

# **NINA** NO INJURIES NO ACCIDENTS **AT WORK**

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | JANUARY 2013

## HEARING, SEEING AND ACTING



### **Robert Landsborough, Plant Supervisor** **Rock Fall**

"It was during the mobilization of the Cuyutan project. A team of welders arrived on board the drill barge from a small boat provided by the contractor. The boat had a sign clearly stating the requirement to wear a life jacket. Although the boat crewmembers were wearing life jackets I noticed the welders did not have any on. It's also a requirement to wear a life jacket on the drill barge before the safety rail is in place. I asked the welders why they weren't wearing lifejackets. They told me they didn't have any. With NINA on my mind I told them to go ashore until the contractor could supply them with lifejackets.

I completed an SHOC card to alert the contractor to the situation and included two suggestions for improvement: training the boat crew and using the welder's induction to teach about the importance of wearing the correct PPE.

The result was that the welders got their life jackets within an hour. Being a little bemused to start with, they were more than willing to cooperate after this incident.

They always wore their life jackets during the time they worked on the barge. And the boat crew always made sure other passengers wore life jackets. As a team we are happy to be able to contribute to a safer working environment. It is part of our commitment to try hard to improve safety under NINA."

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## NINA AT THE DOLPHINS

In the middle of the town of Harderwijk in the Netherlands, Boskalis is working on the construction of a beach and harbor. The site is located adjacent to Dolphinarium, the largest marine-mammal park in Europe, which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. How do you guarantee everyone's safety in a situation like this?

"In close consultation with the municipal authority, we designated a separate lane for works traffic," explains construction supervisor Nico Blaauw. "Beforehand we closed off part of the parking lot with fencing and signs. The parking authority provided the fencing and we set them up together."



| Fencing at Waterfront, Harderwijk

### **COMMUNICATION**

The key to such effective collaboration is communication. Titled Waterfront, the project made 'openness' a priority from the start. For example, a plan of the entire project is on display by the bus stop on site and an open day has been organized. This openness, in combination with all the team members' feeling of responsibility, ensures cooperation with the project on all fronts. Nico explains, "We always drive very carefully, chat with the residents that come to the fences, keep the road clean, and put the fences up again when they are knocked over by the local kids. This joint care for safety is seen and appreciated. Working here is a pleasure!"