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Stinger Hangs Up on Boom Catwalk

We recently had an incident during crane operations that created a situation where an “all stop” was called and an investigation was required.

Summary

During crane operations the Crane Operator picked up Big Block Stinger out of moon pool with West Crane of the facility. He then picked up a load with the auxiliary line (fast line), boomed up and swung over with load to back load onto a vessel. During this process, the stinger attached to the load line (big block) swung and got hung up on boom cat walk. An all stop was called and the Operator notified his supervisor and Client personnel onboard. A safety stand-down was initiated on the facility to discuss the incident. The stinger was then dislodged from the catwalk and a one of the Client’s mechanics inspected crane and released it back into service.

Did Not Work or Not In Place

- On this particular facility, there was only one “load line” stinger provided and it’s shared between two cranes.
- By having two stingers on the crane at the same time allowed one stinger to swing free during lifting operations. This resulted in the stinger being hung up on crane boom during a lift.

Worked Well

- Operator noticed hazard immediately and was able to safely land load and reduce additional damage to equipment.

As a result of the investigation, a corrective action was put in place which will prevent this from happening in the future. Another load line stinger was purchased for the other crane which will now allow the crane crew to use them anytime needed. Additionally, the Client has decided that only one stinger shall be used while crane operations are underway. Once the auxiliary line lifts are complete, the stinger will be removed and returned to its storage place. Only then can the main line stinger be rigged on the crane.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Corporate HSE department.

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