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NUMBER ONE FOR PLANT HIRE
OPERATED AND SELF DRIVE HIRE

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SAFETY ALERT

Height Restrictor System on Road/Rail Excavators

A recent modification to certain Case 988 Megarailers and Terex Gigarailers allows them to work under live OLE using a specially designed height restrictor system.

The system is designed to prevent the RRV from coming into contact with the wires that would be energised at typically 25,000 Volts a.c. As you are all aware during the PTS course the dangers of this type of electricity is made known with potential consequences being major injuries, fatalities and severe damage to any machinery that comes into contact with the OLE.

Any operator that goes out to work using this system must keep within the safe system of work that this system creates.

NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THIS SYSTEM BE TURNED OFF WHEN WORKING UNDERNEATH LIVE OLE.

Requests made by anyone to turn the system off whilst the risk of contact with the live overhead lines exists must be denied. Further pressure to turn the system off must be reported immediately to the on-call manager without hesitation.

If the work cannot be done with the system off then either the work must change or the OLE must be isolated as with any other possession and you must see a copy of the form C to back that up.

Due to the seriousness of this issue, any operator found to have turned the system off will be subject to summary dismissal from the company as this would constitute an act of gross negligence.

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