A new working group was formed to improve design of and construction practices to improve the safety of working platforms for tracked plant and equipment used to install deep foundations. The group, with industry-wide representation, held its first official meeting at the 2017 DFI Annual Conference. The goals of group are to:

- Foster a general industry discussion with major industry groups
- Discuss, agree and develop recommended practices to improve safety for large tracked plant and equipment
- Discuss the international state of the practice and consider ways to improve practices
- Discuss big picture concepts on platform safety, as opposed to detailed design information
- Identify experiences and thoughts on how to take the initiative forward

In spring 2017, Matt Meyer, P.E., D.GE, of Langan Engineering and Environmental Services and a DFI trustee, and Martin Taube, P.E., P.G., of Menard Group USA and also a DFI trustee, prepared a survey to form the basis of a presentation outlining North American practice, which charted a road map for the development of the working group. In addition, Holman prepared a presentation for SuperPile ’17 reflecting the current state of design and construction of working platforms. These presentations as well as news and the group’s activities, are available at: www.dfi.org/commhome.asp?WPWG.

The group will be working with European Federation of Foundations Contractors (EFFC) to prepare a workshop on working platforms at the DFI-EFFC International Conference on Piling and Deep Foundations from June 5-9, 2018, in Rome.

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