforts to continually raise our standards, keep abreast of technical and legislative developments and have input into an industry which is crucial to our business."

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield adds: "We are extremely happy with the start to the year and we certainly hope to maintain this growth rate throughout 2013. As an association, we feel that our voice is continually gaining strength and that our profile is being raised year on year. I'm pleased to say that we're continuing to build upon our already high levels of service and that the case for joining ALLMI is stronger than ever, which is reflected in the growth we're experiencing."

## HMF joins the ALLMI Village

HMF is the latest ALLMI member to sign up for Vertical Days, joining four other manufacturers already committed to exhibiting in the ALLMI Village - Palfinger (T H White), Atlas Cranes UK, PM and Cargotec.

HMF managing director, Ian Roberts, said "We've exhibited at several Vertical Days since its inception and it's been a pleasure to see the event grow and develop during that time. We've always found it to be very effective and the specialist nature of the show means that every visitor we speak to has a genuine interest in lifting operations, making exhibiting a very worthwhile investment. The developments made to the show and the ALLMI Village last year had a very positive impact on visitor numbers and product enquiries, and with further improvements planned for 2013, we're very much looking forward to taking part in what we expect to be the best Vertical Days to date."

