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Basic Rules applicable to all Lifting Operations

There have been a number of near misses recently on the railway infrastructure while undertaking lifting operations where responsibilities have not been clearly defined or followed. In issuing this Safety alert it is a reminder to all OTP Operators and Crane Controllers (CC) of the basic rules as follows:

- The OTP operator is responsible for the safe operation of his machine and load.
- The slinging of any load is the initial responsibility of the CC, BUT the OTP operator should not undertake the lifting operation if he believes his machine or load is unsafe.
- The OTP operators are competent to sling and lift the trailers and attachments that they have recorded on the Sentinel system and or Company specific records as being competent to operate.
- The CC is responsible for the safe implementation of the lifting plan.
- The lifting plan must be agreed by the CC and OTP operator before undertaking the work.
- When lifting operations are being undertaken then buckets and ancillary attachments not applicable to the operation are to be removed from the quick hitch, under no circumstances are lifting of multiple items at any one time acceptable.
- Any unplanned lifts not in the lift plan should be agreed by the CC, OTP operator and site management and recorded before the lift(s) are undertaken.
- It is not always practical to stop the machines engine due to a timely re-start process but, when standing down from operations, the OTP operator must actuate the hydraulic cut out safety arm or device and apply the park brake.
- The above action is also to be undertaken when the machine is being approached by any personnel.
- No machine is to be left running when unattended
- No load is to be left suspended and Excavator/Crane booms should be grounded when not in use.
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- No electronic device (IPods, Mobile phones etc) with the potential to distract the OTP operator or CC to be used while the Crane is being operated.

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