

## SAFETY ALERT

### Strained shoulder

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**Event Classification:** RWC – Restricted Work Case



### WHAT HAPPENED

An Omexom Line Mechanic sustained a shoulder strain whilst performing dead-ending activities whilst working aloft in a crane man-cage on a new tower structure.

The injury occurred during rigging and termination tasks which involved lifting a 38kg press-head into position in a limited space

#### IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:

Stopped work to report injury and was taken to the medical centre for assessment.

### LESSONS LEARNT

#### Contributing Factors:

- No mechanical assistance was available for lifting the press-head with limited space inside a crane man-cage.
- The design of this task within the crane man-cage requires awkward movement due to limited working area.

#### Actions to Prevent Recurrence:

- Increase awareness of manual handling risks and site control measures.
- Use a two-person lift instead of a single-person lift.

#### Lessons Learnt:

- Plan your work appropriately, so you can ensure appropriate controls are in place.



Figure 1 - press-head dead-ending conductor joints.

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