

Suspended Working Platform (SWP) Seminar

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SWP Safety Track Record

In Hong Kong Suspended
Working Platform
(Gondola) Fatal Accident
Due To Equipment
Failure Since 1997 is
ZERO

Aerial Platform Fatal Accident – Due To Equipment Failure



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Scaffold Fatal Accident – Due To Failure Equipment Failure



Gondola Accident – Equipment Failure



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Gondola Fatal Accident – Equipment Failure And Operator(s) Failed To Use Safety Equipment Provided



Sec 2. Improvement

Sec 2.1 Improvements – Equipment

Before

Climber Motor
WLL 500 kg



Improvement

WLL 630 kg to WLL 800 kg



Before

Climber Disc Motor without cooling
will overheat when continue
operating i.e. tall building



Improvement

Motor with heat sink and cooling
fan



Before

Excessive wear and tear of sun gear
lead to gear box failure



Improvement

Worm gear



Before

Excessive wear and tear of sun gear lead to gear box failure



Improvement

Sun gear increase in size



Before

Safety Lock (centrifugal type) fails to protect SWP from excessive tilting in slow failing e.g. gear box failure, dead man switch malfunctioning



Improvement

Dual protection lock



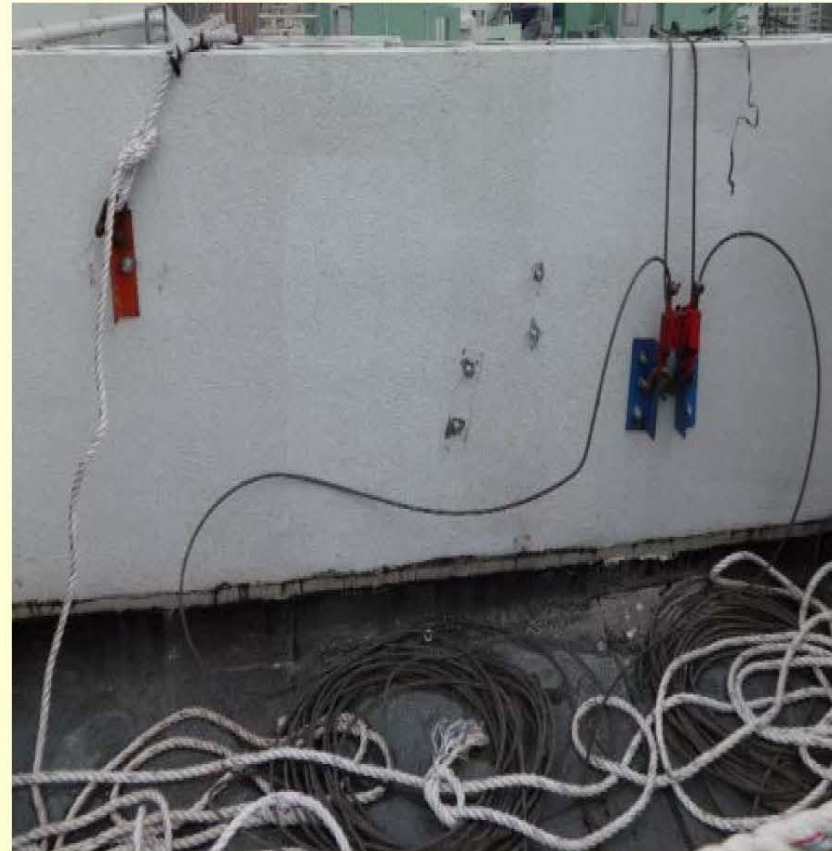
Before

Eye bolt is unreliable



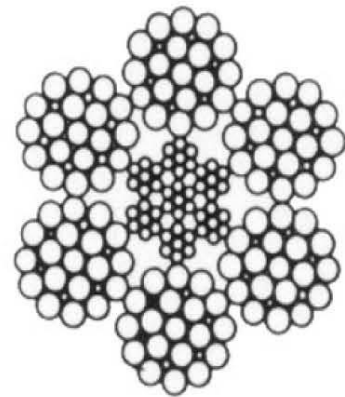
Improvement

Anchor bracket is more reliable



Before

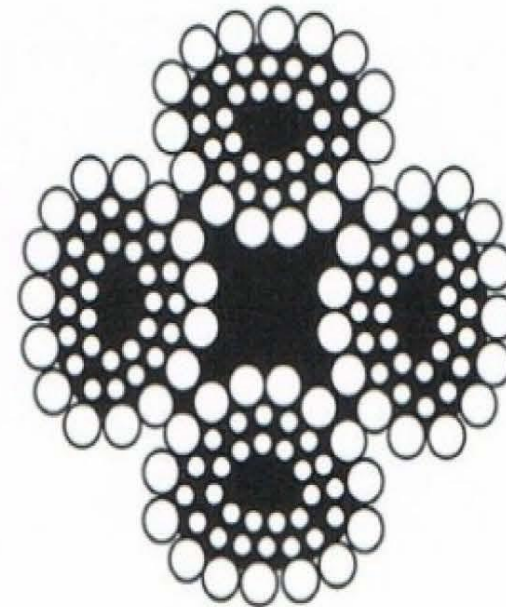
Suspension wire - 6 strands
bird caging , kinking



6 x 25 FW
(12/6 & 6 F/1)

Improvement

Torque less wire - 4 strands



Before

Will cause damage to wire rope ,
also time consuming to install



Improvement

Wedge socket less damaging to the
suspension wire , Save installation
time



Before

Hand tools are slow and no measurement of tightening torque



Improvement

Cordless power tools are more efficient and tightening with more accurate torque



Before

IP 44 weather proof
insufficient protection against
ingress of water



Improvement

IP67 plug employ watertight



Sec 2.2 Improvement – Installation

Before

Anchor Bolts Failure



Improvement

Clamp , wrap round , instead of pulling out the bolts shearing of the bolts to be employed



