

## NOTIFICATIONS TO HA AREA 9 (AMEY) CAN NOW BE SENT BY EMAIL

Following a recent consultation Area 9 are pleased to announce that with effect from Monday, 26th April 2010 they will be in a position to receive Abnormal Load Notifications and Indemnities via email. All notifications should be sent to: [Abloads.Area9@amey.co.uk](mailto:Abloads.Area9@amey.co.uk) in the format of either a word or pdf attachment only.

For members who submit email notifications to either Tracey Taggart or Dave England directly, could you please ensure that their email addresses are deleted from your records and replaced with the new address to avoid duplication.

If further information is needed, please contact:

**Tracey Taggart** (Assistant Project Engineer-Mac 9 Network Needs, Wellbeing Champion, Amey) on **tel: 01212 125119**

Please note the network management map on the HA web site will be updated to reflect this change. Other contact details are unchanged.

## NOOTEBOOM INTRODUCE THE REVOLUTIONARY MULTITRAILER MCO-PX



Nootboom introduced their revolutionary semi low-loader programme, the Nootboom Multitrailer MCO-PX, at the recent BAUMA 2010 in Munich. The Multitrailer MCO-PX is based on the extremely successful PX low-loader. A characteristic feature is their extremely high payload.

The design and components of the MCO-PX are based on the PX2 low-loader, with the same important advantages. Over the past few months Nootboom have been discussing different concept versions of the MCO-PX with various customers in several European countries. As a result Nootboom's most versatile semi low-loader ever was created. All those involved in developing the MCO-PX are delighted with the end result. The new Multitrailer MCO-PX offers important advantages that every transport operator can profit from, whether it's in heavy transport or special transport.

So it is not surprising that even in advance of the official launch date, several MCO-PX semi low-loaders had already been sold.

### Complete MCO-PX programme

Nootboom introduce a complete programme of MCO-PX semi low-loaders. At the moment the MCO-PX is already available with three to eight axle lines and in vehicle widths of 2520, 2740 and 2990 millimetres. There is a choice of fixed or single, double or triple extendible load floors. The MCO-PX is also available with an axle base of 1360 or 1510 mm and tyres in size 245 or 285, as desired.

### Huge payload

One of the most important advantages the MCO-PX offers is the extremely high payload. This is made possible by the application of the unique Nootboom pendle axles on the one hand and the weight-saving construction, having great torsional stiffness, on the other. As a result a 6-axle MCO-PX Multitrailer can take virtually the same payload as an 8-axle normally steered semi low-loader.

## ESTA CONFERENCE, MUNICH - 22ND APRIL 2010

ESTA President Christian-Jacques Vernazza welcomed all to the Conference with a short speech congratulating attendance "Despite the Volcano" (Icelandic ash cloud over UK): The participants then split into two sub-groups to discuss (a) Heavy Transport and (b) Cranes & Lifting Operations: I chose the latter to hear an excellent presentation by Liebherr Chief Engineer Hans-Dieter Willim on how wind loadings and wind drag can have an enormously de-stabilising effect on irregular shaped loads while being lifted by cranes (For example: a wind turbine hub complete with 3 blades), and how these two factors alone can make even the largest mobile crane unstable, despite working at only 50 to 60% of capacity.

The Crane Group also discussed the inappropriate and undesirable use of the override switch in crane cabs and welcomed the Mfrs plans to move them elsewhere on crane superstructures, which if activated will then be recorded on the cranes now standard fitment data logger.

Meanwhile, the Heavy Transport group discussed the continuing upward trend in Euro 5 engine technology, including but not limited to the use of electro-mechanically operated unit injectors in modern diesel engines, all of which mandate the supply of good quality low sulphur, high cetane fuel, as an internal lubricant as well as a fuel source. This EC standard fuel is not always available in other non-EC developing countries, where poor quality, high sulphur fuel is presently causing certain operational problems for ESTA operators with Euro 4 & Euro 5 engined trucks.

The two groups re-assembled in the afternoon to discuss the safety implications of these matters of importance for all ESTA members, then voted on the intent to pursue an ESTA wide pan-European process of crane testing and operator certification, based upon the existing SCRA model in the USA.

ESTA Members, Sponsors and Guests all reassembled in the evening for the Awards Dinner. President Christian-Jacques Vernazza renamed the first prize the 'Gino Koster award' after our esteemed colleague who died during 2009.

President Christian-Jacques Vernazza then went onto announce the prizewinners in eight separate categories of excellence in Heavy Transport and Craneage operations. Noteworthy was the well-deserved Innovation prize awarded to Abnormal Load Engineering (ALE) of Stafford for their highly innovative Twin-Boom crane of 3000 tonnes SWL.

The ESTA conference in Munich was highly beneficial to all attendees with the Awards being richly deserved by all Prizewinners including ALE of Stafford. So in 2011 may I suggest that HTA members attend this illustrious meeting, for ESTA is the only Pan-European Heavy Transport and Crane Trade Association and worthy of attendance by HTA Members. Moreover, the ESTA Conference is also very good for business - yours, mine and all other Crane and Heavy Transport members in the UK.

*Mike Ponsonby BA, Safety Consultant*

## HTA AT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATOR SHOW 2010



The HTA shared a stand with Dyne Solicitors Limited and the Batched on Site Association (BSA) at the CVO 2010, NEC, Birmingham on 13th-15th April.

An HTA banner was created for the occasion, and we hope it will be used on many other occasions. John Rodell and Rolf van Apeldoorn, visiting the show helped on the stand.



