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## To whom it may concern

As you are aware we experienced a serious incident at our West London depot on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June involving a Genie Z135 boom lift which resulted in a fatality.

Contrary to some reports, we would confirm that the deceased was a highly qualified engineer with several years' experience working in the sector, and in fact was the depot foreman.

We would also confirm that the machine was one of a batch of 15 new Z135 machines delivered by Genie during the past 6 weeks.

Following the incident we immediately took the decision to ground all our Genie Z135's, pending the outcome of investigations by the Health & Safety Executive ("HSE").

We are aware that Genie have subsequently issued assurance on the safety of Z135's but note that this assurance has been issued without the benefit of interrogating the system data held on the machine in question.

At this stage the outcome of the HSE investigations is not yet known and in our view no conclusions can be drawn regarding the reasons for the incident earlier this week. In our opinion the only safe and responsible course of action is to re-affirm the grounding of all our Genie Z135's until further notice.

We obviously understand the considerable inconvenience that this action will be causing to our customers, however our primary concern continues to be the continued safety of our employees and of our customers' employees and we would ask your continued understanding and patience.

Ray Ledger Chairman

**Kimberly Group** 