Before

Anchor bolts damaging building structure



Improvement

Clamp , Wrap round , Non destructive method



Before

Building structure damage due to overloading



Improvement

Inner pulling method , Saddle method



Before

Anchor bolts damaging building structure



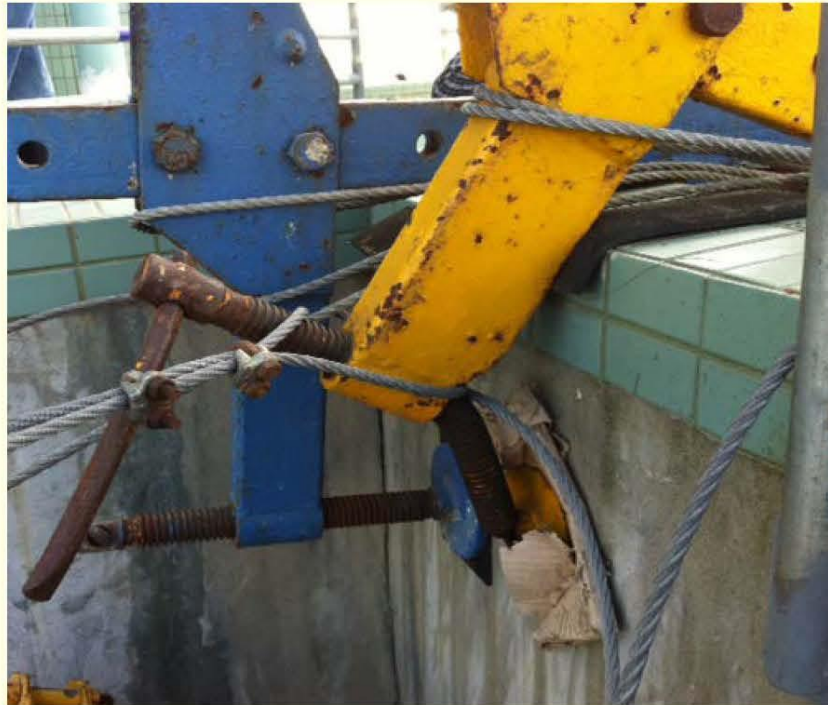
Improvement

Clamp, wrap round, Non destructive method



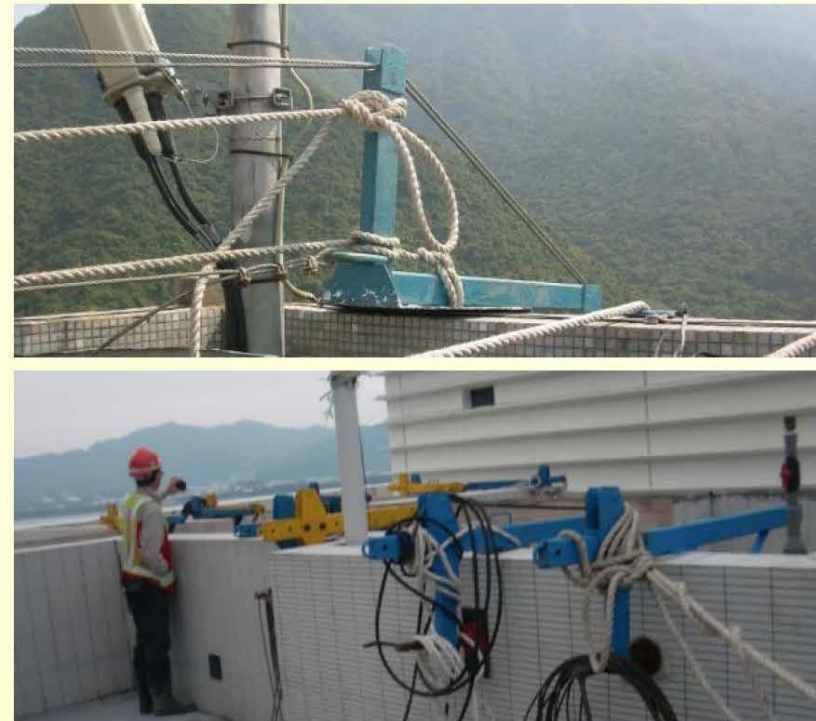
Before

Failure of outrigger (COP sect 2 2.1)



Improvement

Saddle operation



Sec 2.3 Improvement – Legislation COP and Guidelines

Before

F&IU Cap 59
(Lifting Gear and
Lifting Appliance)
Regulations
Lack of standard
and rules

