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BOARD APPOINTMENT

Following the association's election process, **Antony Fensom of Leeds Commercial Vehicle Hire, a fleet engineer with 35 years of industry experience, has been elected to the ALLMI board.**

Speaking of his appointment, he said: "We joined ALLMI in 2010 and have seen membership add tremendous value to our business during that time. The training and technical resources available have been fundamental in helping us to build our reputation within the lorry loader sector, and we are staunch advocates of the high standards developed and promoted by the Association. I would like to think my current role and experience will allow me to bring a fresh perspective to discussions."



Antony Fensom

NEW EXEC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ALLMI's elections have also resulted in three new members of the Operators' Forum Executive, with Dan Saunders of Travis Perkins, Kevin Buckler of Bimson Haulage, and Nigel Cox of Eagle Plant all joining the Committee for the first time.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield, said: "We are delighted to welcome Dan, Kevin and Nigel to the committee. Together with Nick Sesevic of Algeco UK, who takes over as forum chairman, this election has seen the most substantial restructuring of the executive since its formation in 2006, and we look forward to working with the new committee to support the continued development of ALLMI's fleet owner division."

Executive committee election results:

Nick Sesevic (chairman) - Algeco UK	Mark Keily - Sunbelt Rentals
Andrew Packham - Sussex Transport	Nigel Cox - Eagle Plant
Dan Saunders - Travis Perkins	Paul Bishop - Axle Haulage
Kevin Buckler - Bimson Haulage	



Dan Saunders



Kevin Buckler



Nigel Cox

BS 7121 PART 1 REVISION

Stemming from discussions held by the industry panel tasked with reviewing BS 7121 Part 4, last year BSI made the decision to restructure the entire BS 7121 series.

Whilst this significant undertaking will bring numerous benefits, one of its primary aims is to reduce duplication across the various Parts of 7121. For this reason, the first step is to revise Part 1 'Code of practice for safe use of cranes - General', establishing a foundation for the other related standards to build upon.

ALLMI technical manager and chairman of MHE/3/5, Keith Silvester, is a member of the panel carrying out this work, he said: "The Part 1 revision started in December, and we have been meeting fortnightly throughout this year to date. A great deal of early stage tasks consisted of collating and organising previously recorded comments and ideas, as well as planning the project. With that addressed, the panel is now reviewing several important definitions and principles, the agreement of which will provide a strong basis for future discussions, as well as fundamental threads that run throughout the 7121 series, ensuring consistency and alignment."

The revision of Part 1 will continue during 2026 and ultimately lead on to revisions for other Parts, including 3 (Mobile Cranes), 4 (Lorry Loaders), 5 (Tower Cranes), and 7 (Bridge and Gantry Cranes).

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MARKET STATISTICS - REMOTE DEMAND

ALLMI has published its loader crane industry sales figures for the second half of 2025, completing the market analysis for the full year. One of the most notable trends was the continued high level of demand for remotes, with around 70 percent of invoiced sales relating to lorry loaders with control units of this type, rising to nearly 100 percent for cranes above 16 tonne/metres.

Although remote controls offer operational advantages, it is important to remember that their misuse can also introduce potential hazards. To address this, ALLMI provides a range of free guidance materials on the safe use of remote controls, including an online video, a toolbox talk, and an information leaflet designed for operators and their immediate supervisors.

These resources can be accessed at: allmi.com/safe-use-of-remote-controls.



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