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RAHUL SETH JOINS IPAF BOARD

Rahul Seth, managing director of Indian generator and aerial work platform rental company Sudhir Group, was seconded to the IPAF board at the board meeting on June 27th.

Since taking over the day to day management of the business in 1997 the second generation Seth has promoted international and domestic expansion and played a leading role in taking the company's revenues to \$400 million. The company now employs 4,000 individuals across multiple generator manufacturing facilities in India, and runs a fleet of 3,000 generator sets, 1,000 material handling machines - forklifts, pallet trucks and telehandlers, and 6,500 aerial work platforms operating from 20 rental locations in India, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and the UK.

IPAF president Karel Huijser said: "We are thrilled to have Seth join the board. His track record, combined with his leadership credentials, aligns perfectly with IPAF's mission to promote the safe and effective use of powered access equipment worldwide."



RENTAL MARKET REPORTS 2024

IPAF has published its latest Rental Market Reports, one again compiled for IPAF by global business research company Ducker Carlisle, as part an online introduction video, which can be found on IPAF's YouTube channel.

The programme includes an introduction from chief executive Peter Douglas, an overview of the Italian rental market from Ducker's market analyst Theo Castel, and insights into the aerial work platform rental markets by Euan Youdale of Access International.

Some IPAF members - manufacturer, rental, dealer/distributor, and supplier members - qualify for a free copy of this year's report, while the video provides an overview of the data from the report. IPAF has worked with Ducker for the past 15 years to provide detailed insights into global powered access rental market trends and forecasts. The 2024 report covers the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, and the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, which together comprise the European markets under study, plus the US, Canada, and China.

The report estimates the size of the aerial work platform rental fleet worldwide and includes metrics such as rental revenue and rates, fleet size utilisation rates and more. The report also compares all countries under study and includes data analysis and comparison by country, region, and machine type.

For those that do not qualify for a free copy, the report can be purchased at the following prices:

Full global report + All countries:

IPAF Members: €798/£665/\$832

Non-Members: €2,082/£1,735/\$2,169

Global Report & One Country:

IPAF Members: €660/£550/\$688

Non-Members: €1,752/ £1,460/ \$1,825

Individual Country Report:

IPAF Members: €174/£145/\$182 (Free to selected membership categories)

Non-Members: €456/£380/ \$475

North America Report:

Members: €414/£345/\$432

Non-Members: €1,074/ £895/\$1,119

Peter Douglas said: "This year's webinar focuses on the Italian market, with valuable insights from Theo Castel, while Euan Youdale delves into the markets under study and the various factors affecting the rental market. I encourage all applicable member categories to take advantage of this comprehensive resource."

GLOBAL SAFETY REPORT

IPAF has released its 2024 Global Safety Report. The digital report looks at the primary causes of major injuries and fatalities of powered access machinery, aerial work platforms, mast climbers and construction hoists.

The report details data on industry sectors, incident locations, countries where incidents occurred, and incidents by machine categories, with a focus on fatal and major incidents.

Since IPAF began collecting accident data in 2012, there has been an increase in reported incidents, signalling heightened awareness and reporting around the world. Despite notable advancements in 2023, there is still much work to be done.

Alana Paterson, chairman of the IPAF safety committee said: "As a safety professional with over 20 years of experience in powered access equipment, I affirm that using powered access remains one of the safest methods for working at height, despite the incidents we experience. The global volume of machine movements far exceeds the number of incidents, yet serious injuries involving mobile elevating work platforms, hoists, and mast climbing platforms still occur."

IPAF's head of safety, Brian Parker added: "The digital transformation of the IPAF Global Safety Report represents a significant step forward. I want to thank our members and the users of powered access equipment globally for their contributions. Your continued commitment to reporting incidents through the IPAF Accident Reporting Portal is crucial in our efforts to enhance safety standards."

To view the 2024 report go to <https://www.ipaf.org/en-gb/gsr2024>

