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Presentation overview...

- •What is EMESRT?
- History and previous activities
- •2010 and beyond
- •OMAT and other EMESRT resources



Earth Moving Equipment Safety Round Table Members



What is EMESRT?

EMESRT Vision

A global industry free of fatalities, injuries and occupational illnesses associated with operating and maintaining exploration and mining equipment

EMESRT Purpose

Accelerate development and adoption of leading practice designs to minimise the risk to Health and Safety through a process of Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM), contractors and end user engagement





- Sites have committed resources to improving designs
- Sites have encouraged 3rd party designs
- But there is potential conflict with add on designs
- Residual risk is not always identified



How has EMESRT attempted to influence OEMs?

- Marketing people are very influential in product development
- Mining companies needed a critical mass to influence Marketing
- Define "Problems" not stipulate "control" solutions
- Leave the OEM designers to develop solutions
- Critique solution's ability to address the "problem"



Engagement tools: Surface Design Philosophies

EMESRT DPs

- 1. Equipment Access & Egress
- 2. Working at Heights
- 3. Noise
- 4. Whole-body Vibration
- 5. Fire
- 6. Dust, DPM & other airborne hazards
- 7. Isolation of energy, including parking
- 8. Visibility/collision detection & avoidance
- 9. Machine stability/slope indication
- 10. Guarding
- 11. Controls & Displays
- 12. Tires & Rims
- 13. Manual Handling
- 14. Operator Workstation
- 15. Confined spaces





Update since 2008

- EMESRT expansion beyond Surface to cover UG Hard Rock, UG Coal/Soft Rock & Exploration Drilling
- •Continued & new engagement with OEMs
- Evidence that EMESRT is influencing OEM approach to design
- Recognition by regulators of EMESRT approach
- Growth through links with other industry groups



Recognition by regulators

Queensland Mines Inspectorate (Department of Employment Economic Development and Innovation)

invitation to speak about EMESRT at seminars:

- Proximity Detection
- Roofing Bolting
- Quarrying seminar



NSW DII - references to EMESRT and EMESRT resources in their guidance materials





Global links with other industry groups

•This EMESRT presentation at the 2010 Atlantic Alliance Conference in Brussels

Atlantic Alliance Conference presentations

Please click below to view PDF files of presentations shown at Atlantic Alliance conferences.

2010 Brussels

2008 Washington

2007 Munich

2006 Dundalk

2005 Orlando

2004 Cornwall



The 'Atlantic Alliance' is an international body formed to share Health and Safety knowledge in the field of aggregates quarrying/mining. Founded by the UK, USA, Germany and Eire, the Alliance comprises representatives (from both sides of the Atlantic) of Industry, H&S Regulators and global/local Manufacturers of plant and equipment. Future meetings of the Alliance will occur every 2 years; the next scheduled event being 'Brussels 2010'.

www.safequarry.com



Global links with other industry groups (cont)



SMART - Surface Mining Association for Research & *Technology*

EMESRT invited to SMART meetings in Canada – oil sands mining operations
SMART members interested in EMESRT approach

•SMART members include:

ArcelorMittal Mines Canada Barrick Gold Corporation BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. BHP BMA Coal Australia Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. Cliffs Natural Resources De Beers Canada Inc. Foundation Coal West Inc. Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Iron Ore Co. of Canada Kinross Gold Corporation KMC Mining Corporation Ledcor CMI **Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd Newmont Mining** North American Construction NovaGold Resources Inc. Peabody Energy Corporation Prairie Mines & Royalty Ltd. Queens University Shell Canada Ltd. Suncor Energy Syncrude Canada Ltd. Teck Resources Limited Thiess Pty Ltd TransAlta Corporation University of Alberta University of Arizona University of British Columbia URS Corporation, Washington Div



Engagement with OEMs 2009 & 2010

all Technical Groups engaging with OEMs





EMESRT Surface Group engagement

Invited to participate in Cat HSEC Forum EMESRT booth at MINExpo – informal engagement with OEMs at this event



