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# Training levels soar for Slinger/Signaller course

2012 has seen a sharp rise in the uptake for ALLMI Slinger/ Signaller training, with registrations for February and March up 200 percent compared to the same period in 2011. ALLMI executive director Tom Wakefield said: "We are particularly pleased with these figures because for some time now we've been raising awareness of the need for operators to undergo separate slinger/signaller training. Many employers are under the impression that a lorry loader course also provides candidates with the knowledge and skills required for slinging and signalling, but this is not the case as additional training and assessment needs to be undertaken in order to be proficient in this area."



## **ALLMI holds WVTA Meeting**

Further to an amendment to Directive 2006/47/EC, ALLMI recently held another meeting of its Whole Vehicle Type Approval (WVTA) working group. Chairman Alan Johnson, said "the meeting facilitated some informal discussion concerning the preparations made for WVTA and allowed working group members to share their experiences to-date. In particular, we were aiming to check everyone's understanding of the key principles involved and to see whether or not ALLMI needs to produce any further guidance or updates to its members as a result of the recent changes to the Directive. Consequently, we should be in a position to provide an addendum or update to members within the next two to three weeks and may also be issuing a consultation on one or two key points."

## The dialogue continues

Towards the end of 2011, ALLMI established a working group of manufacturers and independent service repair agents to facilitate discussion on the issue of access to manufacturer software, fault-finding codes and training. Further to its formation, the 'Industry Software Collaboration' working group held its first meeting on 27th February, during which attendees agreed that some form of manufacturer training could be made available to independent service providers, in conjunction with the provision of fault-finding codes and related information. It was suggested that the ALLMI website be used to facilitate this process. A Continual Professional Development scheme was also proposed. Discussions are still on-going, not only amongst working group members but also with other manufacturers, as the aim is to implement any agreement on an industry-wide basis.

If you have any views on this subject or if you would like to know more, please contact ALLMI.

# Terms & Conditions update



ALLMI held the inaugural meeting of its Terms and Conditions working group this February, tasked with producing a standard set of "Terms and Conditions for a Lifting Contract with a Lorry Loader". The group has recently finished consulting on a first draft of the document and preparation of the second draft is currently underway, with the aim of reviewing the revised version at the group's next meeting which is scheduled for 17th May. The plan is to then launch an extensive consultation process on an industry-wide basis, including a substantial discussion on the topic at the Operators' Forum General Meeting on 28th June. The long-term goal is to produce a set of Terms and Conditions that are seen as the benchmark for the loader crane industry.

# Operator of the Year Competition 2012

ALLMI is holding its Operator of the Year Competition at Vertikal Days - June 27th/28th. Contestants will have their skills tested in relation to speed, accuracy and safety of operation, with a £250 cash prize for the winner, as well as the title of ALLMI Operator of the Year 2012.

ALLMI's Tom Wakefield, said: "we're very excited about this year's competition and have already received a great deal of interest from operators. Entrants will be required to place a load at specific points on and around the vehicle and, provided this is performed in the correct sequence, the winner will be the operator who completes the task in the fastest time. However, time penalties will be incurred for any dangerous movements. Not only will the winner be the proud bearer of the title 'ALLMI Operator of the Year 2012', they will also walk away with £250 in prize money. In addition and in order to incentivise companies to allow their operators to take part, the employer of the winning operator will be provided with a free ALLMI training course of their choice, the value of which could exceed £4,000, and will be entitled to use the 'ALLMI Operator of the Year 2012' logo.

While all operators at the show can take part, the association is encouraging pre-show registrations. This facility, together with the extensive promotion of the competition, has already led to a record number of applicants."

In order to register for the competition, please complete the Operator of the Year Competition registration form at www.allmi.com. Or call the ALLMI office on 0844 858 4334.



### **ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition 2012**

- ALLMI Village, Vertikal Days, Haydock Park, 27/28th June.
- £250 to the winning operator.
- Use of the "ALLMI Operator of the Year 2012" logo for the operator's employer.
- Free ALLMI training course for the employer.