

# Lashing Bar Tongue Separation

## Safety Alert - Feb 2022

Recently Group SSE received reports of Lashing Bar Tongues separating from the lashing bar and falling onto the deck, narrowly missing the stevedores.

The failures have occurred where the nut has unwound from the bolt, or the pin has failed due to wear and tear and lack of maintenance. Fortunately, these events were near misses only, which we can learn from. The purpose of this Alert is to ensure workers are aware of this potential risk and complete the necessary inspections and reporting. We believe these types of lashing bar failures are rare (although the consequence could be serious) however over three days, the same deficiency was identified on two different vessels, which were issued with deficiency notices.

