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## Welcome to the 17th edition of the Plant and Agricultural National Intelligence Unit (PANIU) crime report.

Just by way of introduction a little bit about me, for those who do not know me. I joined the Met Police in 1981 and after various uniform postings transferred in October 1990 to the Stolen Vehicle Unit at Chalk Farm as a Vehicle Examiner, where I remained, until I retired in March 2012. I was very fortunate to be given the opportunity to return as a police staff employee as the Liaison Manager for the PANIU, taking up this role in April 2012.

I spent many hours working with Ian Elliott on all sorts of different projects and initiatives and we travelled extensively together. One thing I refused to help him with was the writing of this quarterly report, which has now very firmly landed in my lap!

So my first attempt at such an esteemed publication! Ian has left a lasting legacy which will be a hard act to follow.

As I pondered what to write I started to reflect on where we had got with plant and agricultural theft since Kevin Clancy, the Chairman of the Plant Theft Action Group (PTAG), wrote to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in late 2005 and the action plan that was put in place by the Stolen Vehicle Unit working with PTAG and another like-minded working group called Combined Industries Theft Solutions (CiTS) to address the issues raised.

What has now been achieved is something we should all be rightly proud of. The hurdles we have had to climb. The hoops we've had to jump through. The doubters who said it would never happen. Or, "give it a couple of years" and then back to the "Same old, same old."

### To remind you of just a few of the headlines:

- Secure funding from the insurance industry, to form a dedicated team of officers.
- The Plant & Agricultural National Intelligence Unit was formed.
- Maintain a database of all stolen plant & agricultural machinery.
- CESAR the plant machinery marking scheme is introduced.
- The DVLA issue a Vehicle Registration Certificate to non-road registered items of machinery.
- JCB are the first manufacturer to fit CESAR as standard on all UK machines.
- Working with our industry partners, Thatcham introduce a 5 star security rating system for plant and agricultural machinery.

- Gone are the days when one key fits all. Or have they?
- Change the mind set of manufacturers from the 1970's adage of "one stolen is another one sold"
- CESAR fitted to over 100,000 machines. (Who said it wouldn't work)?
- Just 701 CESAR marked items of machinery stolen. Do the maths, less than 1%.
- 198 of those CESAR marked stolen items recovered, which is over 28%. (The current recovery rate for all stolen vehicles is around 37%).
- Since PANIU was formed in October 2008, we have assisted in or directly been involved in the recovery of £10.3m of stolen plant & agricultural machinery. This represents 24% of all recoveries nationally.
- Plant and agricultural machinery theft has fallen 50%

There is still much work to be done. Some areas of the industry still seem slow to embrace the swelling tide and can see no benefit in fitting CESAR.

Virtually every tractor manufacturer (certainly all the major ones), supplying into the UK now fit CESAR as standard. I would love to be able to report a similar statistic on the construction side of the business, say for example, the mini excavator, dumper or tandem roller market.

I can draw on similar experiences from the motor vehicle arena where in the early 1990's the UK was losing a stolen vehicle every minute of every day. Nationally we lost over 500,000 vehicles each year and in London alone 120,000. In 2012 London lost just over 29,000.

Arguably the two main factors in reducing vehicle crime was the increase in vehicle security. Immobiliser technology was introduced, where, in the broadest terms you could not steal a vehicle without the key. The second factor and the one I wish to make greater emphasis on is the salvage industry. The ABI, BVSF, DVLA and others drew up a code of practice for the disposal of vehicle salvage. Seriously damaged vehicles with little more than scrap metal value, are now destroyed (end of life). Not being sold on, to unscrupulous criminal networks, who simply used the identity of the damaged vehicle to disguise a stolen vehicle.

The BVSF knew this change would impact on their members and yet embraced the proposals, knowing that they were making a difference in reducing overall vehicle crime in the UK. Today we simply do not see salvage being used to disguise stolen vehicles. "Ringing" as it was known is a thing of the past.



It is nearly 4½ years since the formation of PANIU and 5½ years since the introduction of CESAR. Surely now, more than ever is the time to move forward together.

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### Ian Elliott retires from the Metropolitan Police after 30 years service

On December 13th 2012 Ian had his farewell leaving do at a hotel in Camden. Over 100 family, friends and colleagues turned up to wish him well for the future.

