



Chief Executive's report

Crane Register deadline draws near

The listings for the crane register have gone out and already we have had a good response.



If returns are not sent in by 22 April we will publish using the existing information.

This year there will be a departure from the format we have used in the past and we hope that it makes the publication more user-friendly.

Remember that while the printed version of the register is set for a year, members' details are kept up-to-date on the web site and available for the public to view. You only need to send in amendments to your equipment list and other details

Crane Project of the Year

It is pleasing to be able to report to you that I have now received indications from 4 companies that they intend putting in entries in the Crane Project of the year.

This is the prestigious award at our annual conference and an opportunity for members to stand out from the crowd with their achievements.

Four entries already are an indication that perhaps the industry is emerging from the downturn in good heart. Of course, we are hopeful that more of you will put forward your best work of the year and be considered for the award.

Code of Practice for Cranes

The Code of Practice for Cranes is a complex document, taking years in the drafting. Getting its content into shape involved a lot of work by your Association to represent the industry's interests to officials and ministers.

Being the complex set of rules that it is, I am finding that there is still confusion over some of it and how it is to be applied.

My advice to any member still uncertain about exactly what it does say and how it is to be applied is that they take the time to read it in full and then to study the details.

2010 Crane Conference

We will soon send out the final programme for the annual conference and the last of the discounted registrations applies until 30 April. There are still sponsorship opportunities available and you should contact our office for details if you want to take them up. We can still offer display stand space for any interested member company that hasn't booked yet. Please contact us.

From the President

A reasonably good turnout of members joined the Council at its regular meeting in Auckland at the beginning of this month.

However, we were disappointed to find that some companies who had indicated they would be there did not turn up. Despite the no-shows, however, there was still sufficient attendance of members interested enough to join in a good debate about a lot of issues that concern us and our industry. There will not be any further meetings with the members prior to the conference in July.

We were pleased that some people accepted the offer to sit in at the council meeting the following morning to see how business is conducted. Registrations for this year's conference are coming in slowly and the final programme and another registration form will be sent out shortly.

*Malcolm McWhannell,
President*

BESS

Another assessor from the crane industry is now registered with Tranzqual to assess BESS.

Allan Collins' company is an Associate member based in Tauranga.

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Crane Safety Devices

Understand the purpose and operation of safety devices:

- Safe load indicators
- Load moment limiters
- Level indicators
- Anti-two-block systems
- Boom overhoist limiters
- Drum rotation indicators.

With the rapid development of cranes of increased size and complexity it has become necessary to provide sophisticated operational safety devices as aids to assist the operator and to give protection to the crane.

Safety devices provide valuable information and signals enabling an operator to operate a crane safely and efficiently. Safety in crane and lifting operations finally rests with the crane operator. He needs all the backup information and signals that modern indication equipment can provide in order to operate the crane within its designed capacity and avoid accidents that may cause injury and damage to equipment and property.

The operator and job site personnel are warned not to consider these systems a substitute for good judgement, experience and accepted safe crane operating practices.

When operating a crane equipped with any form of load indication, mechanical overload warning system or any automatic safety devices remember that such devices cannot tell when a machine is located on a supporting surface that will give way; or correct for the effects of wind, side pulls on the boom, or for the many other conditions that may occur and for which the safety device has not been designed.

SAFE LOAD INDICATORS – PROTECT YOU AND YOUR CRANE

Understand the Safe Load Indicator system fitted to your crane. Know how it works and keep it in full working order – test it daily.

ANTI-TWO-BLOCK DEVICE

Never tamper with safety devices.

Safety devices must only be repaired or adjusted by trained personnel. Electric arc welding carried out on a crane or load may damage or destroy electronic components.

