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Date: 21/01/2012



ENTRY REPORT

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the Victorian WorkCover Authority

Date: ♦ 21/01/2012 Visit Number: V00039402232L

Issued by Inspector: Marnie Pamela Ross

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Service Method: ♦ Left for a person

Entry Time: 21/01/2012 01:00 PM Departure Time: 21/01/2012 07:30 PM

PLACE ENTERED

ABN: AUSTRALIAN POWER PARTNERS B V & OTHERS
40924759557

Tenement No: MIN5004
BRODBRIBB ROAD
HAZELWOOD 3840
HAZELWOOD POWER

Phone No: 5135 5700 Fax No: 5135 5758

This report given to: ♦ Luc Dietvorst Position: ♦ Employer Representative

Copies to: ♦ Marc Callow Position: ♦ Health and Safety Representative

Other people who attended as part of the inspection:

WorkSafe Staff:

Other Persons: John Robinson, Adrian Marshall, Stan Kemsley, Jeremy Kaiser, Rob Dugan, Klaus Heberler (MMH Engineering)

Purpose for entry:

I entered this place to respond to an emergency.

Under section 98(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, I entered your workplace during working hours.

Observations and Actions of the Inspector

1. OHS-175447-1 : Emergency Response
AUSTRALIAN POWER PARTNERS B V & OTHERS is a partnership that is listed as AUSTRALIAN POWER PARTNERS B V & CISL (HAZELWOOD) PTY LIMITED &

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HAZELWOOD INVESTMENT COMPANY PTY LIMITED & HAZELWOOD PACIFIC PTY LTD & NATIONAL POWER AUSTRALIA INVESTMENTS LIMITED under the ABN 40924759557, also trading as IPR-GDF SUEZ HAZELWOOD.

2. OHS-0407 : Emergency Response

I attended this workplace to make enquiries into a reported incident that occurred at this workplace on 21/01/12. The incident involved a fire on the D11 Dredger. WorkSafe was notified of this incident.

INCIDENT:

At approximately 06.15 am smoke was seen to be coming from the D11 Dredger. It appeared to be located in the central chute area (transfer point between the bucket wheel boom and the discharge chute to the conveyor). The fire continued to escalate and burnt the ropes holding the 'A' frame which resulted in the discharge conveyor boom collapsing to the ground.

The fire engulfed this area and burnt upwards toward the walkway located between the last bay of the tower and the electrical switch room.

The fire was initially extinguished with assistance from the CFA. Small spot fires have since been managed by onsite personnel. The cable conduit located above the fire area continued to smoulder for some time post the incident.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

The employer arranged for a Structural Engineer to assist with assessing the condition of the Dredger. He was given permission to ascend to the upper walkway to assess the condition of the walkway between the last bay of the tower and the electrical switch room. This walkway is structural sound at this time to allow for an electrician to access the electrical switch room to render this and the D11 Dredger electrically safe.

During this inspection an area near the source of the fire - observed at the request of WorkSafe Victoria to ensure that all fires have been extinguished - was noted to still be smouldering. Permission for a firefighter to attend to this area was also given.

Access, other than to render the D11 Dredger in a safe condition - such as electrical work, firefighting and inspection of the structural integrity of the D11 Dredger - has now been prohibited - refer to Observation 2.

At the time of this inspection it was noted that the S96 mobile slew conveyor - positioned close to the D11 Dredger - had not been damaged in the fall of the discharge conveyor boom fall. The management team was given permission to remove the S96 mobile slew conveyor from the area.

3. OHS-0058 : Emergency Response

I observed at this workplace, risks to employee health and safety from the unknown structural integrity of some areas of the D11 Dredger.

An incident involving a fire on the D11 Dredger has resulted in damage to several areas of the Dredger. The structural integrity of the structures involved in the fire is unknown. The areas affected by the fire may collapse if any person enters/stands on the structures and this may result in serious or fatal injuries.

Access onto the D11 Dredger by any person, other than for rendering the D11 Dredger safe - such as attending to electrical work, conducting firefighting and inspection of the

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structural integrity of the D11 Dredger - is prohibited, until an initial report indicating the structural integrity of the fire affected areas of the D11 Dredger has been obtained.