His leaving speech was given by DCI Will Young, which had everybody in fits of laughter. Comments such as, "I cannot remember you ever having arrested anybody, and you couldn't even nick yourself shaving", spring to mind. Reconciling his Barclaycard statement each month was always a drama. "No Ian, the Commissioner will not pay for the custom built stainless steel exhaust pipe for your BMW 2002"

On Ian's behalf I wish to thank all of you who gave so generously towards his leaving gifts, which included a Border Fine Art JCB model on a wooden plinth (Look it up on the internet if interested) and he asked for a Fortnum & Mason hamper which we duly obliged and proceeded to stuff it full of local supermarket "Value/Saver" products.

I'm not sure I can do Ian justice in a short report, his contribution as Industry Liaison Crime Prevention Officer for the Stolen Vehicle Unit has been tireless and unstinting.

His enthusiasm commitment and dedication in combatting and reducing vehicle crime is unparalleled. The word "No" never seemed to appear in his vocabulary. His infectious humour and energy cascaded onto others with whom he worked always getting the best from others.

We have much to thank him for. Not least the formation of PANIU and the plant marking scheme which of course became CESAR. He has set the bar very high. A standard all of us should strive to reach.

Congratulations, well done and thank you.



### Chartered Insurers Institute (CII) - CPD Points

PANIU are currently working with the CII to deliver a series of seminars/training courses throughout the different CII regions on the work of PANIU and the benefits of CESAR.

These training sessions are likely to be no more than a couple of hours but will count as CPD points towards your own personal development.

When the dates are confirmed they will be advertised by the CII to their membership.

So for those of you who are interested keep an eye out for further information.



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### Massey Ferguson fit CESAR as standard

Virtually every new tractor sold into the UK will now be fitted with CESAR.

One of the most iconic names in British agriculture, Massey Ferguson, has announced plans to offer the official CESAR security and registration system on its range of tractors from the beginning of 2013.

Massey Ferguson, a part of the AGCO Corporation, offers a wide range of agricultural tractors from 69 to 370 hp able to tackle any job on the farm. CESAR will be fitted as standard to machines destined for the UK and Irish markets in Massey Ferguson's Beauvais factory by fully trained staff. CESAR will be available as an optional dealer fit for other MF products such as balers, telescopic handlers and combine harvesters.

Massey Ferguson's National Sales Manager for the UK and Ireland, Rob Dunk commented "We're delighted that we are now fitting CESAR to our Massey Ferguson ranges from Beauvais. The industry suffers from the theft of high value capital machinery and it is only right that as a responsible manufacturer, we take all necessary steps to help protect our customers' investments."



### Senior member of Datatag staff recovers stolen Takeuchi

A member of Datatag staff who has sat through countless crime prevention seminars and lectures on the virtues of PANIU & CESAR was driving up the motorway on a business trip, when the employee's attention was drawn to red and grey Takeuchi mini excavator on the back of an Ifor Williams trailer, being towed by a Nissan Navara. The trigger points were that there was no end board on the trailer and the machine did not appear to be strapped or chained down in any way. A quick change of lane and a slowing of speed revealed an area on the side of the Takeuchi in the shape of a triangle where a transfer or sticker had been removed. This area of disturbance was of course the correct size and shape for a CESAR triangle. Being a conscientious employee who knew that Takeuchi had been fitting CESAR as standard since September 2008 was highly suspicious. During the next series of events the driver of the Navara became suspicious of the vehicle showing an unhealthy interest in him! Slowing to about 30mph the Datatag employee started to become a little concerned for their safety. Fortunately the situation was saved with the approach of an exit.



**New Telephone System Installed at PANIU**  
As of Tuesday 5th March 2013 PANIU have a new updated telephone system in place. No changes to any of the published phone numbers but if you get no reply on the 020 7230 7290 number your call will divert to the 24/7 CESAR call centre 0845 0700440, where database checks can still be carried out.



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### Kent Police recover 12 brand new stolen Caterpillar mini excavators

Twelve mini diggers worth approximately £200,000 have been recovered by police after being reported stolen.

On Monday 10 December police received a report that 12 new mini diggers worth around £200,000, had been stolen over the weekend from a site on the Parkwood Industrial Estate, Maidstone.

In the early hours of 11 December, following up on intelligence that had been received, the diggers were located in a trailer on the A229, north of Staplehurst.

Officers remained in the area until shortly before 7am when three men arrived at the trailer. The men, aged 50, 22 and 32 years-old, from Sittingbourne, Maidstone and Staplehurst respectively, were arrested on suspicion of theft of motor vehicle. They were later released on bail pending further enquiries until 26 February. A fourth man, 34 years-old from Sittingbourne, was later arrested and bailed to the same date.

