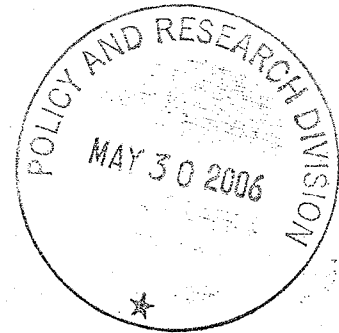


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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: **OHS Regulation Review**
Part 14, Crane: Hoists – Section 14.34: Operator Certification

Micron Construction Ltd. has been active in the concrete formwork business, primarily in the Lower Mainland since 1985. We have built the concrete structures for almost 200 significant projects, including the Parkade at YVR International Airport, the Shaw Tower in Coal Harbour, International Village on Pender Street, and many of the residential hi-rises on the north shore of False Creek, and at the Bayshore Hotel properties.

We always use tower cranes for these projects; and we have been one of the major employers of tower crane operators.

We are writing to express our support for a regulation requiring documented proof of competency for tower crane operators. We believe that proof of some level of proficiency and knowledge of tower cranes for operators is worthwhile. Some of the reasons for this are:

- Employers will be able to hire qualified "unknown" operators with confidence that the individual has some credentials.
- Operators with a proven background in tower crane operation will likely bring a higher level of professionalism, and consequently safety to the industry.
- Some form of official recognition of this trade will raise its profile, and attract more young people to our business.

Provided there is input from the stakeholders, we support a tower crane operator "proof-of-competency" regulation.

Yours truly,

Micron Construction Ltd.



Ron Karras