Significant Incident Report No. 202

Subject: Fall from crane deck results in serious injury
Date: 30 June 2014

Summary of incident

A crane operator and worker were installing counterweights on a mobile crane, which had been moved into position for a maintenance task. The worker climbed the access ladder to the deck of the crane to guide the counterweight. He lost his balance and fell almost 2 metres from the deck to the ground below, breaking his collarbone.

Direct causes

- The worker was working at height.

Contributory causes

- Access to the deck of the crane was poorly designed. The ladder was narrow and there were limited hand holds above the deck.
- The risk of falling from height was not identified for the task.
- There was no training in the safe work procedure for working at heights.
**Actions required**

Mine operators are reminded of the potential risks of falling from height, including those associated with mobile plant.

- Review equipment, tasks and site practices to identify working at height hazards.
- Apply the hierarchy of control to ensure the most effective controls are implemented.

**Further information**


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