



## IPAF conduct seminar during Excon 2013

tandt Limited and IPAF (International Powered Access Federation) jointly conducted a seminar to unite access equipment manufacturers, rental companies and end users to promote the safe and effective use of powered access equipment in India. This seminar was conducted during the EXCON 2013 exhibition which was held at Bengaluru in November. The seminar was open for members and non-members of IPAF and was attended by nearly 60 delegates representing over 35 companies involved in the powered access industry including manufacturers, rental companies, training and safety organisations.

IPAF Managing Director Mr. Tim Whiteman presided over the seminar, which highlighted the safe and effective use of powered access equipment in different countries and discussed how this may be applied to the access equipment sector in India. "India's powered access industry is at the start of a steady growth period and it is essential that safe practice is established now before it grows rapidly and IPAF can help with this" said Mr. Whiteman.

Mr. Rakesh Modi, Managing Director, Mtandt Limited said "This seminar is a platform for manufactures and rental companies of India to have an access to IPAF's technical guidance, practical advice and to become a member. The membership of IPAF is open to end users of access equipment, manufacturers, distributors, rental and training companies".

"IPAF aims to establish a group of members in order to hold a membership meeting in the first quarter of 2014. From this group an Indian Country Council would be formed which would be responsible for setting goals and objectives for IPAF in India, so we encourage all those interested to send in their membership applications as soon as possible" added Mr. Whiteman.



(Left) Rakesh Modi, MD, Mandt Limited (Right) Tim Whiteman, MD, IPAF

IPAF promotes the safe and effective use of powered access and being part of this movement will demonstrates organisation's commitment towards safety. Members will also have access to the range of support, advice, information and services as well as networking opportunities. In India IPAF will be establishing a country council so members will voted onto this council which can directly influence the role of IPAF and help to develop IPAF's strategy and objectives in India. Members will get a chance to influence the growing body of legislation and regulations that governs powered access equipment use. The delegates listened attentively to the presentation and asked informed questions. They expressed enthusiasm for the establishment of an IPAF Indian Country Council which would promote the safe and effective use of powered access.