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SAFETY ALERT: RTG Fall

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Subject: Safety Alert from Hutchison Ports

Members attention is brought to the following safety alert that has been sent to us by Hutchison Ports, for which we are extremely grateful. Falls from height remain one of the greatest risks in our industry sector. Those who attended the Conference in Malta will also be aware of a fall from a straddle carrier that resulted in a fatality. Please ensure this alert is promulgated to the appropriate department in your organisation.



Safety Alert – Fall from Maintenance Platform

In September 2019, an engineer fell from the engine maintenance platform of a rubber-tired gantry crane (RTGC) at a European terminal. He fell approximately 4.5 metres and died as a result of the fall.

The investigation established that there was a risk of a fall from this type of retractable engine maintenance platform.



The industry is requested to take note of this incident, and ensure that fall risks from working on maintenance platforms are fully addressed. Accidents are usually caused by a failure to take precautions, either to ensure that there is an adequate handrail or use suitable personal protection such as a harness.

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