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**Planet Platforms Newsletter: Issue 1 May 2007**

## Welcome

to the first edition of the Planet Platforms newsletter.

We've introduced this newsletter to mark the 30th anniversary of Planet Platforms and commemorate the support and dedication of our personnel across the country.

Over the past 30 years, Planet Platforms has grown from strength to strength but has still maintained the objective of providing safe and reliable access solutions to our customers. We do this with a friendly and honest approach and that is what makes us different. We're proud to say that this ethos is being carried forward by everyone who works at Planet.

Please feel free to send in your news and photos of additions to the family, any extraordinary sporting activities you've taken up or anything that you would like to share with your colleagues. All the best!

## NOT SO MINI

Planet Western has bagged a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest convoy of any vehicle type. The 269 convoy of Minis stretched over a distance of two miles and beat the old record of 195 Minis!



Chris Hughes and Lee Collier of G Collier & Sons (pictured), Planet Western's customer, promptly celebrated the occasion with a glass of champagne and a cheese burger.



## PLANET PLATFORMS WINS INNOVATION AWARD

**In November 2006, Planet Platforms won the Innovation Award category in the first Wakefield District Business Awards.**

The awards, which took place for the first time last year, were organised by First the Wakefield District Development Agency and had the backing of some of the region's most dynamic and influential organisations. Sponsored by Simons Group, the Innovation Award was looking for the best demonstration of new ideas of working that improve the performance of the company.

Planet Platforms entered the awards following extensive research and innovation towards two of their recent products - SAFEpost™ and AIRdeck™. Toby Pemberton, New Product Development Manager at Planet Platforms expressed his delight at winning the award: "Everyone at Planet is absolutely delighted to win the Innovation Award. We thrive on providing access solutions to our customers and this kind of recognition is exactly what our industry needs".



# product news

2006 saw Planet Platforms launch some award-winning products such as the SAFEpost™ and AIRdeck™.

## TP9000™ by Planet Platforms

In January 2007, We launched its brand new mobile trailer scissor lift TP9000™ to give access users a safe, flexible and truly autonomous machine.

Following on from its successful unveiling at 2007's Executive Hire Show, the TP9000™ has a host of safety features, options and accessories with the most attractive being 'no need for a trailer for transport'.

Suitable for vertical work height of up to 9 meters, the unit has been engineered to the highest standard; it is fully CE marked and meets and exceeds the requirements of UK and European safety legislation.



## SAFEpost® by Planet Platforms

SAFEpost™ is a way to gain safe access to the roofs of temporary buildings. It is a unique anchoring system, which is assembled entirely at ground level prior to being fixed to the jackleg of portable buildings and containers.



The introduction of SAFEpost™ gives companies operating fleets of temporary buildings and containers with a simple method of conforming to the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

SAFEpost™ has further been developed to cater for cabins without a jackleg using the ISO and AV fitting alternatives. Other options for the SAFEpost include a close fitting fascia jackleg bracket, a lorry leg extension and a ladder-retaining bracket.

Planet Platforms has dedicated an area of its website to SAFEpost™; please visit [www.planetplatforms.co.uk/safepost](http://www.planetplatforms.co.uk/safepost) to access resources such as user manuals and a video demonstration.

## AIRdeck



INTELLIGENT ACCESS PLATFORM

THE FIRST INTELLIGENT ACCESS PLATFORM

We delivered the first intelligent access platform to Rolls-Royce to facilitate the stringent final inspection process of the 500, 700, 800 and 900 Trent Series aviation engines. Set up at the Civil Aerospace Customer Delivery Centre (CDC) in Derby, the AIRdeck™ is a variable height hydraulic access platform that can help carry out various inspection and fitting tasks associated with heavy-duty machinery such as engines. It complies with the latest working at height directives from the Health & Safety Executive and most of all contributes to safe working conditions.



# JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Keep an eye out for these new products to join the Planet Platforms portfolio in the first half of 2007.

**Power Tower:** This powered scaffold tower features simple push button basket controls and is ready for use in a few seconds! And there's no erecting, dismantling or climbing involved. The Power Tower has a working height of 5.1m and a platform height of 3.1m. It is compact at only 0.78m wide, which enables it to pass easily through standard doorways.

