



BC Forest Safety Council
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FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: Island Highway #19 - Southbound
Between Port McNeill & Woss, BC

Date of Incident: April 23rd, 2007 Late in the evening

Details of Incident:

Two Surespan semi trucks and trailers (tridem highboys) were transporting HC11- Terex Crane Components from a forestry bridge project site to Surespan's yard in Duncan. The first truck's trailer had the crane's track counterweights tied down to it. Just before taking a corner the driver of the first truck slowed down. Suddenly the track counterweights' tie down straps broke, causing the components to slide off the trailer and land in a ditch, which was located parallel to the outside lane. The driver of the second truck did not witness the incident but was able to safely stop and assist the driver of the first truck. Incident reporting procedures were followed and corrective actions were implemented accordingly.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Review trailer tie-down procedures and requirements for specific crane components.
- Always ensure dunnage is placed underneath crane components before hauling.
- Always inspect tie-down materials/equipment prior to using them to secure loads to trailers.
- Always check trailer load before leaving site.
- Review Safe Work Practices for Vehicles and Mobile Equipment with workers involved in incident.
- Review Safe Job Procedures for Heavy Equipment Haulers with workers involved in incident.
- Have toolbox meeting with crews to discuss incident.
- Circulate Safety Alert to BCFSC & Forestry Client as required.
- Post investigation and safety alert on EHS bulletin board at Head Office.
- Discuss incident investigation and corrective actions/recommendations at the next regularly scheduled OHS Committee Meeting.

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