

Safety ALERT

Lifting Incident on Pipe Deck

Alert 24-7

WHAT HAPPENED:

Whilst the deck crew were engaged in heli-deck operations, a 3rd Party Inspector disembarked from the chopper and received an onboarding induction. The 3rd Party Inspector was shown to the pipe deck where completion tools were located awaiting function testing and thread inspection. Several minutes later the deck crew returned to the pipe deck to continue transferring 7" joints of casing from the pipe deck to the catwalk machine using the knuckle boom crane and gripper yoke.

As the Banksman positioned the gripper yoke to pick up the 4th joint, the 3rd Party Inspector shouted to the Banksman. The Banksman radioed the Knuckle Boom Crane (KBC) Operator and proceeded to walk towards the 3rd Party Inspector. In doing so the Banksman placed a foot between two casing joints. The KBC operator closed the gripper yoke which was misaligned over the target joint which struck the Banksman resulting in several bone fractures.



A Safety Alert can consist of any type of health, safety & environment (HSE) notification or Near Miss/Near Hit alert. Proactive Alerts on jobs well done are also encouraged.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Direct cause:

- The Banksman was not aware the 3rd Party Inspector was working within the barrier.
- The Banksman was not suitably positioned to enable visibility of the area and the lifting team.
- The gripper yoke was misaligned when the gripper was activated to close.

Root cause:

- Radio instructions were not confirmed between Banksman and KBC Operator
- A Tool Box Talk (TBT) had not been performed prior to recommencing the activity
- The Task Risk Assessment (TRA) & lift plan in use were generic and not specific to the activity
- The activity was not recognized as a blind lift or controlled by a permit

LESSONS LEARNED:

- All work stopped and a safety stand-down conducted with all personnel onboard
- Job specific lift plan and TRA developed
- Activity controlled by permit
- Launched incident investigation