Fully CE marked, the Power Tower is rated for indoor and outdoor use.

**Traccess135 and Traccess170:** These track-mounted access platforms offer the most versatile boom configuration available from the most compact closed dimensions. The Traccess135 and Traccess170 have working heights on 13.5m and 17m respectively.

Both machines offer standard operational and safety features that benefit both operator and owner. The Traccess is also fully CE marked and meets or exceeds the requirements of UK and European safety legislation.

## events



## PLANET SPONSORS EXTREME SPORTS FESTIVAL

Those interested in extreme sports will be glad to know that Planet supported an extreme sports event by providing a scaling wall to the popular White Air Festival, which was also sponsored by the RAF.

Planet Platforms' contribution was toward Team Traceur, one of the participating teams at the event, who organized various climbing workshops for kids. Team Traceur practise Parkour, which involves climbing over, under and around urban obstacles. They also have direct ties with one of Parkour's ambassadors, Sebastien Foucan, who largely contributed to the Parkour awareness in the UK (and around the globe) through his involvement in a Documentary called Jump London in 2003. The 2006 White Air Festival was held at Yaverland, Nr Sandown Isle of Wight.

## PLANET AT THE EXECUTIVE HIRE SHOW

We were also at this years' Executive Hire Show at Ricoh Arena, Coventry. Our presence at the exhibition served as an appropriate platform to launch the TP9000™ and re-introduce SAFEpost™.

The response received was very positive and coupled with a fair number of free press inclusions.



# dates for your diary

This year, Planet Platforms will be at the following events across the UK:

## 9TH ARBORISTS' TRADE FAIR

Venue: Bathurst Estate, Cirencester, Gloucestershire  
Date: Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June 2007

## CLA GAME FAIR

Venue: Harewood House, Near Leeds, Yorkshire  
Date: Friday 27th to Sunday 29th July 2007

## IOG SALTEX

Venue: Windsor Racecourse  
Date: Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th September 2007

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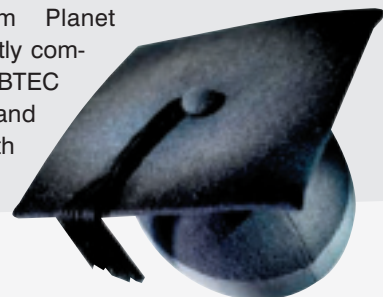
Executive Hire Show (6th and 7th Feb 08)

## WELL DONE...

Gemma from Planet Eastern who is undertaking a Selling and Sales Management course, which is a London Chamber of Commerce and Industry international qualification. Gemma has passed six exams with an 'A' each time.

We wish her all the best for the final exam in October!

Andrew Harland from Planet Northern who has recently completed his first year of a BTEC course in operations and maintenance from South Tyneside College.



## FAMILIAR FACES A very warm welcome to...

**Jonathan Wiseman** who is now heading the Southern division of Planet Platforms

**Thomas McCann** who joins Chris Hughes at Planet Western

**Stephen Race** who joined us in the Planet workshop in Wakefield in March 2007

**Matthew Gregg** and **Ernie Shield** who have also joined us at the Planet head office

**Josh Hoggins** who started his service apprenticeship in July 2006 and is now part of the Powered Access Workshop at Planet

**Andrew Mountford** who started working with us last July

**Pat Gibbons** who is our new receptionist at Wakefield

**Morten Ellis** who joins us as a CTE Training Engineer

Finally, we'd like to welcome back **Andrew Harland** and **Simon Skidmore** who left Planet but have come back for more!

## in the spotlight

Planet would like to congratulate the following people...

Fay and Andrew who are proud parents of Alesha, born in July 2006

Esther and Stephen who are proud parents of Darcey Rose, born in September 2006

Carl and Gemma who are proud parents of baby Olivia, born in February 2007

Ex-employees Zoe and Collette who have both had little boys.

Andrew and Rebecca who recently had a baby boy, Charlie Joseph in April 2007

## DON'T FORGET

to send in your news with any pictures that you may have.

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