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THIS ISSUE WILL INCLUDE FEATURES ON:

CRAWLER CRANES

The Crawler crane market is increasingly diverse both in terms of capacity and the number of manufacturers around the world. We take a look at the latest new products as well as some interesting projects.



VAN AND SMALL TRUCK MOUNTED PLATFORMS

With improved battery powered chassis, the van and small truck mounted platforms have continued to go down the all-electric path and hybrids. If you have any news or views, we would love to hear from you.



SOURCE GUIDE

This year's C&A Source Guide lists all the crane, aerial lift and telehandler manufacturers that are active in the international market, detailing the specific model types they offer. Make sure your company is not missed - check last year's issue.



TRANSPORT TRAILERS

Transporting equipment to and from its point of use safely and efficiently is a major cost and safety factor for rental companies and fleet owners. Trailers are increasingly being designed for specific applications. We will review the sector so let us know if you have any interesting new products or news.



INTERMAT SHOW REVIEW

Once one of the three major international shows - along with Bauma and Conexpo - Intermat in Paris, France is now becoming a more regional exhibition. However there will still plenty to see and hopefully new products will be launched.

Send any information, news, photographs or ideas on these subjects to editor@vertikal.net

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AN EXPENSIVE WAY UP

UK company European Active Projects (EAP) has been fined £100,00 and ordered to pay £5,730 in costs after employees were spotted using a forklift and pallet in order to work at height and remove equipment - including gas bottles - from the deck of a boat at Ramsgate Harbour in south east England in July 2022. The HSE found EAP had failed to plan the work at height leaving employees at risk, with no safe method for removing equipment from the vessels deck. This is EAP's second fine after an employee was spotted at Chatham Docks in 2015 walking on stacked containers.

HSE inspector, Samuel Brown said: "This incident demonstrates why there is a need to plan and supervise work at height. Clearly, lessons had not been learnt since the company's previous prosecution in 2015."



£900,000 FOR FATAL SCISSOR CRUSH

UK rental company Nationwide Platforms was fined £900,000 plus £12,405 in costs after employee, delivery driver Lee Benham, 45, was crushed while moving a scissor lift at its Liskeard branch in Cornwall, in November 2021. Benham and two other drivers arrived at the depot at 6am to load their trucks for the morning deliveries.

Benham went into the workshop to collect a 40ft slab electric scissor but had to move another scissor lift out of the way. The upper controller was clipped onto the toeboard, thus the controls were consequently reversed, so instead of it moving away from him, the lift came towards him, crushing him against the other scissor lift.

The HSE found Nationwide failed to consider the dangers of operating machinery with moveable controls, and failed to provide appropriate supervision when drivers were loading equipment, even though they had had all been trained and protocols were in place highlighting the risks of operating from the ground, while detailing the safest methods. The fact that there was no CCTV monitoring within the workshop was a factor taken into consideration. Nationwide is keen to share its experience with others in order to highlight this issue.

FATAL FORKLIFT FALL COSTS £325K

UK farming company M.A. Forshaw has been fined £320,000 after an employee fell from a forklift at a farm in Burscough, West Lancashire in January 2020. The man, Frank Schlachter, 64, was standing on a skip helping others tip food waste into the skip. The food waste container slipped off the forklift's tines, causing him to fall to the ground and sustain fatal head injuries. The fact that the container was faulty and could not be securely attached to the forks came out in the subsequent investigation.



The HSE found that M.A. Forshaw had not fully assessed the risks involved in the daily task and failed to maintain equipment in safe working order or properly instruct staff in safe working practices. The company was fined £320,000 plus costs of £4,574.

THREE NEW IPAF TRAINING AUDITORS

IPAF has appointed three new training auditors, Stuart Witts will cover Ireland while Oliver Sven Dahms will cover Germany and the Nordic countries and Marcel van der Vliet of 'Safety 1st Netherlands' will be responsible for the Benelux region.



ENERMECH EXPANDS TRAINING COURSES

EnerMech's training centre in Aberdeen, Scotland, has achieved two additional OPITO (Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organisation) accreditations, covering courses on lift planning, lift operations and lifting equipment regulation, supporting its expansion in the nuclear and clean energy sector.



CPL INTERNSHIP AT SILVERSTONE



UK sales and installation company CPL has launched an internship programme for students from Silverstone University Technical College in Northamptonshire. The students - aged between 14 and 19 - will undertake practical, hands on projects in design, development and the maintenance of aerial work platforms working alongside experienced staff. The programme will take them through new product development and enhancing existing products, while looking at emerging technologies.

Managing director Paul Murphy said: "This internship programme is designed to be a dynamic learning experience, offering students the opportunity to enhance their skills and get a real understanding of working within an engineering business."



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?



Received from the USA, three men working on roof level lighting, using a Rough Terrain forklift as access equipment - but it is just not quite high enough.