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AFFA Project Transportation Management PART II





Objective:

Once the freight forwarder has size up the cargo, the next process would be to ensure that the loading port has the facility to handle the cargo or goods. In this sections we will also discuss on the hazards working around cranes, shipment via rail transportation and also RoRo vessel.





Preparing The Site At The Loading Port

- 1.Is there sufficient space at the wharf apron to keep the cargo?
- 2. Many smaller ports may not have the required strength to keep stationary heavy load at the wharf side;
- 3. Many wharfs are designed with an average load factor of some 3 tons per sq. m. for moving loads; [in Malaysia, container wharf is generally designed with a pile-head strength of 150 ton]





- 4. Storing away from the wharf apron will mean double shifting or handling of cargo; incurring additional costs.
- 5. Is the loading-ship equipped to lift the heavy-lift with her on board crane/s?
- 6. If not, is shore crane available at the port?
- 7. Shore cranes that are normally mobilized from outside the port premises involve additional cost of mobilization;
- 8. Though many larger ports may have modern quay container cranes that can offer an alternative to mobile cranes.





The Changing Size of Quay Cranes since containerization in the late 60s to date



Source: cranetodaymagainecom





Latest Quay Crane in comparison with the common mobile shore crane







Working on the wharf Apron:

with space limitation



Courtesy: en'wikipeidia.org



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Using Ship Cranes
Can be cheaper when
Compared to mobile
Shore cranes



Courtesy: worldmaritimenews.com



Working at Wharf Apron with Twin Shore Mobile Cranes



Courtesy: whytecranes.com





Floating Crane Working Along-side Wharf



Courtesy: Media Gallery USA



Small narrow wharf apron; many Ports still operate

with such Facilities: **Designed with rather** limited tolerance for heavy loads

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Courtesy: guttedarcades.blogspot.com





Is the wharf sufficiently built to handle such crane?

Out-riggers may be required

Are steel plates required to rest to support those out-riggers?

What is the cost of such arrangement?

Is there a better alternative?





Crane equipped with out-riggers. With the mobile crane resting on the out-riggers thus releasing pressure on the tires.

Courtesy: ditzj.de





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Crane with extended

Out-riggers of Different Length



Courtesy: ditzj.de







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Out-riggers with Expanded Support base



Courtesy: p3planningenginer.com



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An Improvised

Out-rigger Support





Courtesy: elcosh.org





Using purpose designed Pads to Re-enforce Out-riggers

Courtesy: willmarsh3.net



Pads Designed for Out-riggers

Pads Plates for Outriggers Specifications: **Dimensions** Max Load Model Weight ALMP300-30 300x300x30mm 3 kg 6000kg 20000kg ALMP500-60 500x500x60mm 15 kg

Courtesy: taslifting.com.au





Avoiding Pressure
On the tires
Of the Crane;
resting
On elevated
Out-riggers

Courtesy: forums.dhsdiecast.com





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Improvised pads used for out-riggers such practice may prove dangerous and unsafe.



Courtesy: cranelicense.blogspot.com

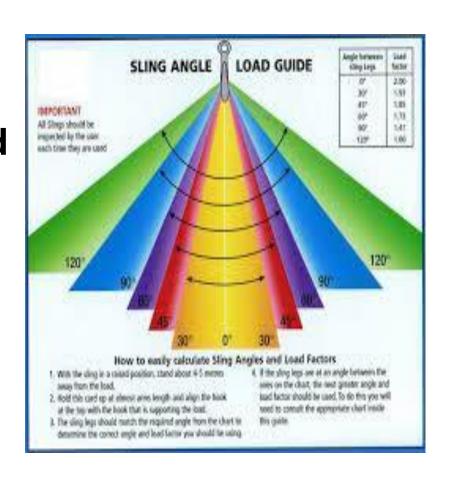




Safe Working angle:

Note the term:

SWL or Safe Working Load
Indicated at 25 degree







Safe Working Load

SWL	Test load
Up to 20 tonnes	25 percent in excess.
20 to 50 tonnes	5 tonnes in ex- cess.
Over 50 tonnes	10 percent in excess.

Courtesy: osha.gov.com





What Happened?



Courtesy: craneblogger.com



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This can be the consequence when the basic rules are not observed



Courtesy: liftequipmentsafety.blogspot.com





Working around cranes can cause the above mentioned accidents; signage may be required

Courtesy: Elcosh=CPWR





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Another signage when working near a crane







Hazards of Working Around Cranes Key Concepts:

- Electrocution Hazards
- Caught-In, Compressed or Crushing Hazards
- Struck-By Hazards
- Other Hazards

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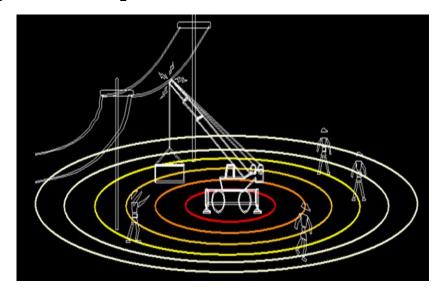
Controlling the Problem:

- OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Academy) power line clearance distances.
- ANSI (American National Standards Institute) requirements for working around power lines.
- Safe working clearance distance for cranes.
- Preventive measures for avoiding power line contacts.
- Planning for power line hazards.
- Dealing with power line emergencies.





