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Dear Mr Wickens,

Ref: Mr Peter William RICHARDSON (Deceased): Regulation 28 Report

In response to our letter dated 17 July 2017, you asked if we could consider further the evidence given by [REDACTED] HSE Inspectors at the Inquest and the issues they raised with current guidance.

We have discussed the concerns further in relation to the thorough examination of two post ramps of this type and note the following.

The HSE intends to issue additional guidance concerning the inspection of two post ramps by thorough examiners to highlight the risks in relation to this type of lifting equipment. This will be covered in HSE Operational Guidance, which will be brought to the attention of the various stakeholder groups, namely the inspection industry and will also be publically available on the HSE website.

The focus of this guidance will be to ensure that during thorough examinations, the examiner checks the main arm does not move inadvertently when the locking mechanism is engaged and checks that the lateral movement, of the fully extended arm's sliding elements, does not exceed the limit set by the version of BS EN 1493 in force at the time of the lift's manufacture.

This is in addition to the measures already set out in the letter of the 17th July.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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HM Inspector of Health and Safety