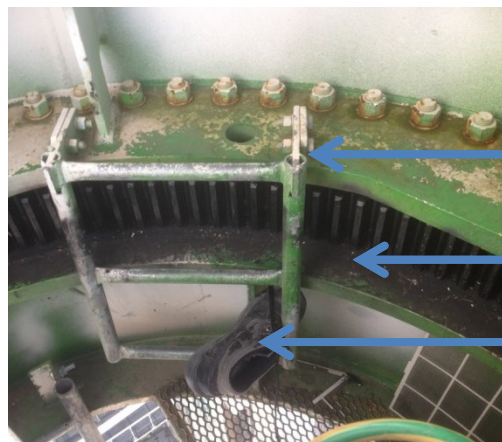


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Tower Crane Access

An incident occurred recently where a tower crane driver left the crane (a Terex CTL 340 Model) in free slew and as he descended the ladder a sudden gust of wind slewed the crane trapping his foot between the slew ring and the ladder (no injuries caused).



Ladder Access

Slew Ring

Position of operators foot

Although this is a near miss incident, the following should be considered for similar operations:

- Where tower cranes are used with single drivers before entering the slew ring the crane must not be moving with the tower crane facing down wind and properly 'weather-vented'.
- Never enter a slew ring in severe high gusting winds where there is a risk that the crane could suddenly move without warning.
- Always ensure that PPE is in good condition, boots worn with sufficient tread that are free from mud or grease and that appropriate gloves are also worn.
- When using any type of ladder always maintain 3 points of contact.
- Always ensure that you obtain a firm footing on ladder rungs and good balance is achieved before moving and altering your position on a ladder.
- Be cautious and keep hands and feet clear of any parts that could potentially move and become a trapping or pinch point.
- Always check to ensure that any rungs or hand holds are structurally sound and in good order whilst climbing and descending.

This incident is currently under investigation by Laing O'Rourke in conjunction with the Select Plant Hire. Various improved control measures are being assessed for implementation to reduce the likelihood of reoccurrence.

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