A 33 year-old woman from Staplehurst was also arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods, and later bailed until 14 January.

Detective Sergeant Neil Kimber from Kent Police said: 'This was a high-value theft of brand new vehicles, and it was a terrific result to not only retrieve the vehicles, but to also arrest five people in connection with the offence. This type of vehicle has been in the past used by criminals targeting cash machines and it is quite likely that by recovering the vehicles and arresting the suspects so quickly, that we prevented other offences being committed.'



### Training day at Caterpillar® UK

PANIU working in partnership with Caterpillar® are planning a training day with a factory tour at Caterpillar UK, Desford, Leicester.

This will unfortunately have to be restricted to we think around 100 officers & police staff, spread over two days. The Caterpillar training days will take place on the 9th and 10th October 2013. Anyone involved in auto crime investigation and particularly construction & agricultural machinery theft investigations should be putting the dates in their diary.

To secure you place please contact [debbie.mills@met.police.uk](mailto:debbie.mills@met.police.uk)



### Northern Constabulary recover stolen John Deere 6830 Tractor

PANIU received information concerning a John Deere tractor in Glenelg Kyle, Scotland. From enquiries it was confirmed that the tractor was still outstanding as stolen since September 2009 from West Yorkshire. PC's Brian Harper & Cameron MacRae attended the venue confirmed the identity of the tractor as the stolen machine and seized it. Enquiries continue.



### PLANTWORX 2013 14th-16th MAY

The biggest live plant and equipment event this year is being held at Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

- You can visit PANIU in the 'Security Village'.
- We shall be there and look forward to meeting you.
- See the latest technology for safeguarding plant and equipment.

The show features 100,000 sq. metres of space allocated to working machines and live demonstrations from many of the main plant and equipment manufacturers.

Datatag ID, the power behind the CESAR scheme initiative, has announced it will be one of the mains sponsors of this years PLANTWORX Innovation Awards for Security Innovation. The PLANTWORX Innovation Awards recognise and celebrate those innovative Products making an impact in the construction equipment industry.

For further information and to register for tickets, go to: <http://www.plantworx.co.uk/>



PANIU recovery of 2010 JCB telehandler stolen in Hertfordshire in December 2012. Recovered as a direct result of Custodia Tracking Systems. Unfortunately no arrests.



Another recovery for PANIU. Genie tower lift stolen from Thames Valley in October 2012. Recovered in Hertfordshire in January value £20,000.



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## Four sentenced for high value plant theft conspiracy - Hertfordshire

Four men appeared at St Albans Crown Court today, Friday, 01 March 2013, and were sentenced to a total of 21 years and one month for their part in a conspiracy to steal and export heavy plant machinery in at least 19 separate instances.

Lee Mark Dunn and his two sons Stacy and Lee Paul were on trial between 14 January 2013, and 26 February 2013, charged with conspiracy to steal and were found guilty. The fourth man, Richard Scales, pleaded guilty to the same offence on 05 November 2012, at St Albans Crown Court.

The investigation, code named Operation Pursue, was led by Hertfordshire Constabulary and involved an investigation into wide scale, cross border, high value thefts of plant equipment, predominantly excavators (JCBs) from construction sites. The thefts were highly organised and it became clear that each offence was planned in detail prior to its commission.

The team, were highly organised and well equipped. The majority of stolen plant, which was not recovered by Police during the Operation, was exported to Eastern Europe using fraudulent documentation of an unprecedented quality and incredibly difficult to forge. The plant equipment was generally stolen to order and exported on large articulated lorries, mainly to Poland.

There were 19 offences, which formed the conspiracy. However, it was the prosecution case that this was probably the "tip of the iceberg." The 19 offences spanned over 14 months between 01 January 2011, and 07 March 2012. The value of the stolen plant was estimated to be in excess of £700,000.

The four men were sentenced as follows:

- Stacy Dunn, aged 36, from Cecil Street, Watford, was sentenced to 5 years 9 months
- Lee Mark Dunn, aged 52, from High Street, Bedmond, Abbots Langley, was sentenced to 5 years 6 months
- Lee Paul Dunn, aged 32, from Matlock Crescent, Watford, was sentenced to 5 years 6 months
- Richard Scales, aged 48, from Bardwell Court, St Albans, was sentenced to 4 years 4 months.

