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# ALLMI Operators' Forum - 15 year anniversary

15 years ago, ALLMI opened its doors to fleet owners by establishing its Operators' Forum division, having previously only granted membership to manufacturers, service companies and ancillary equipment suppliers.

The move has proved a great success and one that has played a key role in the impressive phase of growth and development that ALLMI has experienced during recent years. Chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "In 2005 we received interest from several fleet owners regarding membership and this coincided with discussions we were already having concerning ways in which we could expand the association to be even more effective in achieving our aim of raising standards throughout the lorry loader industry. The solution was obvious and in February 2006 we held the inaugural meeting of the Operators' Forum. Since then, the Forum has gone from strength to strength and now makes up around half of the ALLMI membership. There is no doubt that having fleet owners on board facilitates an even greater interchange of ideas and opinions, which further improves our ability to identify and address the key issues affecting safety and good practice."

Mobile Mini is a long standing member of ALLMI's fleet owner division, the company's lifting operations manager Nick Sesevic, a member of the Operators' Forum Executive Committee for the past year added: "Our company undertakes over 100,000 lorry loader operations every year and so this is a sector which is crucial to our business. We joined ALLMI because we wanted to be part of a body with a strong, collective voice on lorry loader issues, and that would keep us well informed on matters regarding legislation, standards, technical issues and safety."

"ALLMI membership has certainly given us these benefits but has also far exceeded our expectations. The association does a great job of representing the industry and the level of support and guidance we receive is second to none. In addition, even though Mobile Mini's reputation for health and safety has always been excellent, we have seen our credibility further enhanced by being part of the association and bearing its logo."

If you run lorry loaders and would like to know more about membership, please contact ALLMI or visit www.allmi.com/operators-forum.

#### **Election time**

ALLMI has concluded its annual election process for the positions of chairman and Operators' Forum chairman. Alan Johnson, managing director of Palfinger UK, was elected to continue as chairman of the

association, whilst Steve Frazer-Brown, health & safety director of David Watson Transport, was reappointed to chair the Operators' Forum.

> Alan Johnson (left) & Steve Frazer-Brown





## CAP 1096 trial reminder

As previously reported, in September last year the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) delayed the implementation of its updated 'CAP 1096 Guidance to Crane Users on Aviation Lighting and Notification', a publication which places duties on crane operators to mitigate the risk of collisions with aircraft. Originally targeted for 1st October 2020, the new requirements will come into force on 31st May this year, with the CAA using this postponement period to conduct a formal trial of the new notification systems, and to undertake further consultation of CAP 1096 content.

As the postponement was prompted by industry concerns over the significant new requirements, wide scale participation in the trial is essential in providing valuable feedback to the CAA. Should any stakeholders wish to take part in the trial, they should contact the CAA: ARops@caa.co.uk



#### **Requirements of the new CAP 1096**

All crane operations, regardless of location, should be notified in advance to the CAA if at any stage during the planned lift the highest point of the crane or load will exceed 10 metres above ground level or the surrounding structures or trees (if higher). The CAA will then identify parties that may be affected by the crane and notify them accordingly.

For lifts of this type where there is less than five working days for notification, the crane user is required to contact all aerodromes that have perimeters within 18.5 km from the location of the crane, as well as the CAA.

Note: the above requirements cover all types of crane operation and so include the raising of booms when carrying out repairs or thorough examinations. However, this type of activity can be addressed by a periodic, blanket approval for the site in question.

### Membership subs rebate

ALLMI has announced that it will provide a further 25 percent rebate against membership subscription fees, a move which follows an identical initiative by the association in May 2020.





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