

## **Serious About Safety – HSS and Turner Access Ltd.**

Of the 70 fatalities in the construction industry in the past twelve months, almost half of those were caused by falls from height. In 2003/2004, 67 people died and nearly 4000 suffered a serious injury as a result of a fall from height in the workplace.

As the Health and Safety Executive announce that they are to launch a major campaign next year to target falls from height, and as there has been a greater focus in general on working at height, in part due to the new Work at Height regulations, Turner Access and HSS have together developed a new product that tackles this problem head on, providing a safe, low-level access solution: the AlphaStep (podium).

David Johnstone, HSS Hire Access Product Director remarks "We chose Turner Access as they were keen to work with us to develop this particular low level product. The AlphaStep complements our access range and we are delighted with the end product".

Turner Access are delighted to partner with HSS Hire as both companies share the same commitment to safety. Gary Gallagher, Managing Director of Turner Access comments "Proper selection of suitable equipment by the duty holder is a cornerstone of the new statutory requirements. This product extends the range of options open to HSS customers when working at low heights".

HSS Hire are so pleased with the final product that they have placed an order for over 600 AlphaSteps. The addition of AlphaStep strengthens the existing HSS range of safety equipment which complies with the new 2005 Work at Height Regulations and, with the largest branch network in the UK and Ireland (over 400 branches), HSS Hire provides a one stop shop for both local and national customers.

The demand for the AlphaStep and other Turner Access low-level access equipment such as the SigmaDeck and OmegaDeck has been so great that the company is now in the process of expanding its factory premises and resources at the Glasgow Headquarters.

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### **ALPHASTEP**

AlphaStep, also known as a Podium Step, is the brand new one-man low level access solution. Comprising of only 5 lightweight components and with a choice of 4 platform heights (up to 1m), this Podium Step provides safe, effective and economical internal access.

### **SIGMADECK**

The SigmaDeck 250 access platform assembles and dismantles in seconds to provide a safe working platform up to a height of 1.6m. This low level access solution has been designed solely for internal use, can offer guardrail protection at all times and has compact folding dimensions for easy movement, storage and transportation.

### **OMEGADECK**

OmegaDeck 250 is the aluminium bridging system from Turner Access, providing you with effortless up-and-over access. Ideally used in offices and manufacturing, the OmegaDeck provides quick and easy access over desks and machinery, minimising disruption.