

HSSE Alert – Getting the job done.

Earlier this month (Aug 09) we had a significant Potential Incident. This incident occurred because two operatives were trying to “get the job done” without thinking of the potential costs.

A delivery of road plates were ordered specifically with an hiab attachment. The Hiab was inoperable and the delivery driver was in a hurry. The site operative then took a forklift truck from another contractor and proceeded to unload the road plates – Note: The operative was not trained in the use of the Forklift truck and this method was not stated in his JHA. The delivery driver then stood on the plates whilst they were being transported on the forklift truck to stabilize them.



Why did this happen?

- The equipment specified was out of action.
- The delivery driver was in a hurry to get away from site.
- The operative wanted to find a quick solution.

What should have happened?

- The delivery should have been sent off site until the specified safe method could be followed.

There is no pressure from COTEBA or our clients to get the job done at any cost. If the task method has to change then the JHA has to be updated accordingly or if suitable controls cannot be followed then the job is to be stopped.

“Getting the job done” at any cost is neither saving money nor lives!