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Example of OEM design response to DPs

Risks to be mitigated

















1. Equipment Access & Egress	
Objective	The objective is to minimise the risk of events related to approach, access 5 egress of equipment, as well as slipitrics, sorains/strains, falls from height and failure to egress in emergency events to ALARP, including consideration in design for foreseeable human error.
General outcome	The intended design outcome should include the following: Adequate/suitable stairways, walkways, access platforms, railings, steps/grab handle combinations and boarding facilities including an alternate path for disembarking in case of emergency.
	Specific to hauling trucks, a priority outcome would also be ground entry to access on driver's side, with the opportunity to locate isolation and other service points (hydraulic, air) near the driver's side operator access.
Risks to	

Risk of sprains and strains due to ergonomically difficult body positions when accessing equipment

Examples of industry

mitigated

(hydraulic, air) near this operator access All equipment

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 - to-ground as rapid as possible d. Non-slip surfaces and edges suited to operating conditions (ice, mud, etc.)
 - Adequate access lighting with two-way switching from cab and ground level, step tread highlighting
 - Steps designed to minimise damage in operation, minimise impact on operator visibility and minimise accumulation of material
 - g. Guardrails that protect for fall during access
 - A stable, bottom step on the access that is not greater than 400mm (16 inohes) from level ground
 - Specialised powered access systems designed for primary access only that fail to a safe position and can only be able to lower when the machine has been parked with all implements lowered and the park brake applied.
 - Kickboards that prevent objects from falling from platforms onto persons that may be below

Retractable stairways that eliminate the first step





Recent engagement with OEMs

Over two weeks in September 2010, 21 different miners from ten different companies travelled to the United States.

Nine OEMs in six locations:

- Dallas (Atlas Copco, LeTourneau),
- Gainesville (Sandvik),
- Newport News (Liebherr),
- Guelph Ontario (Hitachi)
- Milwaukee (P&H Mining/Joy Global; Bucyrus)
- Peoria, Illinois (Komatsu, Caterpillar)



Recent engagement with OEMs (cont)

BUCYRUS, Joseph Helfrich, the Vice President for Surface Mining:

"This is a very important meeting for us. We have all of our product line heads here. Our goal is that you can go from machine to machine to machine and they will all have the same safety features."

Craig Ross, Barrick, was greatly encouraged after the meetings:

"All of these OEMs have advanced in their design philosophy approach since the last visit, and are now very ready to engage with the EMESRT group in building products for the future that have safety designs built in at the factory. There has been a real shift in the OEMs.... Now, the EMERST group is ready to send our operators and maintenance technicians into their design studios. It will be a win-win for everyone in the end."

One OEM achieved a 60% reduction in pre-delivery modifications with 40% reduction in delivery delays through being compliant with EMESRT DPs



2010 & beyond

- Expect to see new designs that address risks highlighted in DPs
- Evaluation of equipment risks in procurement process

üCompanies plan to assess how effectively equipment minimises risks in DPs

• Expect OEMs and companies to work closer together on new designs - using OMAT



Operability & Maintainability Analysis Technique (OMAT) EMESRT



A task-based risk assessment and design process involving end-users and OEMS



What do you do in an OMAT?





OMAT Software

A working version of the software is available for download from the OMAT section of EMESRTgate (http://www.mirmgate.com/index.php ?articleId=36)

Current OEM trials and feedback.











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Examples of Issues and Design Changes

BEFORE

Small chain that did not provide good fall protection...

Extra fall protection added and self closing gate.



BEFORE

Filter difficult to access and time consuming to change

TLAS COPCO

Filter repositioned with hoses – easy to access and fast to change. No damage from operation noted.



Future OEM OMATs

At the September 2010 engagement tour virtually all major OEMs announced that they were planning to conduct OMATs on their designs.

EMESRT expects to be involved here by providing end-users and potentially providing support to assist in this process.





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