

Safety Alert – AE-SAS-011

Design Risk Assessment Review for Airtrack

Event

A Periodical Review of the Alfabs Design Risk Assessment on the Airtrack has identified the potential for risk causing harm or injury to an offsider while working forward of the control console.

Potential Risk to Offsider

Alfabs Recommends that offsiders remain behind the console while the rig is being manoeuvred or operated and that one of the E-Stops are deployed if moving forward of the console.
For some tasks, this may not be practical and in order to complete the task, an operator could be within proximity to the rig without a reasonable level of control of the rig.

Recommendations

Alfabs recommends for tasks that require an offsider to be forward of the console while the rig is being manoeuvred or operated a Site-specific Operational risk assessment or JSA be completed and current controls are reviewed.

These risk management controls could include the following upgrade to the AirTrack hydraulic system:

SOW836-1 – Gripper jaw Isolation valve – The operators (offsider) can isolate the Gripper jaw and Rotation hydraulic functions of the Bolter when actuated – Alfabs recommends that the operators (offsider) actuates the isolation valve to isolate when working within close range to the HXF feed frame.

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