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OPERATOR TRAINING SUCCESS FOR ALE



ALE has seen ongoing success with its in-house Standard Schemes of Training (SSOTs). Initiated approximately five years ago, the SSOT training following an identified need for formal operator development, where no 'off-the-shelf' training courses exist.

There are currently 10 pragmatic, vocational training schemes, covering ALE's global fleet of specialised equipment, from SPMTs and gantries, to jacks and the AL.SK350 crane. It is compulsory for all equipment operators to enrol on a scheme, which gives them the opportunity to progress through different belt levels from yellow to brown and potentially all the way to black. For the most part, the learning activities have been defined by some of ALE's highly skilled and knowledgeable 'black belt' operators for our (trainee) operators.

"SSOTs run across the whole ALE group and, as far as we know, this type of training scheme is completely unique in our industry," explains Kay Sproulle, Global Training Specialist for ALE. "What is great about the SSOTs is that they are specific to us and our industry. These are not skills that can be learnt in a classroom environment – people learn best by 'doing'. They are designed to help prevent incidents, injuries or damage and maintain global consistency and quality. More and more our clients want to see traceability and evidence of the training our teams undertake, and SSOTs deliver this."

"Over the last year we have seen the number of 'black belts', our expert trainers at the highest belt level, increasing in size. This is a fantastic achievement and shows the dedication and passion our teams put into their work. Building on this success, during 2016 we are looking to introduce new SSOTs that will cover additional equipment and sectors, including marine."

The scheme is constantly being upgraded and enhanced, with new SSOTs published several times a year.

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NOTES TO EDITORS



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.

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.

In 2011 ALE launched its ground breaking innovation - the Mega Jack system- capable of lifting 60,000te to a height of 25m the Mega Jack was developed to meet increasing demand in the offshore industry.

ALE has more than 30 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America, the Middle East and Australia. 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