

PLANT & STANDARDS SIG MINUTES

19th August 2010

Location: Hydrex Training Centre, Derby

Attendees:

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| Bob Wilkes: | Hydrex – Acting Chairman |
| Bob Megson: | Amey Infrastructure Services |
| Paul Clay: | AP Webb |
| Alastair Fotheringham: | Babcock Rail |
| Phil Richardson: | Balfour Beatty Rail |
| Alan Stotton: | Border Training |
| Mick Stott: | Harsco Track Technologies |
| Simon Purvis: | Harsco Track Technologies |
| Ian Pollard: | Hydrex |
| Phil Wheatcroft: | Leda Recruitment |
| Richard Sharp: | Murphy Group |
| Dave Myers: | Story Rail |

Apologies:

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| Andy Crago: | Hydrex – Chairman |
| John Sayles: | Bridgeway-Consulting |
| Dave Pearson: | HSS Training |
| Gary Lobue: | Leda Recruitment |
| Duncan Perkins: | Murphy Group |
| Steve Roberts: | Network Rail |
| Michael Scolah: | SRS Rail |
| Jeff Broadhurst: | Stobart Rail |
| Mark Bruce: | Story Rail |

1.0 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and went through the list of apologies.

2.0 Agenda

2.1 National Incident Reports (NIRs)

NIRs were not discussed at this meeting

Action: The Chairman will update group members accordingly

2.2 ERTMS Update

Bob Megson:

Bob advised the group that complete activation of the Cambrian Lines European Cab Signalling, European Rail Traffic Management System, (ERTMS) has been delayed until September 2010

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Action: Bob advised that he will update group members accordingly

2.3 Network Rail Plant CRG Project – MO & MC CMS

Ian Pollard:

Ian Pollard provided brief overview of latest progress of ARTP member involvement in reviewing and consolidating Machine Controller [MC] and Machine Operator [MO] framework standards into a single document.

Significant discussion took place with a variety of associated issues being the subject of much discussion. These included:-

- *Necessity of COSS competence for the MC role, (Ian Pollard)
(Consensus that potentially not essential)*
- *Differing COSS classifications, e g possession only –COSS, (Ian Pollard)
(Consensus that this is essential)*
- *Plant verification process, (Paul Clay)
(Consensus that COP0016 content remains too onerous)*
- *Increased level of responsibility/authority for Operator role, (Ian Pollard)
(Consensus Agreed as necessary)*
- *Pre-requisite and ongoing non-rail category cards and training, (Ian Pollard)
(Consensus pre-requisite must remain)*
- *Off-rail training & assessment and work experience record keeping, (Ian Pollard)
(Consensus require more information)*
- *120hr Vs zero-hr CC/Operator TL pre-requisite, (Alan Stotton)
(Consensus preference is for 120hrs pre-requisite for CC & MO)*
- *first cycle post-mentoring assessment by the initial trainer, (Ian Pollard)
(Consensus preference is to follow present MC specification principle)*
- *Operator Trainer occupational competency, (Paul Clay)
(Consensus that T&A provider should record new Trainer/Assessor internal observation verification as part of the RTAS approval process)*
- *Grouping of ancillary equipment training modules, (Simon Purvis)
(Consensus that new MC/MO CMS should group ancillary equipments where appropriate)*

Ian further explained that the new specification is scheduled to be ready for stakeholder review by 16th March 2011 and issue by June 2011. Group members will wait further information, with a consensus that significant review and amendment is required.

Action: All noted and awaiting update at the next meeting

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2.4 Osprey Wagons

Bob Wilkes:

Bob provided brief overview of an alignment issue with centre stanchions and end-goal-post stanchions, specifically in the relative spacing of sleepers and interlocking of rail ends. It is suggested that lateral 'adjustment' during panel placement is significantly wearing a number of hydraulic grabs

As part of this discussion, Ian Pollard informed the group that this issue will be discussed by the Tandem Lift Working Group in September.

Action: All noted and awaiting update at the next meeting

3.0 AOB (all discussed at length)

Bob Wilkes:

Bob informed members that the frequency of the meetings is being changed from monthly to bi-monthly.

These arrangements met with approval of all present.

Action: All noted and awaiting confirmation of meeting schedule

Phil Wheatcroft:

Phil informed the group that principle contractors might still be using non-OTP Operator IPAF ticket holders to operate MEWP basket controls on OTP in rail mode.

This issue was briefly discussed, with the outcome that all present fully understood that the Operator of OTP on Network Rail Infrastructure MUST hold Sentinel Operator competency

Action: Further specific example with associated derogation detail will be discussed at future meetings

Alan Stotton:

Alan informed members that ARTP OLE/CRE Group attendees included Network Rail staff, who drafted new/change to standards while the meetings were actually in progress. Alan suggested that similarly, Plant Group process would improve from such attendance; with output immediately taking the form of immediately drafted change for review.

This was agreed by all present.

Action: The Chairman will consider further invitation of Training & Assessment. Materials Specialist staff from Network Rail and update group members accordingly.

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Alan Stotton:

Alan informed members that many employing organisations are failing to issue Authority to Work cards.

This issue was briefly discussed, with the outcome that all present fully understood that the Operator of OTP on Network Rail Infrastructure MUST hold an Authority to Work Card for the operated host machine, trailer and/or attachment.

Action: Further specific example will be discussed at future meetings

Bob Megson:

Bringing members attention to impending changes to management of issue and brief of safe systems of work to COSS, Bob produced 2 x MS PowerPoint presentations from Network Rail:-

- 1) *An update on work-streams related to 'The Role of the COSS and SSOW Planning Improvements' (Janine Sykes – Project Manager)*

Continued List

- 2) *'Re-issue of NR Standard Safety of People Working On or Near the Line (NR/L2/OHS/019)'*

Bob suggested that these presentations be circulated to group members for information

Action: Bob advised that he will update group members accordingly. Ian Pollard will circulate to group members via e-mail, (with minutes of meeting)

Bob Megson:

Bringing members attention to Plan to changes as outcome of Network Rail's review of Drug and Alcohol Policy, Bob produced 1 x MS PowerPoint presentation from Network Rail:-

- 1) *Drug and Alcohol Screening, (Valmai Hughes , Occupational Health Specialist)*

Bob suggested that this presentation be circulated to group members for information

Action: Bob advised that he will update group members accordingly. Ian Pollard will circulate to group members via e-mail, (with minutes of meeting)

Next meeting: 21st October 2010

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If you have any queries you wish help with please let me know. We are here to serve your interests:

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