



2008 member fees held at 2007 prices

Members of BITA, the British Industrial Truck Association, have voted unanimously to keep 2008 membership fees at 2007 levels.

The decision was proposed by the BITA Board, and adopted by vote in accordance with BITA's procedure, at a meeting of BITA's Truck Suppliers Group (TSG) and Components & Services Group (CSG), held in Stratford-upon-Avon on November 20, 2007.

James Clark, BITA Secretary-General, said: "This boost for BITA's members is the direct consequence of the Association's careful financial stewardship, and a healthy balance sheet."

This announcement is the second piece of good news announced by BITA during November 2007. Earlier this month BITA reported annualised fork-lift truck orders having risen to 31,700 in the second quarter of 2007, approaching the peak demand of 32,000 trucks last reached in early 2005.

BITA is the sole provider of UK industrial truck sales statistics, which are contributed by – and only made available to – BITA members. BITA thus holds a unique repository of information on the current state and historical trends of the UK fork-lift market.

Being party to this data is only one of the many benefits associated with BITA membership, which also include:

- UK, EU and Global technical & legal representation
- Preferential exhibition rates at IMHX, the premier materials handling show
- Materials Handling industry presence
- Safety & Best Practice advice
- Exclusive members-only web pages
- Access to quality assured thorough examination providers
- Social events including BITA Ball and Golf Day

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Notes for Editors

- The British Industrial Truck Association, BITA, is a substantial and dynamic trade association representing a membership of 82 fork-lift truck manufacturers, suppliers, service providers and media operating in the UK.
- BITA is the voice of the industry in matters technical and legislative at the highest levels in Europe and internationally. It enjoys a close working relationship with bodies such as the UK Health and Safety Executive, the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the International Standards Organisation (ISO).
- As a member of the British Materials Handling Foundation (BMHF) BITA is allied with the Fédération Européenne de la Manutention (FEM), the European manufacturers' association of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment.
- BITA produces a wide range of specialist publications, encompassing best practice and health and safety assurance, as well as technical guidance notes and unique market insight. Its specialist committees include the Truck Suppliers Group (TSG), Technical Policy Committee (TPC), and the Component & Services Group (CSG) among many others.
- BITA members, including many international brands, manufacture and distribute over 90% of all new forklifts procured each year in the UK. They employ 7,000 people directly, and enjoy a combined annual turnover of £1.3bn. BITA members play an increasingly important role in the UK's overall economic health, supply chain effectiveness and environmental performance.