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ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition 2012

Further to his success in the ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition at Vertikal Days, Kevin Bennison of Emerson Crane Hire was recently presented with his award, as well as a cash prize of £250. Bennison said "I'm extremely pleased to have won the award in what was a very tight competition. My employer was particularly pleased because as well as the right to use the ALLMI Operator of the Year logo as part of our livery, the prize also includes a free ALLMI training course of the company's choice. We've opted to put six candidates through the ALLMI Appointed Person course, about which many industry colleagues have spoken extremely positively. This will enhance the knowledge and expertise within our workforce, as well as saving the company over £3,000 in training costs."

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, who presented Bennison with his award said: "the cornerstone of the ALLMI scheme has always been the safe and efficient use of lorry loaders, and the ALLMI Operator of the Year competition allows people to prove that they can do that better than anybody else. In what was a very competitive event this year with an

extremely high standard of operation, Kevin has done well to finish ahead of the field and so is a worthy winner."

A video of the presentation can be seen on www.allmi.com



The ALLMI Operator of the Year 2012 logo.



Terms & Conditions Update

In May this year ALLMI sent out a draft of its "Terms & Conditions for a Lifting Contract with a Lorry Loader", and opened a consultation phase for members to provide feedback on the document's content. The period for comment has now closed. The document will now be reviewed by ALLMI's solicitors in order to ensure that any legal issues are addressed. Any required changes will be reviewed by the Terms & Conditions Working Group, after which the document will be issued to members for their use. In the early stages the Working Group will meet periodically in order to review any feedback received and to establish whether changes are required. "We're confident that the Terms & Conditions will very quickly become the benchmark for the lorry loader industry and something that our members' clients will recognise as a guarantee of best practice and added value," said technical director Alan Johnson.



Why is Slinger Training so Important?

Further to a court case concerning a serious injury to a loader crane operator, ALLMI's recent general meetings saw Ian Simpson, principal specialist inspector for the Health & Safety Executive, deliver a presentation on "The Importance of Slinger Training".

The subject of formal slinger/ signaller training for loader crane operators is one which ALLMI has been promoting for some time, with the Association reporting a surge in demand for its slinger/signaller course earlier in the year. Technical director, Alan Johnson, who plays a lead role in the development of all ALLMI course material and training standards said: "Ian Simpson's accident report provided a valuable example of why slinger training is so important and why ALLMI has been so keen to raise awareness of this issue throughout the industry. Unfortunately, many employers do believe that putting their operators through a lorry loader course provides them with a sufficient level of skill, knowledge and understanding to act as a slinger, which is not the case. Specific training and assessment should be undertaken in order to be proficient in this area, and this is a requirement under the Health & Safety at Work Act, PUWER and BS7121 Part 4."

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield, added: "the use of inadequately trained slingers can cause accidents or lead to costly legal action or damaged equipment. A properly trained slinger is also a more profitable one, providing higher levels of efficiency and less down time, as well as a safer working environment."

Demand Soars for ALLMI Operator Training

ALLMI has seen a 20 percent increase in the uptake of its lorry loader operator programme, with the scheme heading for its most successful year to date. The number of people looking to achieve instructor accreditation and demand for other ALLMI courses is also up.

"We're extremely fortunate to have such committed members and training providers who genuinely want to see standards raised within the industry, and who are happy to give up their time to participate in the various working groups and committees. This structure ensures our training programmes continually evolve in line with industry requirements, and that they really are the only ones available written by lorry loader people, for lorry loader people," said Tom Wakefield of ALLMI.