

# **Quinn Crane Hire Ltd.**

Quinn Crane Hire, Press Release.

The Donegal town based company Quinn Crane Hire has just been awarded a prestigious safety award by Royal Dutch Shell, the international energy company. Quinn beat off competition from crane hire companies contracted to Shell projects all over Europe to become the 2012 Lifting and Hoisting Award winners.

The Award is reserved for companies that demonstrate industry best practice and a high level of compliance with Shell's Lifting and Hoisting Group Standard. Over a long period Quinns have exhibited an excellent safety record and displayed a positive attitude to continuous improvement

The family owned company was set up by Jim Quinn in 1994 and has grown from a one crane operation to a company with the most modern mobile cranes with lifting capacity of 25 tonnes to 200 tonnes. Jim has been joined in the business by his sons Eamonn and Gary and they compete for contracts all across Ireland.

Quinn Crane Hire was first contracted to the project in 2000 and has carried out heavy lifts in Killybegs (the centre of Corrib's Irish offshore operations), at the Bellanaboy Bridge terminal, at Ballyglass and Belmullet piers and at Waterford port.

During that twelve year relationship, Quinns have been responsible for many of the heavy lifts at Killybegs harbour and at the Corrib Gas pipe storage depot where they have lifted approx 140,000 tonnes of pipe which is the equivalent of 2.5 times the weight of steel in the Empire State Building.

These achievements won the recognition of Shell as they were completed without a single incident. Quinns have also safely carried out major contracts on the Corrib project for Sinbad Marine Services, Barrier Limited, Rockall Marine Services, Port Services, Roadbridge Ltd, and Land and Marine. They have also carried out major lifts for Abbotts Ireland, ESB, Elanco Ireland, Enercon and Nordex (both wind turbine maintenance projects).

Jim Quinn said it was a major achievement to have been nominated for such a prestigious and sought-after award. "We feel greatly honoured to have won the award against competition from all over Europe.

"We always try to provide our customers with the best possible service. We continue to strive to improve especially in relation to health, safety and environmental concerns and it is wonderful that our commitment to safety and continuous improvement has been recognised in this award."

He expressed thanks to Shell, Sinbad Marine Services and Barrier for the contracts provided to Quinn Crane Hire. These contracts, coupled with the requirement for the highest safety standards

had helped Quinns to up their game and had greatly contributed to achieving the Shell Lifting and Hoisting Award.

The Award was presented to Quinn Crane Hire by Roeland Borsboom, Corrib Gas Project Director, who paid tribute to the company for achieving what is a significant safety award.

“Safety is the first business priority for Shell. Our target each year is “Goal Zero,” said Roeland. “By Goal Zero we strive to ensure that everyone working for Shell gets home in the evening without any harm to themselves or the environment.

“It is not possible to achieve that without a 100% buy in from all our staff, contractors and sub contractors. Over their years working with the Corrib Gas project, Quinn Crane Hire has shown a total commitment to working safely and has completed their contracts with us in a safe and efficient manner.

“They are worthy winners of the 2012 Shell Lifting and Hoisting Award,” he said.

Quinn Crane Hire was nominated for the award by Corrib project HSE Advisor, Steve Hutchinson who also attended the presentation ceremony.

