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As part of a brand new regular feature *C&A* has teamed up with ALLMI Training, the training accreditation service of the Association of Lorry Loader Manufacturers and Importers (ALLMI) of Great Britain, to provide all the very latest training news, views and events from the UK loader crane sector. In this first part, Allmi training manager, Tom Wakefield, provides an introduction.

THE ASSOCIATION of Lorry Loader Manufacturers and Importers (ALLMI) was founded in 1978 and is today the UK's only trade association devoted exclusively to the lorry loader crane industry. It serves, represents and promotes the interests of its members and the industry at large and is the natural focus and authority on all issues involving the design, manufacture, application and use of lorry loader cranes.

The association currently has 44 members drawn from all parts of the industry, including manufacturers, agents and service providers. Many are world-class companies and household names in this specialist sector that have made a major contribution to the design and development of loader crane technology. But they all have one thing in common...promoting safe use and best practice of lorry loader cranes.

ALLMI's three main objectives are; to promote the safe use of lorry loaders; to ensure that the association is involved in the formulation of any legislation which affects the industry's interests and to promote compliance with training requirements embodied in current legislation.

With these objectives in mind, ALLMI decided to develop its own training scheme and the formation of ALLMI Training was a natural extension of the association's role as the champion of improved safety and operational performance in the UK lorry loader industry. Who better to introduce an accredited training programme than the organisation that has consistently pioneered better safety and

standards and, more to the point, has the experience, expertise and track record to ensure its success?

ALLMI Training serves as an accreditation service and standards body for the association and provides a training programme for operators of lorry loaders and accreditation for lorry loader training instructors.

The strength of ALLMI Training comes from the technical and training knowledge of its Standards Committee, which is made up of training and technical professionals from all of the major lorry loader manufacturers and importers within the UK. It also seats representatives from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and consults upon, maintains and develops all the training standards set by ALLMI Training.

With over 80 accredited instructors covering the whole of the UK ALLMI Training operates through a growing network of training providers whose instructors not only have to satisfy the stringent requirements of the initial accreditation process, but also consistently achieve agreed standards. Regular audits are conducted on all instructors to ensure a common high standard throughout the scheme.

ALLMI trained operators undergo a demanding course followed by both written and practical assessments. The course content covers 15 modules in total, including *legislation, pre-operational checks, operator maintenance, lifting attachments, siting the lorry loader, deployment of stabiliser legs,*



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operating the lorry loader, and stowing procedures.

Since its formation in 2001, the ALLMI Training scheme has gone from strength-to-strength, culminating in the recent allocation for the HSE's 'Working in Partnership logo'. The ALLMI Training scheme is the only lorry loader training scheme in the UK to have been given this level of recognition by the HSE. We are delighted that the HSE now commends the use of this training programme to all those who have duties under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. It reflects great credit to everyone involved in developing and delivering the scheme, nation-wide. ■