



Leading supplier of crane cabins joins ICHCA

Metagro, a leading designer and manufacturer of high quality crane cabins and operating chairs has joined the ranks of the International Cargo Handling Organisation (ICHCA), which is committed to improve the safe working environment of all those handling cargo throughout the international maritime supply chain

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Metagro and ICHCA share a very clear vision to practice all aspects of global cargo handling in a safe, efficient, productive and environmentally responsible way. High-quality precision equipment and best operating practices are key to achieving and maintaining this vision. ICHCA is therefore delighted to announce the crane cabin and operating chair manufacturer as a new Member.

Speaking on behalf of Metagro, Andreas van Meeteren, Commercial Director commented, “We are constantly seeking to improve crane productivity and operator welfare. Above all we strive for the highest standard of safety. In this we recognise the goals of ICHCA are in line with our own. Moreover, we believe progress on all three fronts can only be achieved by close cooperation and knowledge transfer with the end-users of our equipment. The ICHCA Membership encompasses terminal operators and workforce representatives and thus provide us with a perfect forum for such discussions.”

Metagro envisions a future where ergonomics and technology come together to support operators worldwide. Its workstations and cabins are designed not only to meet today’s requirements, but also anticipate future developments. By continuous innovation and investment in ergonomics, the aim is to achieve a situation where every operator can work safely, comfortably and efficiently.

Metagro is well-known throughout the industry for supplying the unique cabin roof mounted Ergoseat, used in container handling throughout the world for decades. Having amalgamated with Merford, the original developer of this ergonomic crane control station, Metagro continues to refine its design to give operators more visibility and ergonomic flexibility resulting in greater productivity and less physical stress.

ICHCA is well-placed to assist Metagro in achieving its goals as it is proud to have a diverse cadre of members. This fuels not just the strength but also a union of purpose, and is vital in enabling ICHCA to be a relevant influence across all aspects of safety throughout the cargo handling industry and around the world.



“We welcome the addition of Metagro to our professional community. A member which has such a clear commitment to safety and is proactively striving for the health and safety of the workforce is a considerable asset to ICHCA in achieving true collaboration between all parties involved in our sector, said Richard Steele, ICHCA’s CEO. “The multi-faceted working environment of the cargo handling industry needs such teamwork in bringing beneficial solutions to the industry’s risk mitigation challenges.”

About ICHCA International

Established in 1952, ICHCA International is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide. ICHCA’s privileged NGO status enables it to represent its members, and the cargo handling industry at large, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies, while its Technical Panel provides best practice advice and develops publications on a wide range of practical cargo handling issues.

Operating through a series of national and regional chapters, including ICHCA Australia, ICHCA Japan and plus Correspondence and Working Groups, ICHCA provides a focal point for informing, educating, lobbying and networking to improve knowledge and best practice across the cargo handling chain.

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