Improving Equipment Design through Industry-OEM Engagement



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The Earth Moving Equipment Safety Round Table (EMESRT)

Objectives

- Reduce risk related to equipment operation and maintenance
- Help OEMs understand the site needs
- Work together toward a common goal



Engagement Process

A different approach understanding each other

- Establishing communication
- Providing information
- Asking for input
- Looking for change
- Communicating success

Executive-Level Engagement

- Atlas Copco
- Caterpillar / Bucyrus / Terex
- 🛛 Hitachi
- Liebherr
- ❑ Komatsu
- □ P&H / Joy / LeTourneau
- **Sandvik**



- Designing beyond standards
- Balancing both design & behaviour
- Recognising the value of task based design review
- Appreciating that the OEM will do its best with the end user involved

EMESRT Design Philosophies (DP's) Walk around catwalk and guard rails/gates and toe boards.

- 1. Access & Working at Heights
- 2. Tires & Rims
- Exposure to Harmful Energies
 Fire
- **5. Machine Operation & Controls**
- 6. Health Impacting Factors
- 7. Manual Tasks
- 8. Confined Spaces & Restricted Work Areas



All catwalks and steps with toe boards. Escape paths left (to rear), right (straight down) and front (on frame steps)





Design Philosophies (DPs)

INTEGRATED

Operability & Maintainability Risk Assessment (OMAT)

EMESRT Design Evaluation for Equipment Procurement Process (EDEEP)



The basic EDEEP Process



EMESRT Priorities

 In 2007 - a burning platform around Access & Working at Heights

- In 2014 the burning platform is vehicle interaction (DP 5)
 - EMESRT has held an initial workshop







June Workshop Outcomes



- The workshop progressed:
 - Nature of the Design Issue
 - Objectives of Design Controls
 - Required Performance Parameters of the Controls
 - Protocol related deliverables
 - A follow up workshop is scheduled to complete this work

EMESRT Successes

- OEM design improvements in various equipment
- Requests for EMESRT input into design process
- Requests for assistance with product risk assessments
- Invitations to speak at other industry group events
- OEM publications citing EMESRT influence
- OEM's encouraging companies to join EMESRT
- 8 years of engagement between OEMs and members

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