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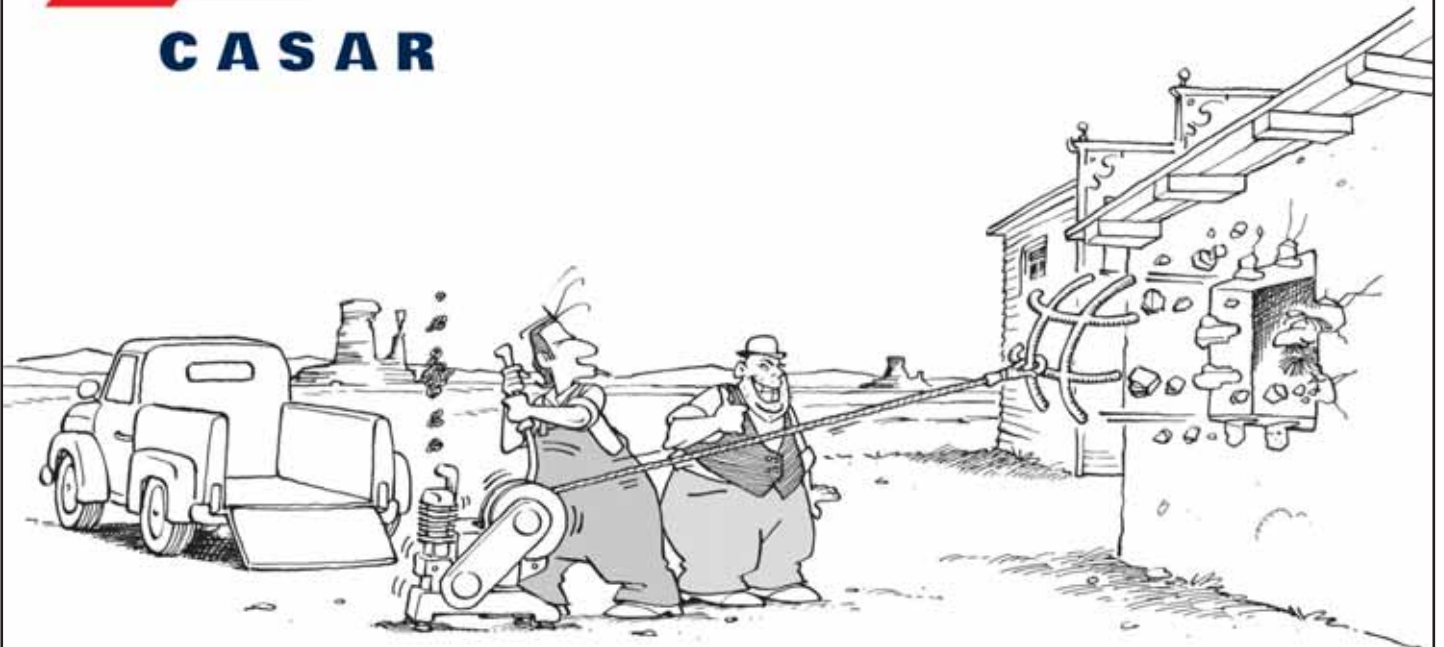
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Judith Hackitt at Safety & Health Expo

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PASMA focus

Peter Bennett, managing director of PASMA, was delighted to have the opportunity of welcoming the new chairperson of the HSE, Judith Hackitt, to the AIF Access Industry Village at Safety & Health Expo. Speaking at the 'Village', Hackitt said: "Exhibitions like these are

great for the industry as they showcase the latest products and technologies. They also give advice about how to get the job done, not stop the job - that's the most important thing." The AIF, the Access Industry Forum, is the umbrella organisation

representing the principal trade bodies and associations connected with working at height. A visit to the website www.accessindustryforum.org.uk has a good deal more information.



Judith Hackitt with PASMA MD Peter Bennett and other exhibitors at the AIF access industry village.

ACCESS IN ACTION

Gaining access over the top of a conservatory is always a challenge, with all that glass a boom lift can be a liability. Pasma member Atrium access of Rainham Essex installed this very practical solution recently, with two single width towers and a double scaffold board working platform.



New inspection posters

PASMA has launched two new posters, both of which list the main things to check when inspecting a mobile access tower. The posters are also available as convenient PocketCards that provide a quick and easy reference for use on site. PASMA pocket cards cost just £15 for a pack of 50. More information at www.pasma.co.uk



PASMA people profile



The current PASMA chairman Paul Gallacher is long time council member.

Paul Gallacher has worked in the access industry for more than 30 years and is currently sales director of Deeside-based Pop-Up Products Limited which emerged from Northern Scaffold Group - NSG late last year. Gallacher joined the company back in 1982 and has played a key role in introducing new ideas and products to the access market.

He lists his interests as golf, swimming and watching Manchester United which he recently travelled to see win the European Championship in Russia. He enjoys travelling in general, particularly in Spain.

Known for his positive attitude to life, work and his role as chairman of PASMA, Gallacher is a hard working ambassador for the Association. He says: "PASMA has a very important role to play in advancing safety and best practice in the mobile access tower industry and I am proud to be able to play a part in advancing its aims and objectives."

"I look forward to reporting on the significant progress made by the Association over the past year at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, of course, meeting PASMA members from all over the country."

The PASMA Online Shop

The number of items available from Pasma's online shop continues to grow, and currently includes the following items:

- 'Accidents Don't Just Happen!' DVD
- 'Don't Fall For It' DVD
- PASMA Code of Practice
- PocketCard No.1 (Tower Assembly)
- PocketCard No.2 (Tower Inspection)
- PASMA Tower Inspection Record
- Product Standard BS1139-6:2005
- Product Standard BS8454:2006
- Product Standard BS EN 1004:2004
- Product Standard BS EN 12810-1:2003
- Product Standard BS EN 12810-2:2003
- Product Standard BS EN 12811-1:2003
- Product Standard BS EN 12811-2:2004
- Product Standard BS EN 12811-3:2002
- Product Standard BS EN 1298:1996

GUIDE TO SAFELY WORKING AT HEIGHT

The 26th June is the date chosen by Construction News magazine for the publication of its 'Guide to Safely Working at Height' supplement. With input from industry experts at the Access Industry Forum, including PASMA, this practical guide will tackle the dangers of working at height in the construction sector, ranging from falls from extreme heights to falling from trailers.

PASMA AGM at Moxhull Hall

Places are still available at this year's annual general meeting which takes place next month on Tuesday, 15th July. The agenda is currently being fine tuned and will include a wide range of topics, including an update on the associations five year development plan.

A limited number of rooms are available at Moxhull Hall on a first come first served basis.

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