Transport & Logistics Magazine is national platform for General and Heavy Haulage Companies, providing a medium for the RHA, FTA and now the HTA.

The magazine has 50 000 readers and for the next six months, they are offering HTA members a free-of-charge case study to appear alongside the feature article for the HTA.

To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity please call **Noah Quirke** or **Gavin Pearson** on **01484 411400**.

## ALE'S AL.SK190 HEAVY LIFTING MACHINE WINS INNOVATION AWARD



ALE, the global heavy transport and lifting company, was declared the winner of the Innovation and Development Award for End Users at the 2010 ESTA Awards of Excellence. The company was recognised for its ground-breaking AL.SK190 heavy lifting machine, which was developed by ALE's design team based in Breda, the Netherlands.

"The AL.SK heavy living machines set the industry standard in innovation for ultra heavy lifting," commented Cees Segeren, Director of Product Development, ALE. "It is an honor to be recognized by the ESTA Awards for our efforts in developing the world's highest-capacity land-based crane."

The AL.SK190 and AL.SK350 have been designed for the lifting and installation of ultra heavy loads. Equipped with a standard quick winch system for weights of up to 600te and a strand jack lifting system for loads of up to 5,000te, they can be relocated on site by skidding or by self-propelled modular transporters (SPMTs) fully assembled and rigged.

The awards, which recognize leaders in the heavy lifting and transport industry, were organized by the European Association of Heavy Haulage, Transport & Mobile Cranes – a pan-European association representing mobile crane rental, heavy haulage and abnormal load transport companies – together with International Cranes & Specialized Transport magazine.

The awards ceremony took place on 22nd April during the Bauma exhibition in Munich.

### About Ale

Founded in 1983 by Roger Harries, ALE delivers a highly tailored, end-to-end service covering every aspect of the handling, transportation and installation of heavy, indivisible loads, including lifting, transporting, installing, ballasting, jacking and weighing. In 2008 it launched the AL.SK190, the world's largest multi-purpose lifting machine, which it developed specifically for the lifting and installation of ultra heavy loads and which is capable of lifting a record-breaking 4,300t and can be relocated on site fully rigged.

ALE delivers strategic heavy-lift services to a wide range of sectors, including civil, oil and gas, energy, nuclear, offshore, renewables, petrochemical, ports, marine, minerals and metals and mining.

ALE is headquartered in Staffordshire and has more than 20 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America and the Middle East. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2008, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2004, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. ALE is also registered and qualified in the Achilles Norway and Link-up systems, and is a member of both the British Safety Council and the British Standards Institution.

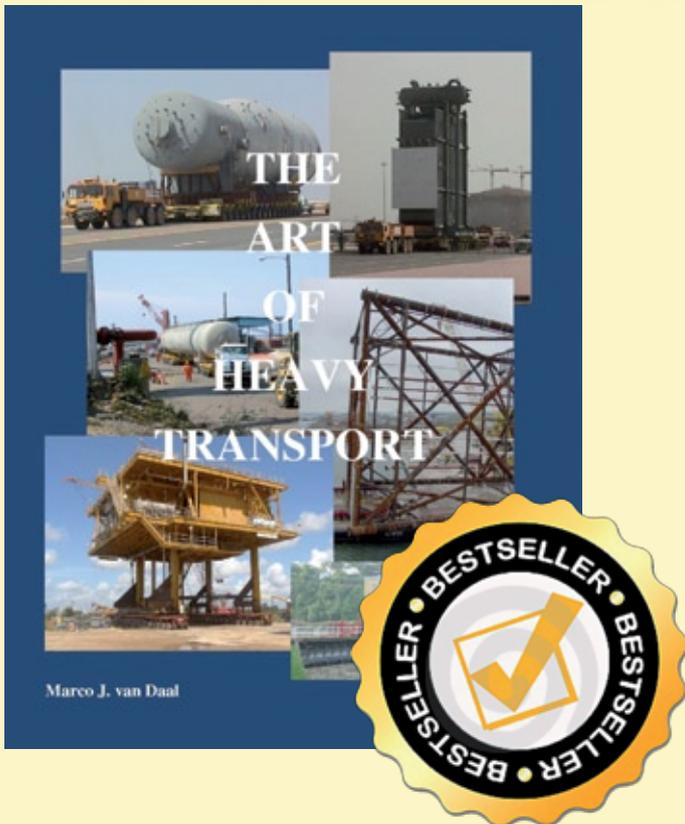
Further information can be found on the ALE website at [www.ale-heavylift.com](http://www.ale-heavylift.com).

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## THE ART OF HEAVY TRANSPORT



The Art of Heavy Transport is a reference guide and engineering base for a safe execution of all heavy transports. It offers information, guidance, best practices and engineering principles in easy to understand English language. It contains hundreds of color pictures and case studies of actual executed transports that aid the understanding of the various subjects.

It is also illustrated with many drawings that explain topics such as hydraulic oil flow, axle groupings and the principles of transporter stability.

A "must have" book for everybody affiliated with the Heavy Transport industry. Please visit the following link. [www.the-works-int.com](http://www.the-works-int.com)

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## NEW MEMBERS:

The HTA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

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**BOTHWELL PARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, UDDINGSTON**  
(contact: Bill Livingston; [www.svaergods.com](http://www.svaergods.com))

**SHARRON PATTISON LOGISTICS, HULL**  
(contact: Patrick Spamer/Jon Eaton; [www.sharronpattison.co.uk](http://www.sharronpattison.co.uk))

**JACK NOBBS & SON LIMITED,**  
**HASLINGDEN, ROSSENDALE, LANCS**  
(contact: Jack Nobbs)

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