

Press release

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SEMCCO LENDS A SAFE HAND TO RAILTEX



Semmco is lending a safe hand to Railtex with its specially designed modular access equipment on stand 243 at the event at Earls Court in London from 10 to 12 March 2009

As a specialist engineering company designing and manufacturing a comprehensive range of access equipment for the rail industry, who are committed to quality, safety and reliability. Semmco offers steps, roof access, front access and modular and fixed gantry equipment.

Semmco's exciting new deal with Portlaoise traincare depot last year saw the company provide a number of mobile access platforms for the Portlaoise traincare depot Larnród Éireann's new €96.5 million facility for maintaining the Intercity railcar fleet opened in July 2008. The access systems will improve safety and accessibility for staff undertaking maintenance and repair work for the Intercity railcar fleet.

Irish Rail approached Semmco who, in partnership with Zacher, is experienced in both the European aircraft and rail industries at providing safe solutions to all access areas on aircraft and rail vehicles.

Access to trains for maintenance or repair work to be carried out can be unsafe and pose a threat to the worker. Ensuring that there was correct support equipment in place to allow maintenance staff to perform their duties on the new fleet of Intercity trains was essential. It ensures that downtime is kept to a minimum and that workers are in a safe operating environment. Falls are the biggest cause of death in the workplace, accounting for 58 fatal accidents and 3,235 major injuries in 2007/8.

The requirement for a robust access solution for maintenance staff is especially pertinent in the light of current legislation regarding working at heights. The Work at Heights Regulation 2005 put legal responsibilities on employers to ensure that equipment, such as ladders and platforms, used to facilitate working at any heights above ground level minimises the risk of falling and offers protection for workers.

For more information on Semmco's products, visit them on stand 243 at Railtex between the 10 - 12 March 2009.

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Notes to editors

Founded in 1992 and operating across the UK and internationally, Semmco is a design and engineering company offering a range of specialist services for access solutions, ground support equipment, respiratory protection systems for all areas of industry and military and specific applications for the emergency services. Providing engineering design and consultancy for special projects and bespoke customer requirements, Semmco is committed to quality, safety and reliability throughout innovative designs, manufacturing safe and cost effective engineered solutions.

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