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New Technical Manager for ALLMI

ALLMI recently appointed a new full time technical manager, Alan Johnson, who comes with a wealth of experience in the loader crane industry, Johnson is responsible for the technical aspects of ALLMI's activities, which includes managing all technical projects and playing a significant role in the auditing of ALLMI's training providers and membership applicants. He has also taken charge of ALLMI's buyers' co-operative in order to further enhance commercial services to members.

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "we're very pleased to have secured the services of someone as experienced and competent as Alan in a full time technical role. His loader crane experience spans more than 20 years, including a spell running a UK loader crane importer and a service / repair company, Alan is not only the ideal person in terms of expertise and technical knowledge, but also for his ability to empathise with member companies and the issues that they face on a day to day basis. We're extremely confident that Alan's appointment will help us to significantly build upon the progress we've made during recent years."

Johnson, adds: "My job will involve working closely with the ALLMI board and committees, as well as communicating effectively with



ALLMI's members and training providers in order to tackle any relevant technical issues and to drive the Association forward in terms of its work on setting standards for the industry. I'll also be developing the Association's buyers' co-operative, which is becoming increasingly important to members given the current economic climate."

Chairman election results

Following the recent elections for chairman and Operators' Forum chairman. Mark Rigby of Palfinger importer, T H White, will serve a third consecutive year as chairman of the association, whilst Steve Frazer-Brown of David Watson Transport makes it three years in a row as chairman of the Operators Forum.

Frazer-Brown, said: "I've been in the role of Forum chairman since its formation in 2006, during that time, with excellent support from Forum members and the ALLMI board, we've been able to take some significant steps forward in terms of developing standards for fleet owners and increasing the Forum membership. However, there's still a great deal of potential for further progress in these areas and I'm looking forward to playing a key role in addressing these issues while continuing to raise the profile of ALLMI throughout the industry.

Rigby said: "Over recent years we've seen ALLMI make a tremendous amount of progress and the Association is really gaining momentum on a number of fronts. It's my wish to see this phase of development through to completion and to therefore leave ALLMI in an even more robust position for my eventual successor."



ALLMI General Meeting

The next General meeting for ALLMI's manufacturer / importer and service agent members will take place on the 21st April in Coventry. Members will receive the usual updates on ALLMI's trading performance and project activities, along with presentations from Serge Cren of business communication specialists, Difference Corporation and ALLMI technical manager, Alan Johnson, covering the projects he has planned for 2009.

Tom Wakefield, ALLMI executive director said: "Whilst our priority will always be to focus on the setting of standards for the industry, we feel that it's more important than ever to develop the commercial services that we offer to members via the ALLMI buyer's co-operative, and we're confident that Difference Corporation can play a part in this. Of course the General meeting will also provide the ideal opportunity for Alan Johnson to address the members and to not only tell them of his plans for his first year in the technical role, but also to get their feedback in terms of what they feel the priorities should be.

BS7121 Part 4 at Review Stage

Following seven meetings held throughout 2008 and early 2009, the BS7121 Part 4 Working Group has recently submitted the first draft of the revised standard to the British Standards Institution (BSI).

The process for publication of the standard will be as follows:

- The document will be submitted to the BSI loader crane committee, MHE/3/11, for approval.
- MHE/3/11 will send the draft to the BSI editor for formatting into a draft for public comment.
- The BSI editor will send the draft to the main BSI crane committee, MHE/3, for approval to go to public comment.
- Once approved, the draft will be put out for public comment for a period of three to six months.
- At the end of the public comment stage, MHE/3/11 will meet to consider and resolve the public comments that are received.

- Once all the comments have been dealt with, the BSI editor will produce a final draft, which will go to MHE/3 for final approval to publish.

Given the extensive process the document has to go through before it's officially approved by BSI, the new standard, is unlikely to be published until sometime in 2010.

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "we're very pleased that the draft is now complete and we'd like to thank the working group members and their employers for all their time and hard work over the last 12 months."