Improvement

COP , F&IU Cap 59 (SWP) Regulations setting written
guide line for partitioned



Court Case



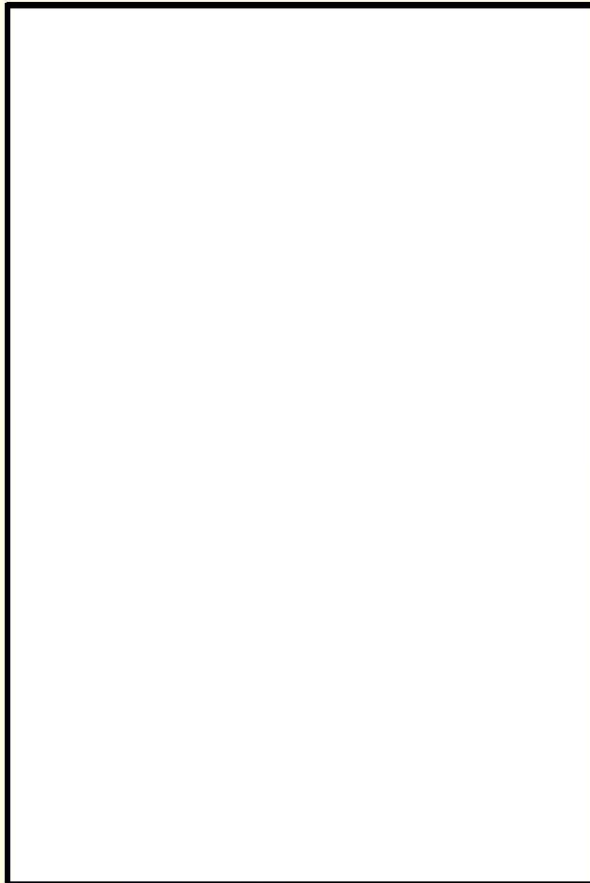
Court Case

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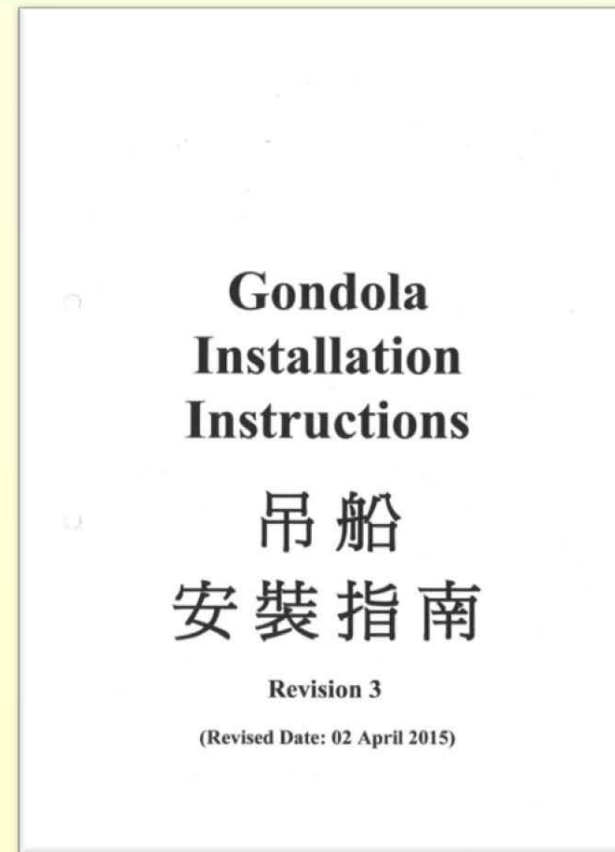
Before

Solely relied on installation skill and
experience of individual worker
Lack of standard and reference



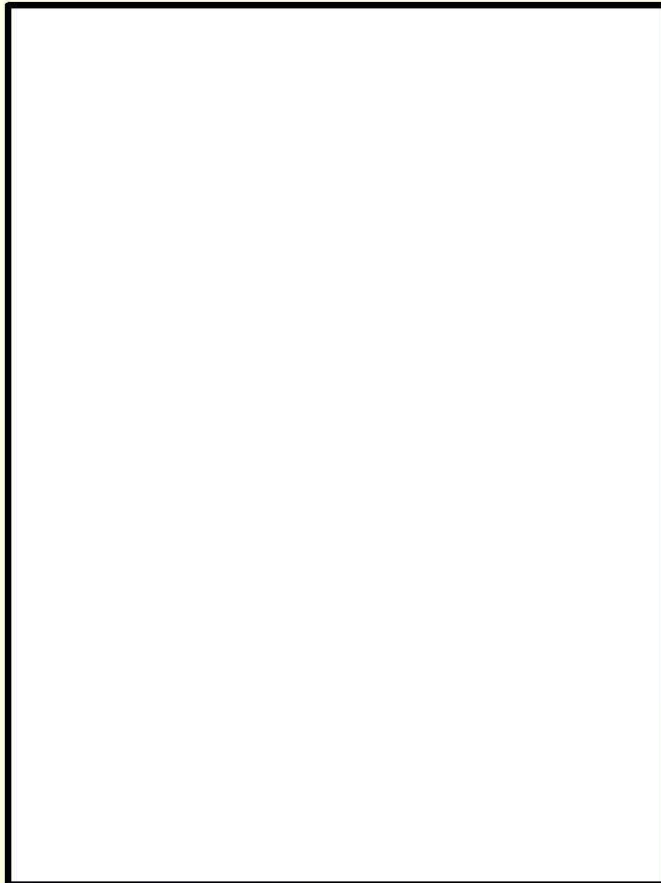
Improvement

Installation instruction provide
standard and guide line for
installation workers



