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To whom it may concern

The Construction Plant-hire Association is a member's organisation that represents the UK plant hire sector. Our membership consists of plant hire companies, manufacturers and major contractors. The UK plant hire industry is the best established and most professional in the world, and is worth over £4 billion to the UK economy. The Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) is the leading trade association for this sector in the UK and CPA Members supply 85% of hired plant to the construction industry.

Established for 70 years, the CPA has over 1,500 members, with premises in the City of London, and a permanent staff of experienced employees. The Association is governed by a Council of Members who represent plant-hire companies of all types and sizes throughout the country.

The Association additionally provides direction on Legal, Health and Safety and Technical information and leadership on training a skilled, competent and qualified workforce at all levels.

The qualifications listed below are relevant to our members and of great importance to our industry as they form the basis for proving occupational competence for the employed workforce in the trades listed

Employees who hold these qualifications are valued by our members as they will have acquired through these qualifications the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding in order to carry out their role effectively.

- 600/3386/1 SQA Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Plant Operations (Construction) (QCF)
- 600/3388/5 SQA Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plant Operations (Construction) (QCF)
- 600/3381/2 SQA Level 2 NVQ Diploma Controlling Lifting Operations (Construction): Slinger/Signaller (QCF)
- 601/2956/6 SQA Level 4 NVQ Diploma Controlling Lifting Operations - Supervising Lifts (Construction) (QCF)

These qualifications enhance the following skills in that employees will be able to demonstrate that they can carry out their work activities in a safe manner while complying with health and safety regulations and site procedures. Furthermore they will develop competence in preparing their plant machinery correctly and in interpreting instructions correctly while selecting the appropriate resources for the task. They must also demonstrate they can operate or supervise the machine correctly and safely with regards to themselves and all other site personnel who are involved in the operation.

The above qualifications can lead to the following job roles within the construction industry:

| Qualification Title | Job role(s) supported |
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| 600/3386/1 SQA Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Plant Operations | Construction Plant Operative for example operating a Forward Tipping Dumper, Ride on Roller, Telescopic Handler, etc, all working as part of the Groundwork team. |
| 600/3388/5 SQA Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Plant Operations | Construction Plant Operative for example operating a 180 degree excavator above 5 tonne or 180 degree excavator above 10 tonne, Loading Shovel etc all working as part of the Groundwork teams. |
| 600/3381/2 SQA Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Controlling Lifting Operations – Slinger/Signaller | Construction Plant Operative carrying out Slinger/ Signaller duties |
| 601/2956/6 SQA Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Controlling Lifting Operations – Supervising Lifts | Construction Site Supervisor carrying out Supervising Lifts duties as part of their Supervisory role |

We note that individuals who go through these qualifications listed often continue with further training and qualifications as they build on their expertise to become a more highly skilled individual or to develop into supervisory/management roles.

Achievement of an NVQ can also allow workers to gain a Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) or Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card, which provides proof that individuals working on construction sites have the required training and qualifications for the type of work they carry out.

We confirm that we consent to SQA publishing our company name and logo on their website.

Yours sincerely



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