

Near Miss - Wireline unit failed to stop

SAFETY ALERT

Description of incident:

Wireline crew had just made up toolstring, stabbed on lubricator and pressure tested the stack. They then equalised and opened the well to run in hole, they released the tools from the tool catcher and confirmed it had released by applying 2 x hand jars.

On confirming that the tools had released, the Wireline unit began picking up on the tool string on its own accord. The tension alarms sounded, however the winch did not cut out. The cable pulled out of the cable head and landed on the deck with the tools falling down hole.

The check valve in the grease head functioned and no hydrocarbons were released, the well was made safe and the lubricator was bled down.

Findings and Actions:

- Hoses had been installed incorrectly to the high tension shut down valve meaning the hydraulic fluid which would normally circulate back to the tank was allowed to bypass and build up pressure – allowing the unit to function
- There were no visual markings on the hoses to state if they were installed correctly
- Hoses were changed and the valve and hoses were marked to show correct alignment
- Learnings shared with other sites and units checked for similar issues

Hoses incorrectly configured



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COMPLACENCY

What is the worst thing that could happen today?

What would **YOU** do?

Safe Mechanical Lifting

Plan lifting operations and control the area



- I confirm that the equipment and load have been inspected and are fit for purpose
- I only operate equipment that I am qualified to use
- I establish and obey barriers and exclusion zones
- I never walk under a suspended load