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CEOC POSITION PAPER

TO: Lift Working Group & National Authority

Lift Directive 95/16/EC Permanently Installed Lifts for Use during Building Construction

The following comments were prepared and approved by the members of the CEOC International Technical Committee CML (Machines, Lifts and Cranes) during their meeting in Budapest (Hungary) on 26 and 27 February 2007. The document was approved by the CEOC International Board in March 2007. The document was modified after further clarification by the European Commission – Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General in 2011.

In certain circumstances, lifts may be installed during the period of the construction of a building and used for the lifting of workers and goods before formal commissioning. When the building is finished, these units will then be properly commissioned and used as the permanently installed lifts under the lift directive.

During the period following installation of the lift but before formal commissioning, a conformity assessment of the installation will have to be undertaken with regard to the lift directive, in order to ascertain that safety critical elements of the lift are in place to safeguard the end user. This conformity assessment process should be suitably documented in order to provide a means of proving acceptability.

The CEOC Commission for Machinery and Lifts (CML) also recommends that in accordance with the Use of Work Equipment Directive (89/655/EEC) an initial inspection is carried out by a competent person, prior to putting such lifts into limited service for the use by construction workers. This initial inspection will identify whether the appropriate safeguards are in place and satisfactory. Furthermore, where the time scale for completion of the building is significant then further periodic inspections by a competent person may be required, in accordance with regulations, to ensure the continued safe operation of such lifts.

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Where such lifts are required for temporary use by construction workers then safeguards in accordance with the Lift Directive must be in place to permit such use, in particular:

- The lift must not be used prior to the initial assessment and certified safe for temporary use.
- Monitored use by competent lift attendant.
- A means of temporary communication between the car and site personnel in case of emergency.
- A test report detailing the suitable and satisfactory function of safety devices.
- Certification identifying the limitations on use and the period for such use.
- Suitable and sufficient guarding preventing access to both mechanical and electrical hazards (for the acceptance standard, reference should be made to EN81).
- Suitable and sufficient lighting to provide a safe working environment (for the acceptance standard, reference should be made to EN81).
- Smooth and level access flooring at the entrance to the incomplete lift.
- A suitable maintenance regime to ensure that the installation remains in good working order.
- Periodic inspections to ensure continued safe use

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Notified Bodies Coordination Group for Lifts

Subject: NBL-2010085-1 Anfrage von NB

Dear Mr Jung,

Dear NB-L Members,

Referring to your question concerning the conformity assessment of lifts for temporary use in buildings during the construction phase please find attached our clarification as attached bellow.

First of all we would like to recall the fact that the issue has been deeply debated by the Lifts Working Group. The debates conclusions have been introduced into the Guide to application of the Lifts Directive, which was agreed and adopted by the Lifts Committee in 2007. The relevant comments are covered by the Paragraph 25 of the Guide.

'According to the Article 1(4) of the Lifts Directive the 'placing on the market of the lift occurs when the lift is first made available to the user. Lifts Directive does not distinguish between different categories of user. In some cases, lifts installed in new buildings are made available for use by construction workers to facilitate access to the building during the completion of its construction. In this case, the lift must be considered as having been "made available to the user". Such lift must therefore fully comply with the Lifts Directive and the relevant conformity assessment procedures must have been completed before it can be used by construction workers for this purpose.

National regulations on inspection of lifts in service may require an inspection of a lift that has been used by construction workers for access to the building during completion of its construction, before the completed building is handed over to the owners'.

Yours sincerely,

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