



Safety Alert

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HIGH POTENTIAL NEAR MISS – MAN LIFTED FROM DECK OF SUPPLY VESSEL

WHAT HAPPENED?

Trash bags were being back loaded from the Rig onto the deck of a supply vessel. Two deckhands had disconnected a 4-part sling from the bag and the vessel's signalman (banksman) gave the signal to the crane driver to pick up. As the crane operator picked up, a Deckhand's foot became entangled in the sling's tag line which lay coiled on the deck. As the sling was being raised the tag line caught the man's foot and he grabbed hold of the tag line and was picked up to a height of approximately 10-20ft (3 – 6 meters) before the operation could be stopped. The deck hand was immediately set back down on the deck uninjured.



WHAT WERE THE PRIMARY CAUSES?

Inadequate consideration and recognition of potential hazards.

The deckhand was standing over a coiled tag line while the vessel's Signalman (Banksman) gave the signal to the rig's crane operator to pick up. Neither employee recognized the hazard.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: As a result of this incident, the following actions and directives were issued to rig and work boat personnel:

- Stress the need for a thorough and detailed pre-task risk assessment.
- Both Rig and vessel Risk Assessment processes to be revised to include additional hazards associated with working with taglines.
- Hold safety stand downs on the rig and on the vessel to review the incident and discuss the additional identified hazards of working with tag lines.
- Each supply vessel will have two empty trash skips placed onboard prior to departing shore base. Trash bags will be loaded directly into skips on the rig.
- Arrange for deck crews to attend a five day rigging & lifting training school.
- Identify and provide taglines that will not coil.
- Communicate lessons learned to all other areas of operation.

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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