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IADC Rig Moving Sub Committee update 2018

The IADC Rig Moving Sub Committee Forum continued to support members during 2017/2018 despite the downturn in the industry continuing to have a diminishing effect, industry participants have been kept up to date with relevant issues happening in the industry through regular communications from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, the State Transport Authority and the Australian Logistics Council plus continued support and guidance from key industry figures including Santos, QGC, Origin APLNG and Arrow Energy.

The NHVR will ultimately assume responsibility across all states except for NT and WA.

The NHVR are committed to supporting the IADC Rig Moving Forum going forward with whatever assistance is required and believe that the forum is a strategic part of the government’s interaction with industry.

The Safer Together Land Transport committee has provided valuable insight into safety standards that are acceptable in our industry. Safer Together and have agreed to work closely with the IADC to ensure that these standards are practiced throughout the oil and gas drilling industry.

The IADC and the Safer Together team have held a number of meetings culminating in the establishment of a framework which will allow the IADC and its members to not only benefit but provide a conduit capable of getting their message to the coal face. This is based upon the IADC Rig Moving Sub Committee reaching a different demographic with our respective meeting participants. Victor Gado the Secretary of the IADC Rig Moving Sub Committee has been asked to nominate for the Land Transport Committee which will allow the IADC valuable input into the decisions made by the Safer Together Land Transport Team. These decisions ultimately affect our industry.

In addition to the Safer Together Forum, the COR Chain of Responsibility Oil and Gas Industry Safety Code of Practice is modelled on the National Logistics Safety Code through the Australian Logistics Council, therefore providing a well-documented process.
This process allows our industry to be at the cutting edge in relation to policy and procedures affecting our industry and as such the ALC provide a great deal of information and support through various avenues which is available as a resource to all IADC members.

The purpose of the Code of Practice was for organisations to understand their heavy vehicle road transport obligations within the oil and gas industry chain of responsibility and

- To ensure that the Industry implemented measures which meet those obligations under the State Transport Authority and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Over the past 6 years we have made significant inroads into the safety aspects of rig moving, as such we need to ensure that during this slow period we do not lose this momentum, it’s important that as an industry we realise that regulation is necessary and have made the industry a better and safer place, as an industry we have invested heavily in training and competency standards for drivers, pushers and swampers.

Why?? Quite simply because!

**Rig moving is the most dangerous parts of the drilling industry,**

Not only is it dangerous but it brings us directly into contact with CSG construction teams, the public, and their perception of us is that we are:

- Over size
- Over weight
- Inconsiderate
- A law unto ourselves
- With have a don’t care attitude towards their issues
- Wrecking the roads
We have not only been improving our safety culture, but we have been changing the way that we are perceived to operate, we now try and involve the public, enlighten them, work with local councils and government bodies,

How do we do this:

- Regular meetings with government and local councils
- Forward planning with drilling companies
- Open communication and Sharing knowledge
- Consideration for the public and landowners

The drilling industry and the transport industry has come a long way over the last few years

Technology is playing a greater role in our daily tasks:

Over the past 12 months we have seen the introduction of a number of initiatives

- The NHVR have effectively taken over from the transport Departments in QLD, NSW, VIC, SA.
- The introduction of multi permits is a significant step forward.
- Soon to be introduced NHVR – Electronic Work Diaries – EWD for heavy vehicles – (replacing manual drivers work diaries)
- Journey Management aps, effectively advising drivers to use caution when travelling across cattle grids, past schools etc or making sure that headlights do not shine on landowner’s houses, being able to monitor driving behaviour
- Real time rig movement information, it’s now possible to sit at your desk and watch the rig move
- Improvements in Communication through IADC meetings and newsletters
The IADC rig moving committee encourage:

- Accredited Training and are examining the various competency standards for drivers, pushers and swampers
- Communication at all levels between rig moving companies
- Sharing of information is at the core of our safety intuitive
- Interaction with public where ever possible with support from STA, Local Councils and Energy Companies
- Partnership with government and local councils both in meetings and innovation
- Lobbying for government support for industry obstacles allowing
  - greater axle mass and
  - travel through road works
  - Batch permitting allowing one permit to cover the whole rig
  - A degree of self-regulation
- Under the NHVR Driver Fatigue Management is now much easier when applying for either
  - BFM
  - AFM

We intend to run future events in conjunction with key stakeholders, Safer Together, State Transport Departments / National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Local Councils, the next meeting. There has been a significant number of people exiting the industry and keeping momentum with industry representatives attending industry forums is difficult.

The IADC Rig Moving Sub Committee is asking for assistance from the IADC to contact companies and reinforce their commitment to this worthwhile initiative.

In conjunction with The Safer Together Land Transport team we will be looking to hold joint meetings in Toowoomba in the later part of 2018

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