



Safety Alert



INCIDENT TITLE:

Stoplog beam lifting beam stuck in rails

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

October 2022

INCIDENT DETAIL :

During this process of the crane operator trying to lower the beam using the pendant control, it was noted that the winch was not lowering but a motor was running when the control button was being operated.

The beam was lowered again to try and confirm the alignment and that the beam hooks were properly engaged. They realized that the beam was miss aligned and could potentially be significantly stuck.

They recognized that this potentially is a serious operational challenge that need to be escalated. They stopped the work and called the Maintenance Supervisor and an experienced Fitter to take over to try to realign and free the lifting beam.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If the Lifting beam got stuck in this position it could have caused serious operational challenges.

The crew was experienced and understood the impact of the situation.

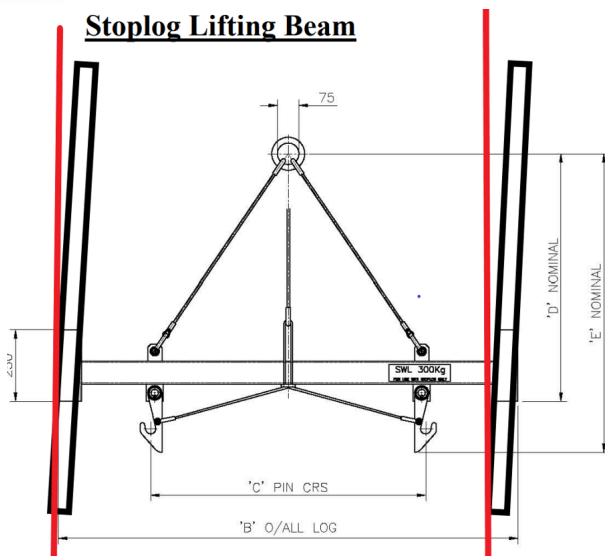
The crew stood down and discussed the issue and decided to call for reinforcements in the form of a Maintenance supervisor and Fitters.

BEST PRACTICE:

- Best practice was followed in this instance.
- The presence of mind to understand the issue and the potential impact is commendable.
- Planning went into the initial lifts and management of change was planned for.

PHOTO

Stoplog Lifting Beam



IMMEDIATE INTERIM ACTIONS:

- This event was managed on site by an experienced crew and Maintenance supervisor.
- The Beam was successfully lifted out with no damage or operational time loss.
- The task was done without injury.
- The Crew was commended for their "Bold" thinking and involving the supervisor at the right time.
- Crane marking to be painted on the ground to show the centre point of the lift.

THIS SAFETY ALERT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE HEALTH & SAFETY TEAM. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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