

CURRENT ISSUES

ENGINEERING WORKING GROUP

- ROPS/FOPS for Hydraulic Excavators

CMEIG has published an Advisory Notice on its web site:

www.cmeig.com.au/workinggroup_engineering.asp

Advisory Notice – ROPS on excavators

This sets out the salient points of this issue. We have worked closely with the Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) and have made a joint submission with them to the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner(FSC). This Office has indicated that “further investigation is occurring as to the application of International standards such as ISO 12117.2:2008 and as per the current scenario where a number of relevant Australian Standards (AS2294.2 & AS2294.3) have been rescinded.”

While Leighton Contractors have released a “Guidance Information” document regarding the requirements for ROPS & FOPS (or OPG) for various earthmoving machinery on Leighton’s projects in NSW/ACT, there does not appear to be any movement towards extending these requirements on a national basis.

We continue to have discussions with CCF on this issue and to follow up and monitor the response from the FSC.

- Rated Loads for Loaders

The Engineering Working group has also released two new advisory notices relating to rated loads for wheel loaders and Backhoe Loaders:

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Advisory Notice - Rated Loads for Wheel Loaders

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Advisory Notice – Rated loads for Backhoe Loaders

These Advisory Notices are self explanatory