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# Three years for company director

Using the bucket on a telehandler as a form of powered access has cost a UK company owner/director. Allan Turnbull has been sentenced to three years in prison following the death of an employee, Kenneth Joyce, 53, who was thrown from a boom lift after the platform was struck by a beam that fell from a crane in 2008. Joyce fell more than nine metres to the ground and was then struck by another beam which landed on top of him.

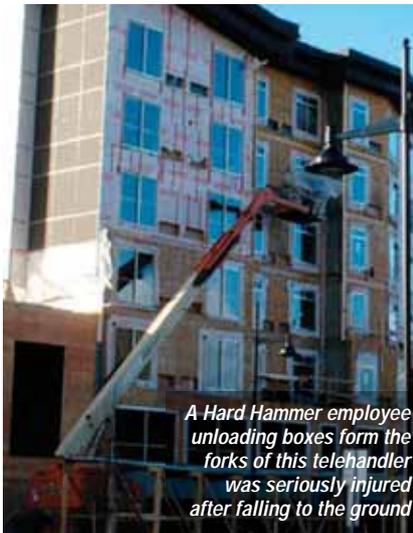
Turnbull, 61 owns A&H Boring and Machining which was contracted by North Eastern Marine Offshore Contracts (NEMOC) to dismantle a large building at the Swan Hunter shipyard in Wallsend, near Newcastle, even though it had no experience of taking down large structures. Christopher Taylor, 52, one of two directors of NEMOC, was convicted of consenting to, or conniving at, the failure to discharge duties under the Health & Safety Act and fined £30,000 plus £50,000 in costs.

Alison Norton, specialist prosecutor in the CPS Special Crime Division said: "Work in the shipyard was clearly dangerous and carried serious risks, but the real tragedy is that had a safe system of work been put in place to manage the risks, Kenneth Joyce's death could have been avoided. As his employer, Allan Turnbull failed to ensure his safety at work, as did NEMOC and one of its directors, Christopher Taylor. These failures had terrible consequences and I hope today's sentences provide some comfort to the Joyce family." NEMOC was fined £1 as it is now in liquidation.

# \$70,000 fine for Hard Hammer

Canadian contractor, Hard Hammer Construction was fined almost \$70,000 for a January 2011 incident at the Sutton Place Hotel at the Revelstoke Mountain Resort that injured two crane operators.

A 6.6 metre steel beam had been lifted into position the day before and tack welded in place. The two operators were standing under the beam as welders finished welding it, the tack welds gave way and the beam dropped around three metres, crushing the foot of one man and causing



*A Hard Hammer employee unloading boxes from the forks of this telehandler was seriously injured after falling to the ground*

serious leg grazing on the other. The WorkSafeBC investigation found numerous faults with the site including a lack of safety information, no shop or field drawings along with poor welding equipment and conditions. There was no instruction on a safe procedure for erecting the steel roof structure and the employer failed to provide adequate information, instruction, training and supervision.

In 2009 the company was fined \$61,398.50 when the superintendent in charge of construction at the Sutton Place Hotel interfered with two WorkSafeBC officers conducting an inspection. More recently one of its Vancouver employees fell around five metres while unloading boxes from a telehandlers forks. The WorkSafeBC preliminary investigation cites a number of problems. It says that Hard Hammer was using two boom lifts whose safety certifications had expired and was warned not to overload the lifts and to ensure that harness lanyards are properly connected.

It also found that the telehandler was positioned in the public road while lifting materials to the second floor, without traffic control measures and that it was not licensed to work on public roadways.

# Stars of the future

The CPA hosted the first 'Stars of the Future' plant mechanic apprenticeship awards at PlantWorx in May. The annual scheme has been devised by the CPA to recognise talented apprentices in colleges across the UK and attracted 489 entries in total.

There were separate prizes for Level 2 and Level 3 apprentices, with colleges selecting two apprentice as 'Stars of the Future', resulting in 20 regional winners. A panel of judges selected two national winners from the 20 - one at each level. They are:

**Level 2 - Nathan Wadiun** of Moortown Construction / Askham Bryan College and **Level 3 - James Scott** of A-Plant / Reaseheath College. They each received £1,000 in tool vouchers and a trophy.

Haydn Steele of the CPA, who along with Kevin Minton was responsible for developing the programme and organising the event said: "It was

amazing to see so much support for the 'Stars of the Future' from employers, trainers and the next generation of engineers. We have set a very high benchmark but intend to make the scheme even bigger and better next year." See the other regional winners on page 72.



Level 2 winner Nathan Wadiun.



Level 3 winner James Scott.

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 Dale McCarthy of GenSet/Bridgend College,  
 Jack Cox / National Construction College,  
 John Peat of Finnings / Finning Academy,  
 Josh Gravelle of Holt JCB / Wiltshire College and  
 Steffan McGrath from Marubeni Komatsu / Stafford College.

The **Regional Level 3 winners** are:

Phil Sullivan of Liebherr/ Stafford College,  
 James Thomason of William Hare / Myerscough College,  
 Samuel Gherezgiher of Speedy/Askham Bryan,  
 Scott Lewis of K&J Services / Bridgend College,  
 Geraint Williams of Jones Bros / Coleg Llysfasi,  
 Tom Wardle of Finning / Finning Academy,  
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