

Ireland and Canada Enhance International Mobility for Crane Operators

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OTTAWA – Canadian Hoisting and Rigging Safety Council (CHRSC) is pleased to announce the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between SOLAS (An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna) and BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS), which took place in Dublin, Ireland on September 16th, 2015. The MOU allows for the mutual recognition of Mobile Crane Operator and Tower Crane Operator credentials. The MOU will enhance the international mobility of crane operators in both Ireland and Canada.

The Chair of the CHRSC, Tim Bennett, stated, “This MOU is the result of an industry vision that was initiated a year and a half ago as part of the ESDC/CHRSC Multi-Jurisdictional Crane Operator Regulation Certification Comparison and Reciprocity Initiative, which was funded through the Government of Canada’s Foreign Credential Recognition Program. Our thanks go to the many crane industry volunteers in Canada who worked on this initiative, and also to our colleagues in Ireland for their reciprocal contributions and effort, leading to this agreement.”

Commenting at the signing of the agreement, Mary-Liz Trant, Executive Director at SOLAS, said “We are very pleased that this agreement has been finalised and our thanks to everyone involved. Canada is a popular destination for Irish emigrants and I believe this agreement will assist many of them and their Canadian Employers. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with the BC Association for Crane Safety.”

SOLAS is the Further Education and Training Authority in Ireland. It is responsible for funding, planning and co-ordinating training and further education programmes.

The Canadian Hoisting and Rigging Safety Council (CHRSC) is an industry-led organization working toward common outcomes regarding hoisting and rigging standards across Canada.

The BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS) works closely with industry, labour and government to implement new standards of assessment and certification that make for a safer workplace. BCACS administers a comprehensive, inclusive credentialing regime to support the goal of accident free crane operations throughout British Columbia.

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