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Time lapse videos of scaffold tower assembly

PASMA is offering a 'behind the scenes' look at scaffold towers being assembled during its last conference, including several complex structures that were built to specification. The series of time lapse videos show the assembly of:

- A six metre linked tower
- Scaffold towers with bridges
- Four 1.8 metre towers with six metre bridge
- Scaffold tower on stairs
- A 5.6 x 2.9 metre large deck



The videos help show how the flexibility of configuration, strength combined with lightness and speed of assembly and dismantling make towers the ideal solution for accessing height in a variety of challenging and demanding situations.

You can watch the videos at: pasma.co.uk/conference/tower-showcase-2019

The complex structures were designed and built by PASMA Hire & Assembly members, which includes companies that provide rental, consultation, specification, design, assembly and dismantling services for advanced tower builds. They all employ trained specialists who have successfully completed the PASMA Towers for Professional Riggers Course, a five day course incorporating daily examinations and practical assessments. Completing the course ensures that the riggers undertaking the work have the experience and expertise necessary to build large, complex and advanced towers to agreed specifications.



Brexit support for the Work at Height sector

The Access Industry Forum, of which PASMA is a key member, has joined forces with the Hire Association Europe & Event Hire Association in order to improve their members' readiness for Brexit.

With funding provided by The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the associations hosted a series of free breakfast briefings and online seminars during October.

Speakers included:

- Philip Aldrick, economics editor of The Times
- Neil Amner of Anderson Strathern
- Carl Gardiner of Scottish Development International
- Arvi Virdee of Smartec Business Solutions
- Louise Shaw a solicitor with Pinsent Masons

The recordings of these presentations are available at: accessindustryforum.org.uk/brexit

Graham Arundell of the Hire Association Europe said: "We have continuously highlighted Brexit preparedness as a vital requirement for hire businesses and suppliers. By working together with fellow associations and with this dedicated additional funding, we will be able to expand our reach and help businesses to navigate these uncertain times."

PASMA's Peter Bennett who also chairs Access Industry Forum added: "This is a critical time for all UK businesses, and it is essential that we work together to ensure that we do all we can, in the most effective and efficient way, to help our members prepare for the uncharted waters ahead".



Free PASMA Tower Guides

PASMA has released a set of PDF resources for people who need to know what training courses, standards and documentation are associated with different types of scaffold towers. They are particularly useful as easy reference guides for health and safety practitioners and for displaying on training centre walls. The set includes:

- Mobile access tower
- Cantilever tower
- Tower on stairs
- Towers with bridges
- Low level work platforms
- Complex tower structures



These guides are free to download and use.

You will find them here: pasma.co.uk/conference/tower-showcase-2019

PASMA mobile app

The PASMA mobile app is free to download and provides a huge range of practical information that can be used on a day to day basis to support safety, enhance competency and simplify the whole process of information gathering. You can:

- Download manufacturers' instruction manuals
- Read the PASMA Code of Practice
- Search the PASMA member directory
- See our latest news and events

The app is available for iOS and Android. Search your app store for 'PASMA' or visit pasma.co.uk/about/pasma-mobile-app-and-android to download.



Health and Safety North

PASMA exhibited at Health & Safety North at EventCity, Manchester last month, along with other members of the Access Industry Forum (AIF).

In addition, Brian Parker of AIF and chairman of PASMA's Training Committee, took part in a popular Knowledge Exchange session on the topic of 'Working at height and preventing falls'. The session was chaired by Chris Kendall, Chair of the AIF's Marketing & PR Committee.

The AIF comprises 11 of the leading trade associations and federations involved in promoting safe work at height and good practice.



For more information about the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and the No Falls Foundation charity for working at height, please visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk and www.nofallsfoundation.org