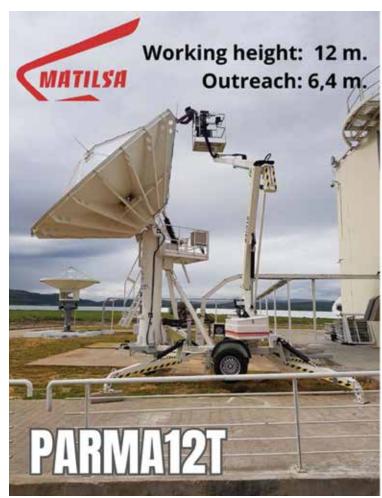


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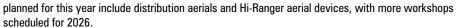


TEREX BEGINS FOCUSED

WORKSHOPS

Terex Utilities has replaced its annual Service School in Watertown, South Dakota with dedicated equipment maintenance workshops for mechanics. The new format began in January and focuses on specific equipment rather than the previous multi-equipment approach.

The workshops cover load charts, periodic inspections, troubleshooting and outrigger leakage testing. Additional sessions



Terex customer service manager Kenny Vlasman said: "We changed the format to focus on one subject with a smaller group. At past Service Schools, we received comments from participants about equipment models they don't have in their fleet, which made certain stations not applicable."



The Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA) hosted its Southeast Asia regional event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, earlier this year with 70 delegates from 35 companies attending the event.

Guest speakers included William Hackett's Ben Burgess discussing offshore lifting applications, Kito Crosby's Stuart Glennie on innovation in lifting and rigging, and ISO Group founder Frank Tan covering crane lift planning software. Regional managers from the UK, Middle East and Australia/New Zealand also provided updates on their territories.



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

Taken in Swansea, Wales, two men working on a chimney from a very long ladder. If such ladders are sold, they are normally ok to be used... but not to work from. It looks as though the ladder might be footed against the building next door which helps, but then one of them has climbed off the ladder - always a dodgy manoeuvre - and is standing on the chimney itself.



BUILDER FINED AFTER FALL FROM ROOF

A self-employed builder from Todmorden, north of Manchester, in the UK, has been ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work and pay £2,500 in costs after a labourer, Jacob Thomas, 29, fell four metres through a barn roof on his first day of work suffering severe injuries including a brain haemorrhage.

The HSE found that employer, James Dargan-Cole, 25, had failed to properly assess working at height risks and had not considered the presence of asbestos in the roof structure.

HSE principal inspector Paul Thompson said: "Mr Thomas suffered horrific injuries due to the failure to ensure protective fall prevention or collective fall mitigation measures were in

place. These are well known and long standing within the industry. This incident came about as a result of poor planning, management and monitoring of activities during work at height."



COUNCIL FINED AFTER CHRISTMAS TREE INCIDENT

In the UK, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council has been fined £200,000 after an untrained employee was injured when a six metre christmas tree fell on to the scissor lift he was operating at Bury Market in Greater Manchester.

James Lyth, 32, suffered concussion, severe bruising to his ribs and a leg injury requiring surgery. The injuries left him wheelchair bound and on crutches, leading to two months off work.

The HSE found that the council had failed to provide scissor lift operator training or carry out sufficient risk assessments for the work to which the council pleaded guilty.

HSE inspector Leanne Ratcliffe said: "It is important for industry to understand the importance of a risk assessment and training when using

work platforms.
Access to these
platforms should
be limited to
those trained and
anyone who isn't
trained should
not be allowed to
use them."

