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Report

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Tower Crane jib collapse

Site: BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd
Efficiency & Growth Project
Facility 50

Contractors: Favelle Favco Cranes Pty Ltd
Marr Contracting Pty Ltd
John Holland Construction Pty Ltd

Background

- On 13th January 2010 at the BHP Worsley Alumina Efficiency & Growth Project, in the area known as facility “50”, a Favelle Favco M2480D 330 tonne SWL tower crane was undergoing a commissioning load test, when its jib collapsed.
- Some personnel in the vicinity of the crane had to run from the incident zone, including a person in the change room facility moments earlier. Fortunately, there were no injuries to any site personnel.
- Department of Mines, Worksafe and Comcare were notified and Dept of Mines have placed a prohibition notice on crane.
- Damage was also caused to other plant, namely a mobile crane, change room facilities and other plant attachments.
- Workers were instructed to return to work and review works occurring in their respective work areas which may include reviewing JSAs.
- An investigation has commenced. BHP has started the ICAM process and further information will be provided when available. The Dept of Mines has requested that OHS reps be invited to participate in the investigation.



