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NASC Set To Attract Smaller Scaffolding Firms In 2016

The NASC has made a bold move to attract small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) scaffolding firms to the confederation – by reducing the minimum subscription threshold, specifically:

- From 1st January 2016 a lower subscription tier has been created.
- Companies with annual turnover below £1 million will be charged an annual subscription of just £995 + VAT.
- Subscriptions for companies with a turnover between £1 million and £1,376,200 (the previous minimum annual turnover) will increase incrementally from £995 to £1,600 + VAT.

This NASC initiative was announced at the organisation's AGM on 27th November 2015 – reflecting the newly sworn-in President Alan Lilley's desire to attract greater numbers of smaller scaffolding contractors to the NASC.

Furthermore, the confederation is also in the process of fine-tuning a range of benefits for small companies wishing to apply for membership, with details to follow in the trade press, news releases, on social media and at 2016 NASC events.

MD Robin James said: "The NASC is an inclusive organisation. We are looking to broaden the appeal of membership to smaller companies who are prepared to comply with our code of conduct, our robust auditing procedure, and help us to set the standard for scaffolding here in the UK.

"In reducing the NASC minimum annual subscription rate, we are facilitating the creation of a level playing field for the smaller scaffolding contractor. This will enable NASC to regulate this important sector of the industry – helping to drive up standards."

NASC President Alan Lilley added: "It is one of my main aims as the new NASC President to alter the false "club" perception of the confederation and to increase the membership – especially within the UK's elite small and medium sized

scaffolding firms. And this starts with us lowering the turnover threshold to £1 million and the annual subscription to below £1,000, effective from 1st January 2016.

“The NASC is also very happy to provide support with membership applications (including meeting the requirements for membership and completing the application form, for example). This will hopefully give every applicant the best chance of passing the application process and getting them on the right path for a successful desktop and site audit.

“We look forward to receiving applications from smaller scaffolding contractors with the same high standards to which our members adhere, and we wish them luck with their membership journey.”

For details on changes to NASC membership subscription criteria, how to join the NASC, the launch of the latest SG4:15 ‘Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations’ Safety Guidance, the TG20:13 full suite and on the NASC – the UK scaffolding industry trade body – please visit www.nasc.org.uk or email: enquiries@nasc.org.uk. And for more details on CISRS training, including a list of current providers, please visit: www.cisrs.org.uk