Dealing with power line emergency



Current can flow outwards through the ground





- 1. Know Your Crane
- 2. Crane Signals



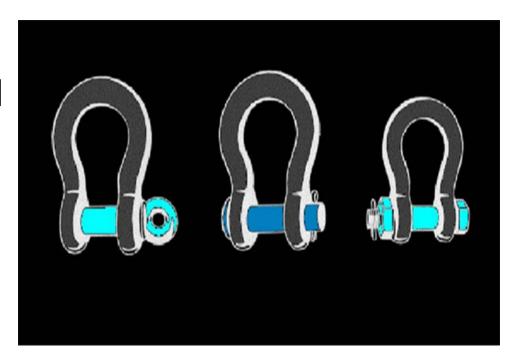


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From left to right

- 1. Recommended
- 2. Not Recommended
- 3. Recommended

Shackles should Be checked Improvisation Should be avoided







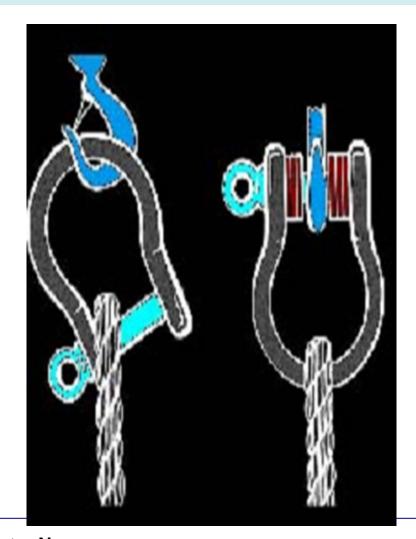


Proper Use of Shackles

Avoid eccentric loads.

1. On the Left: Bad

2. On the right: Correct





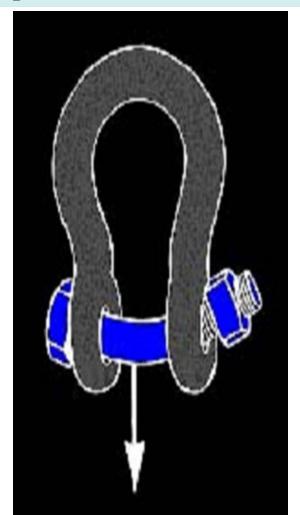




Proper Use of Shackles

Never replace a shackle pin with a bolt.

The load will bend the bolt

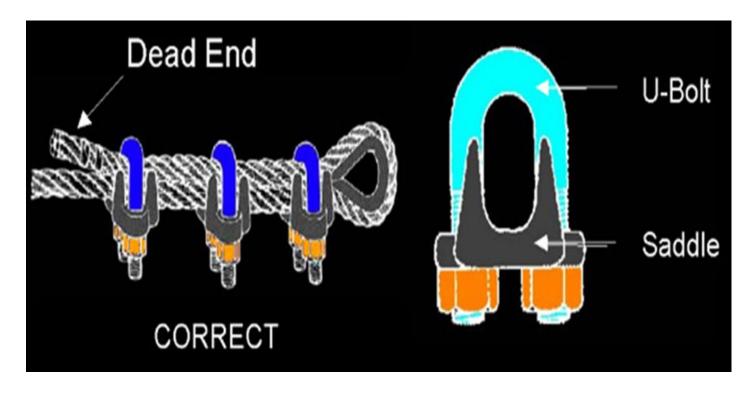








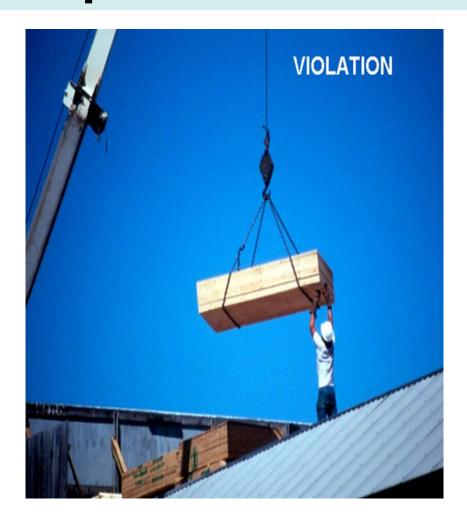
Correct way of Installing wire rope pin







Violation of Basic Practice



Courtesy: Elcosh



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Handling Heavy lifts

Through lesser Developed Location

Courtesy: heavyliftspecialist.com

Or on very tough terrain



Source: demoffhighway.com





Lesser developed

Location
What are
The Possible
Problems?



