Hand signals for hoist and crane operations

If hand signals are used between a signaller and the operator of a crane or hoist to control hoisting operations, the following signals should be used:

**STOP**

Arm extended, palm down, move hand horizontal.

**RAISE BOOM**

Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing upward.

**LOWER BOOM**

Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing downward.

**HOIST**

With forearm vertical, finger pointing up, move hand in small horizontal circles.

**LOWER**

With arm extended down, move forefinger; pointing down, move hand in circles.

**RAISE THE BOOM AND LOWER THE LOAD**

With arm extended, thumb pointing up, flex fingers in and out as long as load movement is desired.

**LOWER THE BOOM AND RAISE THE LOAD**

Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing downward, other arm bent slightly with forefinger pointing down, and rotate hand.

**EXTEND BOOM**

Both fists in front of body, with thumbs pointing outward.

**RETRACT BOOM**

Both fists in front of body, with thumbs pointing toward each other.

**SWING**

Arm extended, point in direction of swing of boom.

**MOVE SLOWLY**

Use one hand to give any motion signal and place other hand motionless in front of hand giving the motion signal (hoist slowly shown as example)

**DOG (STOP) EVERYTHING**

Clasp hands in front of body.