

ESTA's new supporters drive



ESTA has changed its rules to allow individual companies to become official supporters and be directly involved in its work.

The change means that becoming an ESTA supporter is open to all operating companies active in crane rental or abnormal road transport – as long as they are members of their relevant national association which is itself an ESTA member.

Supporters must also be prepared to endorse ESTA's overall goals.

ESTA hopes that the move will enable the European association to tap directly into the expertise of individual companies – and at the same time raise much-needed funds to enable it to expand its work on best practice and harmonizing standards throughout Europe.

The change was formally adopted at the recent ESTA General Assembly meeting in Paris.

ESTA Secretary Ton Klijn, who proposed the General Assembly motion, said: "ESTA's workload is expanding fast, with major projects such as the European Crane Operator Licence and the SPMT Best Practice Guide.

"We want to continue expanding but to do that we need more resources – both financial and expert - and we hope this change will help us on that road."

Applications to become an ESTA member will be made through the ESTA website. All applications will have to be approved by the ESTA Board of Directors.

Companies that are accepted will have the right to attend ESTA's crane or transport section meetings, as appropriate; access to ESTA's published technical information; the right to use the ESTA logo; and a free seat at the popular annual ESTA Users' Night and Awards.

For further information, go to the Members section on this website.