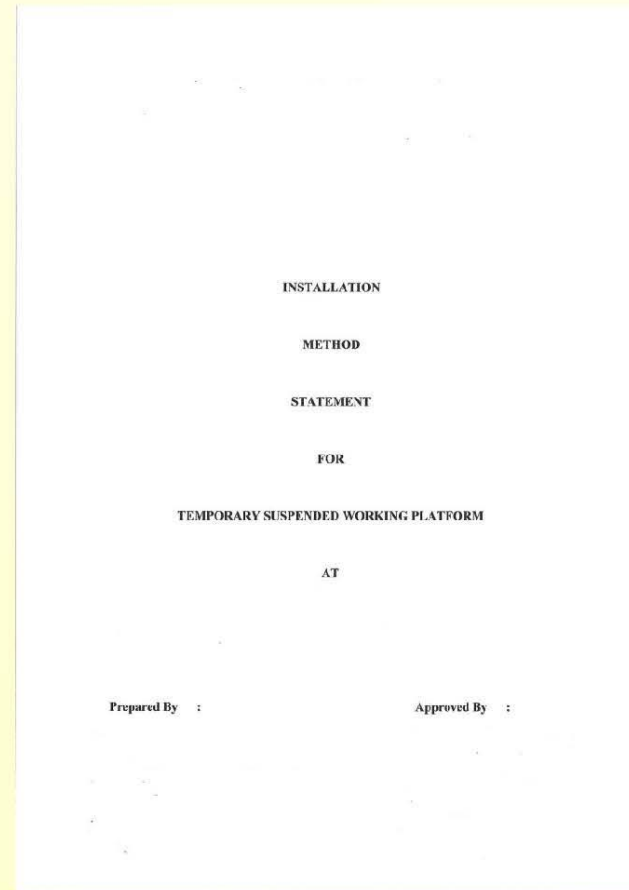
Before

No documents to serve as
reference for installation workers



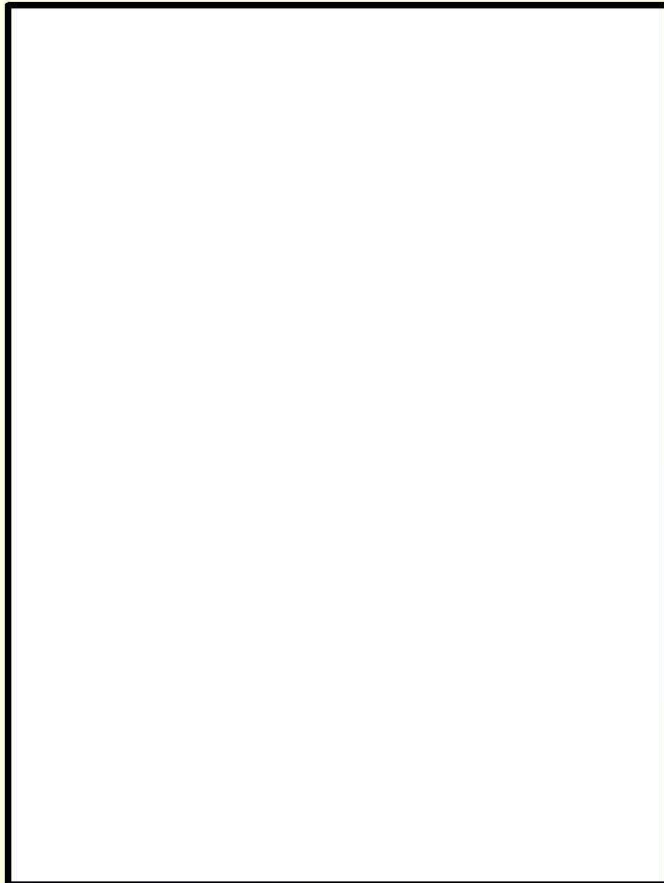
Improvement

Installation method statement as
guideline and reference for
installation workers



