



Safety Alert

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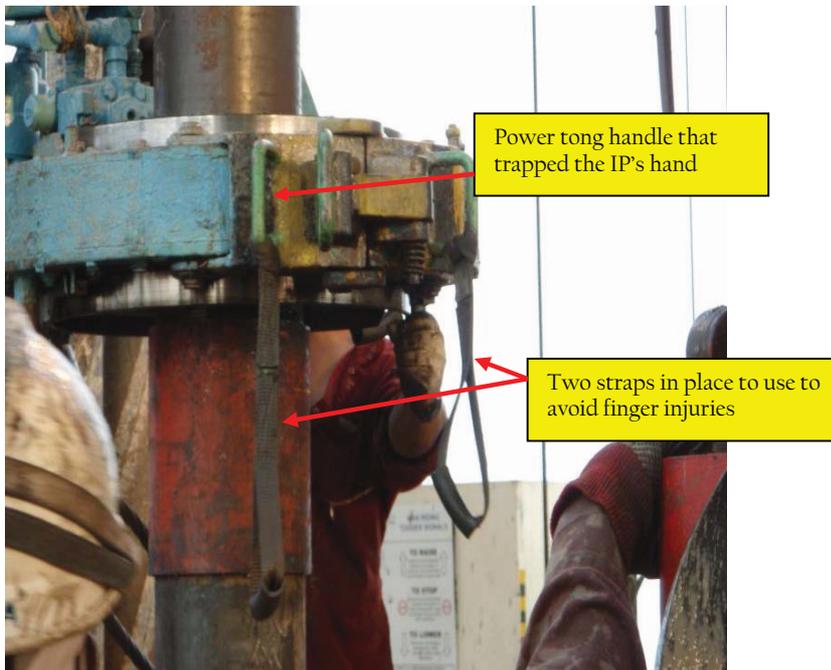
FINGER INJURY DURING 9 5/8" CASING RUN

WHAT HAPPENED:

The rig crews were working along with the casing contractor crews to run 9 5/8" casing into the well. After stabbing in the 20th stand of casing, the injured person (IP) was guiding the tong to the stabbed casing by holding onto the right side handle of the power tong. Unfortunately, the IP's left middle finger was trapped between the power tong handle and the casing surface injuring his finger tip resulting in open wound. He immediately went to the rig clinic where he received first aid treatment and referred to the onshore medical clinic for further medical evaluation where he was administered sutures. X-rays also confirmed that there were no fractures.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Wrong hand placement
- Pre-Job Safety Meeting (PJSM) was not conducted for IP's crew upon resumption of shift before they took over the casing running operations.



CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company did the following:

- Discussed this incident with crews during HSE meetings with emphasis on use of safe handling points.
- Instructed supervisors to ensure that Pre-Job Safety Meetings (PJSMs) are conducted and documented prior to starting any job and/ or before any additional crew personnel join an existing operation.
- Instructed supervisors and crews to ensure that available JSAs for required jobs are reviewed and understood by all concerned during PJSM before embarking on any task.
- Instructed rig supervisors that generic JSAs shall be reviewed / revised to incorporate job specific hazards and precautions.
- Identify / nominate crews with appreciable understanding of English language to translate / explain to others in local dialects during PJSMs in order to enhance effective communication.

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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