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Guidance on Contract Lifting

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WHAT IS A CONTRACT LIFT

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- The works are to be completed to I.S. 360: 2019
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- Supply the Appointed Person
- Plan the lift and operate the Safe system of Work
- Manage and Control the Lifting Operation

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONTRACT LIFT AND A STANDARD HIRE

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Standard Hire

***The Hirer (Employing Organisation)
Must:***

- Comply with I.S 360: 2019.
- Appoint the Appointed Person
- Plan the Lift and operate the safe system of work
- Ensure that the crane hired is a suitable type and capacity
- Check the credentials and the certification supplied by the owner

The Owner must:

- Provide a safely maintained, tested and certified crane
- Provide a Competent Operator

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HIRER'S INSURANCE GUIDANCE

The Hirer (Employing Organisation) Responsibility:

The Hirer shall take out and maintain insurance against any and all liabilities the hirer may incur under the contract

Cover shall include:

- *Loss / Damage to Plant (Hired in plant insurance)*
- *Hire Charges due to loss of hire arising from plant damage*
- *Loss / Damage to Goods*
- *Public liability*

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HYBRID LIFTING - GUIDANCE

- ☐ Where a crane is hired by the Crane Owner to the Employing Organization and the Crane Owner becomes involved with the planning of the lift.
- ☐ A hybrid situation exists where it is unclear who is responsible for ensuring that the requirements as laid out in I.S. 360:2019 are complied with. This could result in incomplete planning and an ineffective safe system of work.
- ☐ An example of Hybrid Lifting is the preparation of Lift Plans and other associated Contract Lift documentation by the Crane Owner for Standard Crane Hire.
- ☐ In a hybrid lift scenario, the Employing Organisation still retains the responsibility for appointing the Appointed Person. If the Employing Organisation is reliant on paperwork from the Crane Owner, who is not carrying out the works as a Contract Lift, the Employing Organisation is still liable for any losses and damages that they did not necessarily anticipate.
- ☐ This situation serves no benefit to the Employing Organisation as the ambiguity around responsibility is likely to create a safety gap and greatly the chances of an incident.

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LIFTING EQUIPMENT – CRANE OPERATION

RESPONSIBILITY FOR GROUND CONDITIONS

- Where a crane and/or Appointed Person is hired on Standard and/or Contract Hire/lift basis, it remains the sole responsibility of the hirer/user organisation to confirm to the crane hire owner in writing/by way of a detailed drawing clearly indicating the location and nature of any and all underground sewers, voids, services, drains, rivers and/or ground conditions that may make the areas over which the crane and/or equipment may travel over and/or set up upon hazardous /unstable /dangerous/unsuitable for the loads that may be exerted.
- Alternatively, the hirer/user organisation may request a geotechnical survey to establish the details of the ground conditions. In the absence of the aforementioned letter and/or drawing and/or Geotechnical survey, the crane owner will operate under the understanding that no underground hazards/sewers/voids/services/drains/riders are present in the areas where the cranes/or equipment may travel over and/or set up upon.