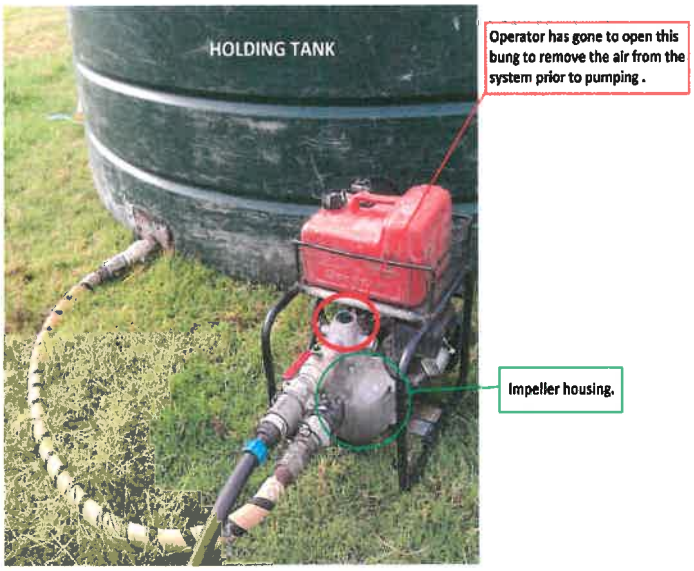
SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT - ISSUE 13

Issue Authority – This Safety /Environmental Alert Issued by:		
Name: Lee Busby	Position: HS&E Manager	Issue Date: 14:04:14

Information	
Subject: Burn to fingers	
Date of Accident/Incident/Spill or Notification: Friday the 11th of April 2014	
Time of Accident/Incident/Spill or Notification: 09:50	
Site: Mdn-Mpe Line A Structure 38.	Project: Mdn-Mpe A Line. CA 610 05 06 01
Investigation commenced: 11th April 2014	
Person(s) to contact for more information: Clayton Henry (0272-452-613.)	

Brief Description of Incident/Accident/Spill or Notification

Crew member was transferring water from a Tank farm to a tower site. As part of the site requirement water delivery carrier had to be escorted to tank farm area from the main road. During the process of having to escort the water carrier into site staff member has left his station and left the pump running. Approximately 10 minutes. During this time tanks have been allowed to run dry causing the water in the pump itself to heat up. Pump was turned off during filling from water tanker. When operator commenced pumping again decided to let the air out of the pump first. This is done by turning a bung screw on the top of the pump. Operator realised water was hot when he turned this screw and steam came out, he made a further error when he turned the bung further. This resulted in the bung flying off under the pressure and operators three fingers of his right hand being scalded by the hot water.



Once holding tank had been allowed to run dry, only the water in the impeller housing itself was being constantly circulated. Over 10-20mnts this got extremely hot.

Consequences of the Incident/Accident/Spill or Notification – Injury, damage, loss of property, environmental impact, business exposures

Full investigation being conducted.

Proposed Action to be taken by recipients to this Alert

90 degree tap configuration being fitted to the top of all transfer pumps with the outlet positioned just off the ground.