

NINA NO INJURIES NO ACCIDENTS AT WORK

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | JULY - AUGUST 2015

(NOT) FLYING THE NINA FLAG



| Gert Jan Peters (left) and Jouke Koning

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"In Egypt we're constructing the new Suez Canal. Under enormous time pressure hundreds of trucks are coming and going to supply millions of cubic meters of sand, over 100,000 transport movements a day. We see drivers all the time playing with their mobile phones, crane operators on flip-flops, 'greasers' who are less than eighteen years old and who do not speak

English, swarming around and under the equipment. They don't seem aware of any work-related risks. But what is our role in this? The NINA flag does not fly on this project. In the consortium 'safety' is part of the portfolio of NMDC (Abu Dhabi). Their system plays a leading role.

This causes us dilemmas and frustration. Because since NINA we can no longer shrug our shoulders when we see a shovel driving around with 15 men in the trailer body. But is that our concern? It definitely is. Suez shows us that the NINA flag doesn't need to fly to have an impact. What's inside must come out. We see that local people are eager to learn. Therefore we deploy experienced people who can pass on their knowledge. We have recruited good SHE officers who speak Arabic and English in order to facilitate communication. This way we do the best we can in the context, and we respond to what happens. That's NINA as well."

WORKBOX 'HANDS' ON BOARD THE 'ORANJE'

Session encourages further discussion and action.

The crew of the Oranje participated in the Workbox 'Hands'. Ship's master Gerrit Roest: "The session confirms that we work quite safely here. The tour of the ship resulted in just one issue: we will examine whether the manually operated emergency stop on equipment in the machine shop can be changed into a foot-operated stop. The tour had positive results as well; housekeeping is in good order for instance. That's a nice compliment!"

GUIDANCE

"I think that the Workbox is a powerful tool to promote attention to safety. This way we discussed to what extent someone's experience plays a part in the risk of an

accident. The challenge is to give inexperienced young men work that has a relatively minor impact if something goes wrong. So don't give them a 5-kilo sledgehammer, but a ball hammer to start with. And provide the right guidance!"



| Lathe with all safety features. The right PPE still needs to be used.

LEARNING FROM AN ACCIDENT

Carpenter Reijer Beets was trapped when he was unloading steel pipes. He sustained a heavily bruised hand and a broken finger. In an evaluation meeting all parties involved could tell their side of the story.

"Each party's input contributed to unfolding the full picture", says Barry van der Zee, project manager IJsei, Netherlands. "The unloading wasn't going smoothly; the chain almost got caught once already. But no one said 'Stop, we should tackle this in a different way'. People keep putting the planning above everything else. That's an important lesson: you have to make the problem significant enough. And if there's no response from your direct superior: take it a step higher."



| Dredging, activities Middenmeer, USei project, Netherlands

Assistant foreman Tom Gerats: "Everyone was open to each other's stories. The conclusion was that it had not been necessary for this cargo to use such heavy chains; light-weight hoisting belts would have been sufficient. This could have prevented the accident. I've learned from this to continue asking questions prior to any job."