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## **British Columbia and Ireland Sign MOU to Mutually Recognize Tower Crane and Mobile Crane Operator Credentials**

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**VANCOUVER** – BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS) is pleased to announce the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between SOLAS (An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna) and BCACS, which took place in Dublin, Ireland on September 16th, 2015. The MOU allows for the mutual recognition of Mobile Crane Operator and Tower Crane Operator credentials. The MOU will enhance the international mobility of BC and Irish crane operators.

The Chair of the BCACS, Ken Morland, stated, “BCACS worked closely with the Canadian Hoisting and Rigging Safety Council to make this agreement a reality. With global scale projects leading to the need for seamless mobility, this is a leading edge agreement that will help ensure BC maintains an internationally competitive workforce with safety and recognized standards at its core.”

Commenting at the signing of the agreement, Mary-Liz Trant, Executive Director at SOLAS, said “We are very pleased that this agreement has been finalised and our thanks to everyone involved. Canada is a popular destination for Irish emigrants and I believe this agreement will assist many of them and their Canadian Employers. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with the BC Association for Crane Safety.”

SOLAS is the Further Education and Training Authority in Ireland. It is responsible for funding, planning and co-ordinating training and further education programmes.

The BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS) works closely with industry, labour and government to implement new standards of assessment and certification that make for a safer workplace. BCACS administers a comprehensive, inclusive credentialing regime to support the goal of accident free crane operations throughout British Columbia.

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