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ALLMI will survey members on the details of an online accident reporting system

Accident Reporting System

ALLMI is working on an Accident Reporting System using the association's website, which will facilitate the confidential filing/submission of information. The forthcoming project was announced and warmly welcomed at the association's recent general meetings.

The first stage in the process will involve a survey of members on how the new initiative might work and what it should include etc, in order to ensure maximum uptake from within the loader crane industry.

The survey is due to take place between now and the end of the year, with the website development expected to be well underway by early 2016. The system will generate a broad range of statistics from the information submitted, allowing the association to create targeted safety campaigns and training programmes, therefore improving standards for all.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "Any details provided will of course be treated in the strictest confidence, or can be submitted on an anonymous basis. The information will lead to the periodic production and publication of statistics that will not only raise awareness and educate industry stakeholders, but will also allow us to focus our resources in the most effective way possible. We are looking forward to gaining members' support for this important initiative and reaping the rewards in terms of helping to reduce accidents and incidents throughout the industry."

ALLMI surveys instructors on future CPD events

Further to the success of its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) events held for instructors during the summer, ALLMI surveyed attendees in August in order to gather feedback and to obtain suggestions for future meetings of this type.

A common thread identified as a result of the survey was the desire from instructors to receive manufacturer specific training, as a result the association has taken the subject up with loader crane producers.

Technical director, Alan Johnson of ALLMI said: "Having received a positive initial response from manufacturers, our next step is to identify and prioritise the main needs and wishes of instructors in this regard. This will then allow us to submit a detailed proposal to the manufacturers in question. With this in mind,

a brief online survey has recently been launched in order to assist in collating the required information, and all instructors have been asked to participate. We are looking forward to receiving some detailed feedback and subsequently building on the content and quality of the 2015 CPD events."



ALLMI Smartphone App

Having undertaken an extensive planning exercise throughout 2015, development work on the ALLMI Smartphone App has now commenced. Initially being designed for iPhone and Android operating systems, the App will contain a suite of features that should appeal to a wide range of loader crane users.

Features will include details of various ALLMI training courses through to guidance documents and safety videos, as well as member and training provider search functions, and the latest industry news. It will also contain an Operator Course Booking Facility, which should prove to be a very handy and practical tool for accredited instructors.

In addition, the App will contain a range of calculator tools, which are intended to assist users in carrying out various roles within the industry. These include tools for calculating the vertical loadings placed on stabiliser legs and the mat sizes required for a particular lifting operation. In addition, there will be a tool for assisting with sling selection when handling cabins or containers, as well as one for determining the sail effect of wind



on any given load. Tools will also be available to help users determine whether a lift falls into the hired and managed, or contract lift category, and whether a site visit is required in advance of the lifting operation.

Look out for further updates as the development of the Smartphone App progresses. Should you wish to contribute ideas or suggestions please contact the association.

Market statistics released

ALLMI has published its loader crane industry sales figures for the first half of 2015. Compiled by an independent third party and with the involvement of the majority of manufacturers, the statistics show that invoiced sales in the first six months of the year increased almost 14 percent compared to the same period in 2014.