Whilst Sentencing, His Honour Judge Stephen Warner said that this was a sophisticated conspiracy committed in Hertfordshire in which all the defendants took part during a 14 month period. He added that the crimes involved significant planning and organisation where theft locations and storage locations were identified, plant was disguised, and sophisticated false documentation was created. The targeted building sites included residential sites, schools, and civic sites. The stolen property was of a significantly high value and a lucrative trade. The Judge took into account the serious impact of their offending on the construction industry and the community.

## PANIU Secure Conviction

Peter Maughan of no fixed abode was found guilty at Snaresbrook Crown Court after trial, for one offence of Handling a stolen Genset generator, valued at £12,500. Which had been stolen in East London in June 2011.

The generator had been fixed into the back of Maughan's Fiat Ducato van, having first had the towing frame and wheel axle removed. He was given a 12 month community service order, three month tag, ordered to pay £2,000 compensation to HSS the victim of the theft and his 57 plate Ducato van was forfeited.

## PSNI Latest News

Police in Northern Ireland have recovered a Manitou telehandler which had been stolen in October 2012 from Finglas Dublin, Ireland.

No attempt had been made to disguise or remove the genuine identity of the machine. It had been placed into a local auction in Northern Ireland for a "quick turn around" but was spotted by the victim on the auction's web site. He immediately reported it to the Garda who in turn contacted their colleagues in PSNI. Swift action by all parties concerned lead to the recovery.



Superintendent Mark Purdon presents an IT package to PC Martin Kerr awarded to PSNI from the CESAR/CEA police fund.

Martin is a lead Forensic Vehicle Examiner working within the Roads Policing Unit and is engaged on many training initiatives on behalf of PSNI. Superintendent Purdon said, "This equipment will ensure a uniform and professional presentation, irrespective of venue. I am very grateful" and went on to say, "The PSNI have a dedicated core of vehicle examiners to assist investigating officers in their enquiries, into all manner of conveyances. Expertise exists in the identification of cars, trailers, commercial vehicles, plant & agricultural equipment. We are especially keen to endorse the uptake of the CESAR scheme which not only permanently and uniquely identifies an item but leads to the prosecution of offenders and the return of property to its' rightful owner".



**ARE YOU AWARE**  
 that you can check all PANIU data 24/7 via  
 the CESAR database on 08 450 700 440



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## Facts & Figures

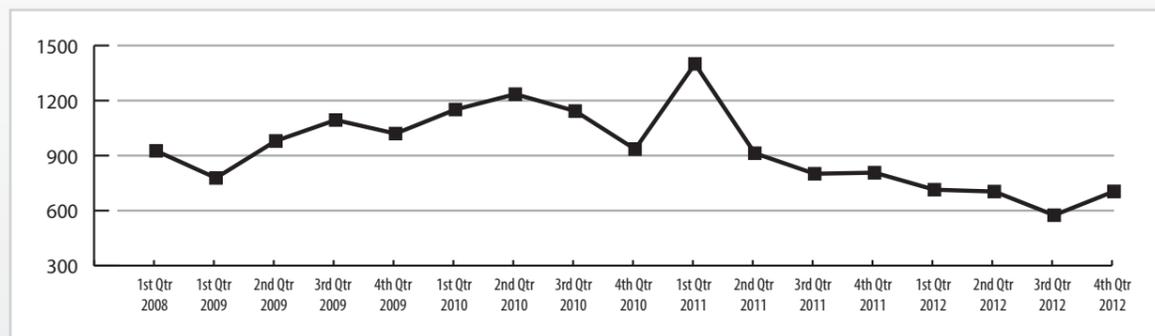
We are in a position to publish the figures for the period October- December 2012.

Unsurprisingly we have seen an increase in thefts compared to the previous quarter. The June to September figures showed total thefts (excluding Quad bikes) of just 575.

This quarter the figure has risen to 705 which is very similar to the number recorded for the period Jan-March 2012 of 714 and April-June 2012 of 704.

One obvious explanation for the lower theft figures during the summer was the Olympics. The Metropolis and many other towns and cities had embargos on any utility work on public highways. Only emergency repair work could be undertaken. This meant that very little plant machinery was left out on the street during the Olympic period thus reducing the number of both planned and opportunist thefts.

The overall trend continues to be down as can be seen from the graph below.



