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Manitowoc has officially opened its latest Crane Care centre in Pune, India

Potain Crane Care India

Manitowoc has opened its latest Crane Care training centre at the Potain manufacturing facility in Pune, India.

The new centre will offer crane technicians hands-on and classroom based training on Potain tower cranes, while also making use of simulators to help delegates understand electrical and mechanical principles, practice troubleshooting procedures and learn basic lessons on software programming. There are around 2,000 Potain tower cranes currently operating in India.

The new centre joins other Manitowoc training centres in Italy, France, China, Singapore and the UAE.

Suspended platform training

Industrial Training International (ITI) has launched the suspended personnel platform trained user course. Developed in partnership with US based man basket manufacturer Lifting Technologies, the four hour online course allows delegates to plan and execute all stages of the lift. This includes providing training on pre-operational inspection, proof test, trial lift, rigging and crane check, pre/post lift meetings and post-operational inspection. Following a final written exam, delegates will be issued a trained user certification, while an authorised user card may also be issued following the completion of a field evaluation form.



LEEA engineering apprenticeship

The Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA) is requesting UK training providers to submit a funding proposal for the new level 3 standard lifting equipment technician apprenticeship.

The course will teach apprentices how to repair, maintain, modify, inspect, test, install and assemble lifting equipment to ensure its suitability and safety for a continued period of service.

LEEA vice chairman Kat Moss said: "We are inviting training providers to come forward and help us to gain a funding band allocation to deliver this new engineering apprenticeship. We completely understand that this is a difficult time for further education, but we have a 'good to go' offer here in the engineering sector, where demand for this apprenticeship is high."

LEEA are looking for training providers for its new equipment technician apprenticeship.



Telehandler incident costs \$31,500

Australian livestock producer Hewitt Cattle Australia has been fined \$30,000 with costs of \$1,515 after an aerial work basket broke free from a telehandler seriously injuring the two occupants. One of them injured men - a subcontractor named Ryan Watts - was also fined \$4,000 for failing to produce documents or information and ultimately hindering the subsequent WorkSafe investigation.

Ryan Watts was working from the platform attachment of a telehandler when it broke free



The cattle station had provided the telehandler to the two subcontractors to install downpipes on a large open shed in Ambalindum in February 2018 when basket fork attachment separated from the boom causing it to drop 2.5 metres. The injured men were airlifted to the local hospital where they were treated for serious and life changing injuries.

An investigation found that although the two contract workers had been given a health & safety handbook outlining safe working methods and requirements for carrying out high risk applications, the company failed to carry out a risk assessment or check the competencies and training of the those involved. It stated that the company relied on its written processes without having regard to its duty in its practical implementation.

Bill Esteves, senior director of NT WorkSafe, said: "Providing an operational procedure manual is only part of the duty, as duty holders must also ensure workers are trained and competent in the safe use of equipment. Most importantly, equipment should never be operated without a risk assessment to determine whether further controls are necessary to eliminate hazards from the workplace."

\$91,000 for crane fatality

Canadian contractor Manitoba Ltd, which trades as Matt Reimer Construction, has been fined \$65,000 with a surcharge of \$26,000 after a 'lifting device' malfunctioned, causing a steel tube to strike a man working on the site near Plenty, Saskatchewan in May 2019, inflicting serious injuries that led to his death.

The company was charged with failing to ensure that every hoist, crane and lifting device on site was designed, constructed, installed, maintained and operated to perform safely for any task for which it is used.

Who trained him then?

Spotted somewhere in the USA, a utility linesman who has combined a bucket truck with a long ladder in order to reach his work and avoid overhead cables.

