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UNDER PRESSURE - KEEPING ON TOP OF LEGISLATION

At this years CV show Whale is releasing the first two in a series of essential guides to current legislation related to the construction and operation of vacuum/pressure tankers, designed to help owners/operators and purchasers of tankers ensure that their fleet of vehicles are safe and legal.

The first 'Under Pressure' guide informs purchasers of new vehicles of what to look for when purchasing a vehicle and how to tell if a vehicle has to comply with the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) and Pressure Equipment Regulations (PER).

The second guide is aimed at 'Owners/Operators' of new and old vehicles which come under the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PSSR). This guide goes into the detail of the terminology of the regulations, and the steps required to meet legal requirements.

Under the terms of PSSR companies are required to have their Written Schemes ratified by a Competent Person. WhaleInspection, the inspection division of Whale Tankers has been appointed an Inspection Body¹ and an Competent Person² by the Department For Transport (DFT). In addition, they have received accreditation by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) as a type 'C' inspection body³.

Under these accreditations WhaleInspection provide tank testing services for old and new tanks, as well as authoring, reviewing and approving Written Schemes related to the legislation.

"New legislation that came into force recently placed more arduous requirements on owners of waste vacuum/pressure tankers to ensure the safety of their vehicles. Whale are delighted that they can assist customers to comply with the legislation" said Engineering Manager, Andy Ellis.

Whale have made significant investments to ensure that customers are able to access the highest quality tank-testing services, with a team of 25 highly-trained staff carrying out these tests on a regular basis.



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WhaleInspection operates independently from the extensive and long established Whale Service operation which offers a full range of preventative maintenance, regular service and breakdown services.

1. The Inspection Body status is for the purpose of Schedule 2 of the Carriage of Dangerous Goods Regulations 2007
2. The Appointed Person status is for the purpose of regulation 69 of The Carriage of Dangerous Goods Regulations 2007.
3. The UKAS accreditation is in accordance with the Internal Standard ISO/IEC 17020:1998.

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Caption for photograph:

0805-04-1 Whale Tankers Engineering Manager Andy Ellis, with the newly released "Under Pressure" legislation guides.

Notes for Editors

Whale, based in Solihull in the West Midlands, is Europe's leading manufacturer of high quality vacuum/pressure tankers for a broad range of waste applications and supplier of recyclers, airmovers and heavy duty jetting equipment, they gained UKAS inspection body status in 2007. Over 200 staff are employed in the manufacture and nationwide support of its products, based out of the environmental award winning 10 acre Ravenshaw facility.

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