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HORIZON PLATFORMS ANNOUNCE LAUNCH OF NEW WHITEPAPER OUTLINING BEST PRACTICE ON THE SAFE INSTALLATION OF RACKING

DESIGNED FOR RACKING INSTALLERS AND WAREHOUSING PROFESSIONALS, THE WHITEPAPER CONTAINS ESSENTIAL BEST PRACTICE ON THE USAGE OF SCISSOR LIFTS AND FORKLIFT TRUCKS DURING THE INSTALLATION OF RACKING AND MEZZANINE FLOORS

For Immediate Release

Horizon Platforms are excited to announce the launch of a new whitepaper, developed with the support of racking industry specialists and leveraging Horizon's own expertise in powered access. The whitepaper explores best practice advice and tips on safer working and risk management, particularly in respect to the on-site usage of MEWPs and Forklift Trucks.

The UK is in the grip of a growth explosion in warehousing and logistics supply, and the demand for racking installations to support this has never been higher. Some forecasts suggest the surge in online sales in 2020 has created a need for an additional 30 million sq ft of space. With a third of UK retail sales expected to come from online by 2024, this trend is only set to continue. It is important that this extra capacity is delivered in a safe, sustainable way, and this whitepaper is aimed the racking installers and warehousing professionals responsible for developing this crucial infrastructure. The whitepaper takes a methodical approach, providing a broad introduction to some of the most crucial considerations necessary for a safe and successful installation programme.

The whitepaper covers areas relating to:

- Project considerations and machine selection
- Safe operation and advice on checks and record keeping
- Emergency Plans: scope, contents and who is responsible
- Safe handling of racking materials with machines
- Tips for operating in restricted space
- Advice linked to the installation of mezzanine floors

Chris Wraith, former Health and Safety Executive at IPAF (International Powered Access Federation) who contributed to the Whitepaper said: *"The very nature of racking installs bring with it various levels of risk, some of them extreme. It is crucial therefore that companies working in this space operate using best practice principles, much of which is contained in this Whitepaper."*

The whitepaper is available to download here: <http://resources.horizonplatforms.co.uk/racking-wp>

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About Horizon Platforms | Horizon Platforms is an employee-owned national provider of Powered Access hire, providing safe and responsive provision of cherry pickers, scissor lifts and more to customers all over the United Kingdom. Priding itself on its delivery of a reliable service and on consistently exceeding customer expectations, Horizon boasts industry-leading performance and customer loyalty scores. With a focus on innovation and on offering an exceptional customer experience, Horizon Platforms aims to continue the significant growth it has enjoyed since its inception in 2008.