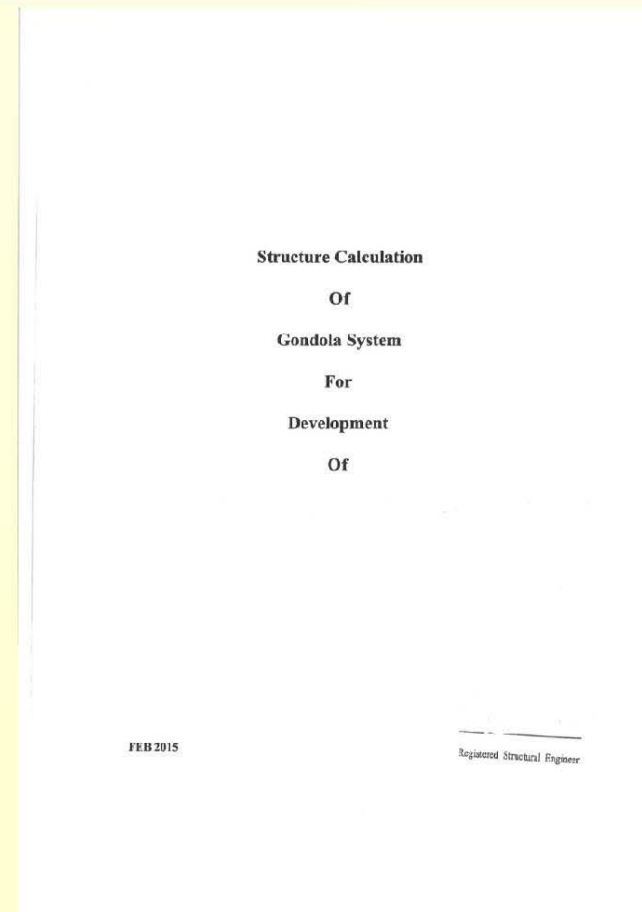
Before

No design calculation
Practitioner has no information of
the building structure



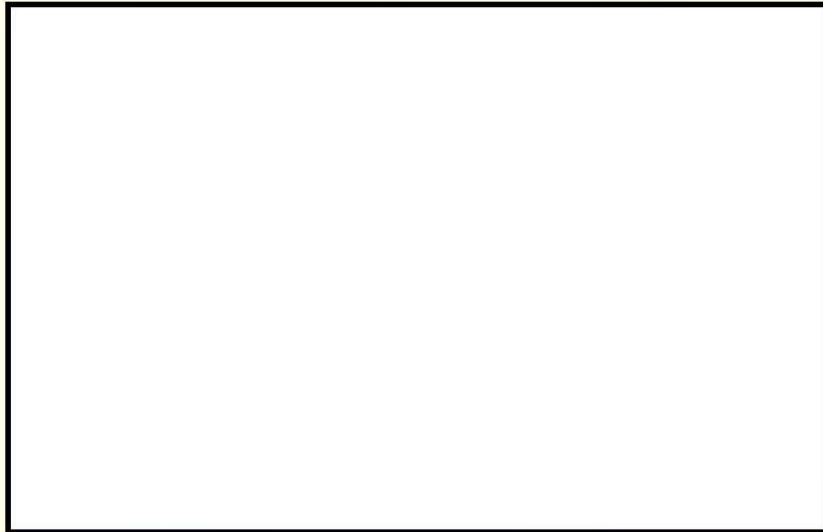
Improvement

provide structural information for
practitioner



Before

Practitioner has no information of the risk they are facing and safety measure to be taken



Improvement

Provide systematic assessment of risk portions are facing and safety measure to be carry out

Risk Assessment for Suspension Working Platforms Installation

Work Activity / Operation : Suspended Working Platform Roof Car Suspension System				Risk Assessment Date : 1 st April, 2014					
Location :									
Item	Task/Activity	Hazard	People Affected	Preventive Control Measure	Likelyhood	Consequences	Risk Level	Action Required	Action by
1.	Transportation of Installation Material and Equipment	-Improper handling leading to body injury	All workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provide experience workers- Workers should wear protective cloth and gloves to protect the body.- Keep the workplace clean, tidy and free of obstruction- Wear standard safety helmet- Provide appropriate training to captured workers.	Possible	Minor	Moderate	- Provide sufficient lighting at the working area.	-Foreman -Workers
		- Falls of person from height	All certified workers / personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provide and use of safety harness- Force off the working area to prevent entry of unauthorized person.-	Remote	Catastrophic	Excessive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tight supervision on using the proper lifting equipment should be provided by experienced competent person (Supervisor / Foreman)- All lifting equipment shall checked by competent person and issue with Form 1 before use and at 7 days intervals.	Foreman Competent person