It would appear at the current time that older machines are being targeted by the criminals. "The CESAR Effect" seems to be working. With over 103,000 now fitted with CESAR and only 701 of them reported stolen would suggest the intended crime prevention strategy is working. Only 0.68% of CESAR marked machinery has been stolen. How does this compare to total sales of all machinery the critics may ask? If only we knew!

What we can say is that newer machinery being reported stolen tends to be non CESAR marked, particularly tandem rollers, dumper trucks and compressors.

The graph below shows the theft figures for this quarter by manufacturer. The top 5 remain unchanged from the previous quarter.

Thwaites, Benford/Terex and Ingersoll Rand have all moved up the table. It is good to see Massey Ferguson slipping out of the top ten and they have just announced they will be fitting CESAR as standard. (See news story elsewhere in this report).

Theft by police force area also makes for interesting reading this quarter. Kent have moved from second to first, but in

OCT-DEC 2012		
RANK	MANUFACTURER	TOT
1	JCB	81
2	KUBOTA	55
3	BOMAG	33
4	JOHN DEERE	33
5	TAKEUCHI	26
6	THWAITES	25
7	BENFORD/TEREX	22
8	CATERPILLAR	19
9	MANITOU	15
10	INGERSOLL RAND	13
	OTHERS	383
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>705</b>

their defence the actual number of thefts recorded has only changed by 1 from 54 last quarter to 55. The Met have slipped from first to 5th. Is this just a short lived blip? Only time will tell. GMP has also recorded reductions and drop from 3rd to 9th.

23 recorded construction or agricultural thefts (excluding quad bikes) got you in the top 10 this quarter. That equates to one theft every 4 days, which in this case was Hampshire.

How do we, the police look to target such a low number of thefts? Targeting known Organised Criminal Networks (OCN's) is an obvious approach. Those police force areas who have successfully taken this stance have recorded significant reductions. By arresting and then convicting known offenders who may be stealing three, four or more items of machinery every week can make a huge difference to their figures. This is clearly demonstrated by successes in GMP the Met, Lancashire and Cheshire in recent months.

Pro-active roads policing initiatives also have a major part to play. In fact anything that raises the profile of law enforcement agencies working towards reducing plant and agricultural theft is a good thing.

## Plant Type

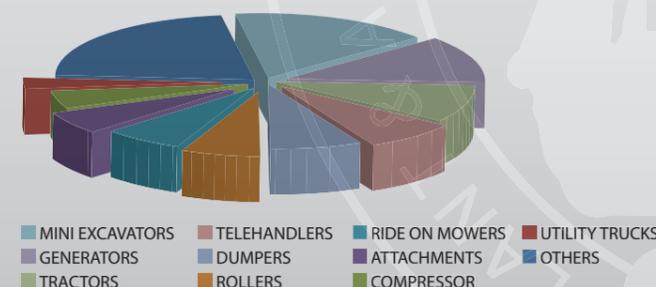
Since PANIU's inception in October 2008 we have been recording plant and agricultural machinery thefts. For every quarter, mini excavators have been the number one most stolen type of machine with over 450 in the last year alone.

Generators remain the second most stolen items 62 in the last quarter rising to 83 this quarter.

Tractor thefts continue to be a major cause for concern, particularly from the rural communities. Currently in third place with 67 stolen compared to 49 last quarter, with a 12 month total of 217. John Deere are the tractor of choice for our criminal networks with 33 stolen this quarter. Some of these tractors will be worth in excess of £100,000 each with an average value of somewhere between £50-£60,000.

This means we have lost over £1.5m worth of John Deere tractors this quarter.

In our next report we will do a special on John Deere and see how Thatcham 3\* security products CESAR and perhaps most importantly immobiliser technology is making a difference.



OCT-DEC 2012		
RANK	POLICE FORCE	TOT
1	KENT	55
2	THAMES VALLEY	42
3	WEST YORKSHIRE	38
4	ESSEX	34
5	METROPOLITAN POLICE	34
6	WEST MIDLANDS	27
7	HERTFORDSHIRE	27
8	AVON & SOMERSET	24
9	GREATER MANCHESTER	23
10	HAMPSHIRE	23
	OTHERS	378
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>705</b>

OCT-DEC 2012		
RANK	PLANT TYPE	TOT
1	MINI EXCAVATORS	114
2	GENERATORS	83
3	TRACTORS	67
4	TELEHANDLERS	54
5	DUMPERS	53
6	ROLLERS	46
7	RIDE ON MOWERS	44
8	ATTACHMENTS	39
9	COMPRESSOR	31
10	UTILITY TRUCKS	20
	OTHERS	154
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>705</b>



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## PANIU HEADLINES

**STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS**

It has come to PANIU's attention that certain Thatcham 3\* security rated products have had their immobiliser technology disabled at the request of the "customer".

