



Safety Alert

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ALERT 06 – 09

FALL WHILE RIGGING DOWN RESULTS IN A DISLOCATED SHOULDER (MTO)

WHAT HAPPENED:

The rig crew was preparing for a rig move and the mast had been laid down. The Injured Person (IP) was attempting to rig up the wire slings at monkey board. While the Injured Person (IP) was arranging one sling at monkey board his foot slipped down about 3 FT (1 meter) causing his body to twist and his left hand caught on the upper finger of the monkey board. This resulted in an interior dislocation of his left shoulder joint. The IP received medical treatment (his shoulder was put back in place), and returned to work. In the worst case scenario the IP could have experienced more serious body injuries or fatality.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Lack of safety awareness / alertness.
- Improper position of the IP.
- Risk assessment not properly done / followed.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company issued the following to rig personnel:

- Safe Job Assessment (SJA) and Permit To Work (PTW) programs should be done beforehand and applied to non-routine jobs.
- Safe Job Assessment (SJA) and Permit To Work (PTW) should also include all recognized and potentially recognized risks and hazards.
- Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be worn for the job.
- Supervisors should check to ensure that crewmen fully understand the task and all necessary precautions while working as per the SJA and or PTW or other means of risk/hazard recognition.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.

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