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ALLMI Crane Supervisor course update

The development of ALLMI's Crane Supervisor programme continues to gather pace following the latest round of pilot courses which are being held through December. Designed to assist employers in meeting their obligations under BS7121 Part 4, ALLMI's course complies with the requirements of this British Standard and equips those looking to fulfil the crane supervisor role with the required technical and legislative knowledge as well as a high level of practical skills.

ALLMI's technical director Alan Johnson said: "The crane supervisor is the person who controls the lifting operation and is responsible for ensuring that it is carried out in accordance with the Appointed Person's safe system of work."

"For basic and lower level intermediate lifts, where the operator is working on his own, it is quite reasonable for him to act as his own supervisor, but for the higher categories of lift, the role will usually need to be undertaken by

a dedicated member of the lifting team. For this reason the training requirements will differ. It must be stressed, however, that in all cases employers will need to be able to demonstrate that the person concerned has been appropriately trained and is competent to carry out their duties."

David Gale of 19 Transport, who recently undertook the training, adds: "I was extremely impressed with the quality of the course content and documentation and the way in which the training constantly



The ALLMI Crane Supervisor course includes the following modules:

Module 1: Course Introduction Module 2: Legislation Module 3: Roles & Responsibilities Module 4: Introduction to the Loader Crane Module 5: Rated Capacity Module 6: Hydraulic & Safety Systems Module 7: Pre-operational Checks Module 8: Maintenance & Testing Module 9: Lift Categories

refers back to, and is tied-in with, the requirements of BS7121 Part 4. It has strengthened my supervisory skills and has also qualified me to act in a stand-alone, dedicated role, which is often needed when the company undertakes its higher

Module 10: Assessing Loads Module 11: Siting the Lorry Loader Module 12: Accessories/ Attachments Module 13: Site Surveys Module 14: Slinging/Signalling Module 15: The Lifting Plan Module 16: Theoretical Assessment Module 17: Practical Assessment Module 18: Summary & Feedback

level intermediate and complex lifts. In my opinion, it was extremely worthwhile and I would recommend it to others looking to fulfil this role, regardless of the lift categories they are involved in."

Manager courses – are you complying with PUWER 9.2?

ALLMI's range of manager courses is proving increasingly popular and the association is experiencing a surge in demand for the training.

The courses assist companies in complying with the requirements of PUWER (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations) 9.2, which states: "Every employer shall ensure that any of its employees who supervise or manage the use of work equipment have received adequate training for purposes of health and safety, including training in the methods which may be adopted when using the work equipment, any risks which such use may entail and precautions to be taken."

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield comments: "The provision of manager courses is part of our on-going efforts to further improve the level of knowledge, awareness and competency within the industry, as well as compliance with the requirements of PUWER 9.2. Demand for the courses continues to grow, as companies recognise that those managers and supervisors who attend are gaining an even better understanding of the technical, legislative and operational issues relating to areas

of the business for which they are responsible. The knock-on effect of this is that standards are then raised throughout the company."

ALLMI provides the following courses for managers:

- · Lorry Loader Operator
- · Slinger/Signaller
- · Appointed Person
- · Thorough Examiner

A tribute to the late John Penny

ALLMI recently received the very sad news that one of its long serving committee members, John Penny of Penny Hydraulics, had passed away following his battle with cancer. Speaking for the association ALLMI chairman Mark Rigby said: "John was a staunch servant to the association and he played an extremely active part in many of our projects and activities. He was involved with ALLMI for many years and through his valued membership of the association's Technical and Training Committees, as well as BSI, CEN and ISO, he



played a significant role in the raising of standards. John was a credit to the lorry loader industry and he will be sorely missed by all."