

NINA NO INJURIES NO ACCIDENTS AT WORK

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | APRIL 2016

EVALUATION PAYS OFF



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Last year, the startup of the first project for the CSD Cyrus II in Lázaro Cárdenas (Mexico), was challenging. In just five weeks we had to mobilize all pipe lines and pontoons to site, carry out repairs and join them to floating pipe line sections. As there was not yet a proper workshop, the works were carried out in a small area, left behind by another company. As a result, various welding and lifting activities were executed at random places, sometimes close to each other.

Due to the work load, even the experienced welder foremen had a hard time guiding and supervising all areas. Unfortunately quite some (small) injuries were reported, caused by heavy traffic, a crowded working area and local subcontractors being used to lower safety standards.

After reaching the deadline we could catch our breath again and evaluate the start up. It was only then we realized something had to be changed, because all small incidents together (mainly cuts and bruises) could be

an indication a more serious incident was about to happen.

Consequently we made several changes in the workshop: we created more space by removing non-required items from the area and segregated the various activities. We spent more time on training and housekeeping and became more strict towards local suppliers in terms of expected behavior and use of PPE. All this enabled the welder foremen to have a better overview of the activities and take action were necessary, which has resulted in a huge drop of reported injuries.



Before



After

SAFEGUARDING YOUR HANDS

Only when your hands are injured you realise how often you use them: from tying your shoe laces to eating your lunch and off course: working. How to safeguard your hands is the subject of the Workbox Hands that was held in March in Nigeria at the NWDM yard Warri.

Some twenty supervisors, mechanics and SHE Inspectors attended the training session. In the upcoming months more employees will follow, says SHE-manager Victor Ekasa. "Luckily we have had only a few accidents involving hands. But still it is good to pay attention to it. People really appreciate the workbox session, because it contains a lot of useful information. The biggest gain is that it raises awareness. Some mechanics for instance are not very interested in wearing gloves. During the session however they started asking questions and wanted to see different kind of gloves for different jobs."

ROTATING BELT

Chukwunekwu Osakwe, foreman of the crane workshop, told how he once got injured when his hand got into contact with a rotating belt while trying to grab an object on the other side of the running engine. "That is why I encourage everyone who is exposed to any work that could cause injuries to your hand (from handling chemicals to working with sharp objects), to wear your gloves in addition

to the provided safe guarding devices. With regard to equipment this means that all rotating or moving parts, hot surfaces etcetera should be properly safe guarded; and that during repairs additional guarding is provided such as a Lock-out Tag-out. Make sure you are safe, your equipment is safe and your surrounding is safe (YES) before starting a job."