Under Section 112(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, I issued Prohibition Notice V00039402232L/112-01.

4. OHS-0659 : Emergency Response

You are hereby notified that under Section 99(a) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, during an inspection at BRODBRIBB ROAD HAZELWOOD 3840, I inspected, examined and made enquiries.

5. OHS-0660 : Emergency Response

You are hereby notified that under Section 99(b) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, during an inspection at this workplace I examined and inspected those documents referenced in the body of this Entry Report or as follows:

- schematic drawing of the D11 Dredger; and
- copies of photos taken during the day by employees showing various aspects of the incident and the D11 Dredger.

During my visit at the above workplace AUSTRALIAN POWER PARTNERS B V & OTHERS voluntarily provided to me the following documents: 'schematic drawing of the D11 Dredger; and copies of photos taken during the day by employees showing various aspects of the incident and the D11 Dredger', which I have taken away from site.

Inspectors proposed follow up action:

Other actions taken:

Status of Notices that were monitored during this entry:

Additional Details:

I gave you these documents:

Additional Details:

INTERNAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN INSPECTOR DECISIONS

If you want to apply for internal review of a decision made by an inspector during this visit, you must lodge the approved application form with the Internal Review Unit within 14 days of the date the decision came to your notice. WorkSafe Victoria (WorkSafe) must conduct the internal review within legislated time frame of either 7 or 14 days depending on the category of reviewable decision. If WorkSafe does not notify you of the internal review decision within the required time, WorkSafe is taken to have made a decision to affirm the reviewable decision. Not all decisions can be internally reviewed and in order to seek internal review of a decision you must be an eligible person.

Application forms for internal review, a list of reviewable decisions and a list of eligible persons are available upon request from a WorkSafe Inspector, WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136089 or they can be downloaded from the website worksafe.vic.gov.au

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All applications are to be in approved form and must be received by WorkSafe's Internal Review Unit, Ground Floor, 222 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000 in order to be considered.

If you lodge an application for internal review and you do not receive a decision within the required time frame or you receive an Internal Review decision that you are not happy with, you can then apply to Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for external review within 14 days of the date the Internal Review decision or non-decision first came to your attention. Applicants seeking external review must be an eligible person.

You can contact the Internal Review Unit on telephone (03) 8663 5450, fax (03) 8663 5451 or by email at internalreviewunit@worksafe.vic.gov.au

OFFENCE

The following Acts, including any regulations made under them carry varying offences such as failure to meet duties and obligations, non compliance with a notice or direction issued or made by an inspector and hindering or obstructing an inspector in the exercise of their powers:

- * Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- * Dangerous Goods Act 1985
- * Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994

For specific details about offences and subsequent penalties refer to the specific Act or regulation.

FEEDBACK

If you want to contact WorkSafe in relation to this entry by our Inspector other than for Internal Review purposes (see above), please use the following guide:

- * to clarify any matter that is covered by the Entry Report and any associated Notices or Directions contact the issuing Inspector, whose name and contact details appear at the top of this Entry Report.
- * to make comment about any aspect of how this inspection was conducted, contact the inspector's senior management on telephone 9641 1759, fax 9641 1201 or by writing to GPO Box 4306, Melbourne 3001
- * to provide feedback in relation to WorkSafe activities or the legislation we administer, contact our General Manager, Operations, Health and Safety, WorkSafe Victoria, GPO Box 4306 Melbourne Victoria 3001, by fax 9641 1711 or e-mail to generalmanageroperations@worksafe.vic.gov.au

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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WORKHEALTH CHECKS

WorkHealth is a WorkSafe initiative that provides free health checks in the workplace. Health professionals conduct the convenient, easy and confidential checks. Each check takes around 15 minutes and participants receive immediate feedback and advice based on their results. Applications can be lodged on line by going to the WorkHealth website workhealth.vic.gov.au or by calling the WorkHealth hotline on (03) 9641 1444 or 1800 136 089 (toll free).

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