

Property Damage – Scaffolding Lifting Frame

SAFETY ALERT

Description of incident:

An establishment were requested to erect scaffolding at the request of the platform to support another contractor with operations to pull out a seal that was stuck on a wellhead.

A rigging arrangement was applied to the scaffold lifting frame and a scaffold ladder beam failed and bent during lifting operations.



Why it Happened?:

Inadequate job planning – The lifting frame constructed was for 1 tonne only. However, the rigging arrangement was for 3 tonnes.

The Scaffolding Manual was not consulted for the lifting frame and it cannot be said that the structure was in accordance with the requirements put in place.

Lessons Learned:

- No job is ever too important for Safety. Take the time to ensure all the correct processes have been followed and documentation is in place.
- The scaffolding structure was dismantled post-incident. In the event of an incident, the scene of an incident should be preserved to enable appropriate evidence gathering (e.g. photographs)



Safe Mechanical Lifting

Plan lifting operations and control the area



- I confirm that the equipment and load have been inspected and are fit for purpose
- I only operate equipment that I am qualified to use
- I establish and obey barriers and exclusion zones
- I never walk under a suspended load