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FALCON EXPANDS AND UPGRADES TRAINING CENTRE

UK tower crane sales and rental company Falcon Cranes has extended and updated its training centre.

The upgraded facility includes a refurbished training yard with three permanent training cranes - a luffer, a hammerhead and a self-erector - along with an all-new office building containing four training rooms with the latest audio visual technology providing improved facilities for both theoretical and practical learning.



INDEPENDENT CAP TRAINER



UK training company, 'The mewp training centre' has been approved to offer IPAF CAP (Competent Assessed Person) training courses, the first centre that is not owned by a sales or rental company.

The business is owned and operated by Paul Stray, who has teamed up with Tony Campana, an Approved IPAF CAP Assessor trading as Newton Training, to provide the CAP courses. The training company also offers all PASMA and IPAF courses and has collaborated with Access Platform Sales to offer training for the Wienold GML800 material lift.

SCAFFOLD SHOCK COULD COST NZ\$1.5 MILLION

In New Zealand WorkSafe - having completed its investigation - has laid charges following an incident in April 2022 that left a scaffold erector with a 20 percent chance of survival. Jahden Nelson, 28, had to have both arms amputated after he suffered an electric shock when the steel scaffold pole he was handling touched low-hanging overhead power lines at a building site in Auckland. He says that he and others assumed that the power lines had been disconnected.

Nelson, an employee of Supercity Scaffolding, suffered a heart attack after his body took the full voltage of the power line. He then spent six months at the national burns centre in Auckland before being transferred to City Hospital to learn how to walk again.



The identify of the charged 'entity' has been withheld as it has the right to seek name suppression. Worksafe said that the 'entity' had failed to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable the health and safety of those working on site.

It added: "The failure exposed workers to a risk of death or serious injury arising from the interaction between workers and overhead electric lines." The entity has now pleaded guilty and faces a penalty of up to \$1.5 million.

£535K FOR DROPPED CRANE BOOM

Repsol Sinopec Resources UK has been fined £535,000 after a man sustained life changing injuries when the 45 metre boom of a crane dropped to the deck of the Fulmer Alpha North Sea oil platform in September 2017. Enermech employees Greig Harwood, 40, and John Divers, 69, were hit by flying boom parts as a result of the impact.

Harwood, who was 34 at the time, suffered a fractured jaw and lacerations to his chest. He had his jaw wired together and three titanium plates fitted and could not eat solid food for four months. He also suffered psychological damage and has left the offshore industry. John Divers, who was 63, also required counselling sessions. It could have been worse, the boom narrowly missed a high pressure flare line, a gas line and the main oil line.

An investigation by the HSE found that the company had failed to carry out a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks of the work and had failed to maintain the crane braking systems and equipment in a safe condition before work commenced. Repsol Sinopec pleaded guilty and was fined £535,000.

OLIVER CROSBY & EDWIN HARRINGTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

US lifting and rigging equipment manufacturer, Kito Crosby has launched the 'Oliver Crosby & Edwin Harrington Memorial Scholarship' through the AWRF (Associated Wire Rope Fabricators) scholarship programme.

Named after Crosby and Harrington Hoist founders, the \$3,000 scholarship is open to North American AWRF member employees or their children pursuing an accredited technical/trade education.



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