RIG MOVE RESULTS IN FALL AND NEAR MISS

WHAT HAPPENED:

A Roustabout was removing a pillar from the side of the road while the derrick was being moved in one piece with a derrick dolly. As the Roustabout was walking along side of the road, just in front of the derrick dolly wheels, he stumbled on a lump of gypsum and fell. As he sat up the outside wheel on the derrick dolly brushed his shoulder. Only a few millimeters closer and the derrick dolly would have crushed the Roustabout.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

The Roustabout saw that the pillar was going to be struck by the dolly wheels and tried to move the pillar in front of the derrick dolly. Being in a hurry, in sandy conditions, he lost his footing and fell.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company did the following:

Stressed the following to supervisors and rig personnel:

- Inexperienced workers need to be shown how to complete tasks. (JSAs) – Experienced workers must be refreshed on tasks and tasks hazards when understanding is not apparent.
- The need for improved communication amongst team members to ensure all employees are aware of the whereabouts of team members at all times.
- A Safety Meeting is to be held prior to commencement of work to identify the hazards associated with all components of rig moves.
- Improved Supervision to observe and identify potential hazards before they occur.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company’s attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.