Courtesy: heavyliftnews.com





- Over long distances, the combine transport of rail-road may prove more competitive;
- This is true of large landmass countries: Russia;
 China: USA; Canada and India
- Rail rate has been proven much cheaper than road over long distances
- It is a combination of speed and availability





According to the Ministry of Transport of China; the following rates were recorded from Chongqing to Shanghai:

Road : RMB20,000 per teu 3 / 4 days

• Rail: RMB6,000 per teu 4/5 days

• Barge: RMB2,000 per teu 8/11 days



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Loading by rail



Source: iran-trading.de





- Though many European and US ports are directly rail-linked but many Asian ports; in spite of the large volume of cargo movement seldom use this mode of rail-road combination;
- For example in China only the port of Qingdao is originally rail-linked; most of the container ports are served by road mode
- At Port Klang, only the older wharves are rail linked; indicating the lesser use of rail for goods transportation





Shipment Of The Cargo:

Is the ship a specialist vessel built for such purpose?

Are all the cargoes readily available to be loaded?

Delay may incur demurrage charges, understand the terms and conditions of the charter party;

Are all basic gears on hand with spares in case of unexpected breakdowns?

Chartering specialist ship may require chartering consultants to finalize the arrangement.



Such ships used to ply

short-sea route with on-board cranes

Courtesy: maritimejournal.com







Samples of large quay cranes being delivered fully built. **Notice the**

Tug-boats

Pushing the ship.



courtesy: heavyliftspecialist.com





Examples of large heavy units being loaded by double cranes working simultaneously

Video Crane Handling

Courtesy: arabianindustry.com







Issues with Storage at Port of Loading

- Suitable space requirement; ground condition
- Total space requirements; can it be hired incrementally if so required
- Distance to the point of loading i.e. to the wharf
- Equipment requirement for this operation
- Supervision on receiving and delivering of cargo
- With busy terminals, penalties may be imposed for waiting or delays etc



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Storage space within most terminals

is very limited with premium rates;
Many wharves even with container operations average only 45m-50m in width.

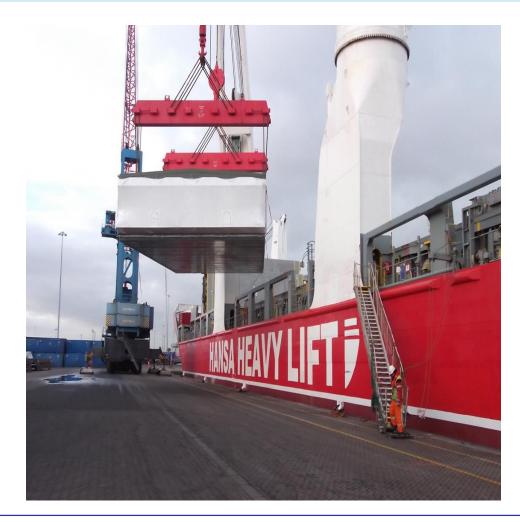
Courtesy: smc-pro.com







Many types of ship may be used; this is a specialist Heavy-lift ship



Courtesy: DFDS Group







Another picture showing the width of Multi-purpose wharf' Average load allowed is some 3 ton p/sq. m



Courtesy: en.Wikipedia.org



Such loads being railed for direct loading or Unloading are often permitted as the railway track on wharf is normally strengthened

Courtesy: Trans-trading.uk





Shipment by rail will depend on the fact if the delivery site is rail connected;

- otherwise additional handling is required;
- whether rail service can handle the unusual heavy unit will depend on a number of factors:
- dimensions; weights as the route may pass through
- tunnel/s, bridges and maybe connecting stations.





Heavy Units of limited dimensions hauled by rail



Courtesy: midwestheavyhaul.com



Loads by rail are normally within the normal gauge of the railway system



Courtesy: railynews.com



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Where the rail line has no height restrictions



Courtesy: American-rails.com



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Such structures
can impede the
use pf the
rail services for
Over-sized cargo



Courtesy: en.wikepedia.org





Such tunnels will limit the use of the rail line



Courtesy: geography.org.uk

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Though stationary load like this one; may not be permitted in some ports for even over-night stay. Why?



Courtesy: Hansa Meyer.bloodspot.com





By Ro-Ro Barge

Example:

Exports of mills

to certain locations

in Indonesia from

Port Klang

Courtesy: DFDS Group

By Ro-Ro Vessel

Courtesy of Wilhensem Shipping
Meet the new Mark V - WWL's
new generation
roro vessels





CONCLUSION

When arranging for export, consider the following points:

- Suitability of the ship
- Loading into the ship; gears availability
- Do remember that many such cargo may be destined to developing countries with limited facilities at their ports
- Searching for or getting the required gears or equipment may pose a challenge!!

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