The "customer" is a Plant Hire firm, who presumably then hire these machines to their customers. There is much work to be done for us to clearly understand exactly what has happened and the impact this may have on the industry. However immediate and obvious questions are raised.

- **Why would you want to disable the immobiliser?**
- **Does the end user know that the immobiliser has been disabled?**
- **Does the insurance company know that a particular machine has had its immobiliser disabled?**

The Thatcham 3\* rating sets a standard which is recognised throughout the industry. Based on this security rating, insurance companies have been offering discounts on premium for those machines which reach or surpass the 3\* standard. End users may be influenced into hiring particular machines because they know they reach this security standard.

If you became the victim of the theft of such a machine and your insurance company discovered that the immobiliser had been disabled you would almost certainly find your claim repudiated.

**If the machine is Thatcham 3\* ask the specific question, "Has the immobiliser been disabled or even removed?"**

It is not thought to have affected too many machines, but this is part of the work in progress being undertaken by PANIU.

Expect a more detailed report next quarter.

## Current CESAR Trends

With well over 100,000 CESAR marked machines now in circulation a good number of manufacturers are fitting CESAR as standard (See the Hall of Fame poster towards the back of this edition).

The primary objects of the scheme are well documented but firstly to prevent theft and secondly to assist police to correctly identify items of machinery. As a theft deterrent it seems to be working with the industry telling us CESAR marked kit is **6 times less likely to be stolen than an unmarked item and 4 times more likely to be recovered if stolen.**

This then begs the question: **Why purchase or hire an unmarked item of machinery?** Unless I guess your happy for it to be stolen.

Since CESAR was launched in November 2007 there have been 701 reported thefts of CESAR marked machines. As mentioned elsewhere in the report this is less than 1% of the total. Of these 196 have been recovered.

Which is a fraction under 28%

With 23,000 recorded thefts on our database the CESAR thefts are 3.04% of the total.

Another staggering statistic.



Unique Plant Identification Plate



Contact CESAR Datatag on 0845 070 0440 or PANIU 0207 230 7290

Full details of the scheme can be accessed using the link [www.cesarscheme.org](http://www.cesarscheme.org)



[www.datatag.co.uk](http://www.datatag.co.uk)



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## INDECO ATTACHMENTS 'CESAR-IT'

Indeco, the leading designer and manufacturer of hydraulic attachments, has today announced that it will be fitting CESAR security and registration across its model range in 2013 on the products it sells in the UK. Indeco products, which are widely used in construction, demolition and extraction, include a full range of hydraulic rock breakers, crusher arm assemblies, pulverizers and compaction plates.

Indeco will use a special CESAR security system, developed by Datatag, that can stand up to the arduous applications that their products face on a daily basis. As with all CESAR security systems each piece of equipment will be given a unique 'fingerprint' that thieves simply cannot remove.

The theft of hydraulic attachments, particularly dipper mounted rock breakers which can cost up to £100,000, from construction and demolition sites is a common occurrence according to the police. CESAR is a proven deterrent against theft and an invaluable aid in recovery. Over 100,000 pieces of equipment are now protected by CESAR and they are 4 times less likely to be stolen than unregistered equipment. The recovery rate for stolen CESAR equipment is nearly 30% compared to less than 5% before the scheme was introduced in 2007.



## DATATAG & CESAR SPONSOR PLANTWORX INNOVATION AWARDS 2013

Datatag ID, the power behind the CESAR scheme initiative, has announced it will be one of the mains sponsors of this years PLANTWORX Innovation Awards for Security Innovation. Plant theft remains a big problem for the industry and this award recognises the most significant entry in terms of preventing a theft of a machine, attachment and equipment or for locating, retrieving and identifying stolen items.

The PLANTWORX Innovation Awards recognise and celebrate those innovative Products making an impact in the construction equipment industry. Judged by leading industry experts - you can get your product in front of the movers and shakers from the construction and related industries.

There are lots of benefits to entering the Awards for both winners and shortlisted - lots of PR and publicity bringing product and brand awareness before and at the event. Award Winners & shortlisted get noticed by all PLANTWORX visitors and picked up by the media previewing the show.

