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FPS Revises Design & Lifting of Cages Guidance Note

The Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) has released a new revision of its Guidance Note – “The Design for Splicing and Lifting of Pre-Fabricated and Site Fabricated Reinforcement Cages for Piling and Walling Works.”

This new revision outlines current best practice in relation to the design and lifting of pre-fabricated reinforcement cages and site fabricated reinforcement cages for piling and walling works, as well as providing guidance on choosing proprietary systems of cage splicing to avoid any issues. It also specifies the need to follow any guidance from suppliers of proprietary cage splicing systems and there is also a section on lifting light cages.

From a listing of definitions through to cage design information, purchase orders and the delivery & lifting on site, the guidance note provides all the information required to ensure safe, competent and successful applications on site.

Speaking about the revised Guidance Note, FPS Chairman Alasdair Henderson said: “The document covers all the latest information and guidance to ensure best practice on site with regards to the design for splicing and lifting of pre-fabricated and site fabricated reinforcement cages for piling and walling works. The revision includes a number of new elements bringing the note right up-to-date.”

The document is available for download from the FPS website <http://www.fps.org.uk/fps/guidance/technical/technical.php>

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Notes to Editors | About the FPS:

Established in 1964, the Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) has proactively worked with its members to drive up standards within the industry. From a handful of members back in the days when rotary techniques were coming into use and crane-mounted and hydraulic equipment was in its infancy, the FPS represents most of the leading piling and geotechnical specialists in the construction sector.

Its independent auditing process, which all prospective members need to go through, ensures the highest standards are met, and this audit is repeated every three years to ensure standards are maintained and continually improved.

The FPS works closely with its members to establish standards and provide guidance across all piling and geotechnical areas as well as on wider construction related issues that affect the sector such as Building Information Modelling (BIM). Safety and training are the highest priorities.

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