For more information and to download an entry form, go to <http://www.plantworx.co.uk/the-event/innovation-awards/>



## CESAR SECURITY SCHEME ENDORSED BY ZURICH

Zurich, one of the world's leading insurance groups, and one of the few to operate on a truly global basis has endorsed the UK's CESAR equipment security scheme in its 'Site Security best practice guidance for construction companies' guide published in November 2012.

The informative guide, which is available as a convenient PDF, opens with the following perceptive comment: "Construction sites are an easy target for thieves. The lure of quick and easy profits attracts them to high-value plant and equipment. Arson and malicious damage are equally unpleasant and unwelcome site security problems."

In the guide Zurich pose the question is you plant identifiable? They then propose the following steps as 'best practice':

Use of the CESAR (or CESAR Compact Scheme for smaller items of plant) is strongly encouraged

- The use of vehicle identification numbers
- The use of corporate colours
- Accurate records of company plant and a photographic database (this is especially useful if unique identifiable features are included)



## CESAR HELPS CORNES MINI DIGGER HIRE COMPANY

Cornes Mini Digger Hire, operating out of three centres in Crewe, Northwich and Holmes Chapel, run a range of compact construction equipment including mini-excavators, site-dumpers and trench compactors.

With their equipment out on hire Cornes were a vulnerable target to thieves but now thanks to the CESAR scheme all their machines are now fully protected. Owner Chris Cornes decided to fit CESAR to his all machines after having a Takeuchi Mini-Excavator stolen from a customer's drive and a spate of 'spurious' hire enquiries.

Commenting on his decision Chris said "We became aware of the growing problem of theft some months ago when one of our machines was stolen. Our depots are regularly 'checked-out' by shady characters and many other local plant companies have been targeted by thieves. I decide to look into what anti-theft systems were available to help with the increasing problem of theft. CESAR is, by far, the most highly regarded security system available and it's very cost effective as my insurance premium discounts nearly covered the cost of fitting CESAR to our machines."



To read the full articles go to: <http://www.cesarscheme.org/News.html>

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# The Official Construction and Agricultural Equipment Security and Registration Scheme

## HALL OF FAME

**Leading OEM's manufacturers support**

 <i>Installation by:</i> Import Centre <i>Models Fitted:</i> All <i>Fitted Since:</i> September 2007	 <i>Installation by:</i> Factory <i>Models Fitted:</i> All Construction except Horticultural & Agri <i>Fitted Since:</i> November 2007	 <i>Installation by:</i> Factory <i>Models Fitted:</i> All Dumpers <i>Fitted Since:</i> February 2008	 <i>Installation by:</i> Import Centre <i>Models Fitted:</i> All <i>Fitted Since:</i> April 2008
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# STOP PLANT THEFT

**If you have any information on the theft of machinery or require advice, then contact: Plant & Agricultural National Intelligence Unit**



PANIU Officers Checking Equipment

**Did you know...**

- The Plant and Agricultural National Intelligence Unit is a specialist Police Unit whose remit is to assist Police and other law enforcement agencies with the identification of stolen plant or agricultural machinery.
- We offer support and advice to help you identify any type of plant or agricultural machine.
- We maintain the most accurate police database of all stolen machines throughout the UK.
- We record all national theft data and have access to the PNC and the majority of plant insurers and manufacturers loss data.
- We offer advice, intelligence and statistical information regarding organised criminal networks working in your area.
- We can provide suitable 'sting' vehicles including tractors and excavators at nil cost.
- We provide specialist police examiners for pre planned operations.
- We provide training and advice to officers around identification and investigative techniques.



Scanning of Registered Machinery





**The Official Security & Registration Scheme**  
[www.cesarscheme.org](http://www.cesarscheme.org)

PANIU promote the CESAR registration scheme whereby registered plant equipment can be identified by any person without the need for detailed examinations or specialist equipment. CESAR was created as a direct result of police highlighting the difficulties they faced when dealing with equipment theft.



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[www.datatag.co.uk](http://www.datatag.co.uk)

  
[www.cits-uk.org](http://www.cits-uk.org)

**You can contact PANIU during office hours by ringing 0207 230 7290**

Out of these hours the PANIU stolen equipment database can be accessed by Police by ringing CESAR on **08 450 700 440** 24 hours a day!

**PANIU is staffed by Police Officers there to help You!**



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