Sec 3. Suggestions

Sec 3.1 Suggestions – Guidelines

Before

No loading information exchange form may leads to overloading of SWP during operation

Suggestion

To provide important loading condition and requirement to the practitioner for SWP design

Total Weight Under Suspension Mechanism

Item Suspension Wire Unit Weight : 1 meter = 0.25kg Power Supply Cable Unit Weight : 1 meter=0.30kg

Size (metre)	Configuration	Side Fencing Plate	Bottom Plate	End Stirrup	Walk - Through Stirrup	Joining Legs	Total Cage Weight	Double Deck	LTD 630 Climbers	Control Box	Safety Locks	Wire Pulling Weights	Main Suspension Wires 70M	Secondary Suspension Wires 100M	Power Supply Cable 75M	Self Weight	W/L - workers + tools + material	Total Weight Under Suspension Mechanism based on W.L. of climbers	Material based 2 workers 90kg each as per COP
0.5 M	0.5	20	8	46	0	0	74	148	96	14	10	35		23		326	674	1000	494
1.0 M	1	44	14	46	0	0	104	208	96	14	10	35		23		386	614	1000	434
1.5 M	1.5	60	22	46	0	0	128	256	96	14	10	35		23		434	566	1000	386
2.0 M	2	64	34	46	0	0	144	288	96	14	10	35		23		466	534	1000	354
2.5 M	2 + 0.5	84	42	46	0	8	180	360	96	14	10	35		23		538	462	1000	282
3.0 M	1 + 2	108	48	46	0	8	210	420	96	14	10	35		23		596	402	1000	222
3.5 M	2 + 1.5	124	56	46	0	8	234	468	96	14	10	35		23		646	354	1000	174
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5.5 M	2 + 2 + 1.5	188	90	46	0	16	340	680	96	14	10	35		23		858	142	1000	-38
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9.5 M	2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 1.5	316	158	46	46	32	598	1196	96	14	10	35		23		1374	-374	1000	-554
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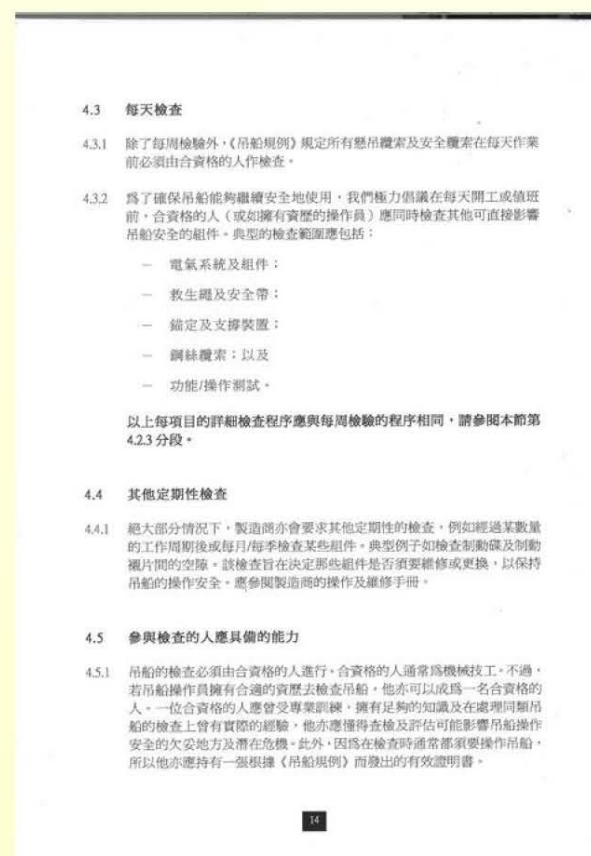
Before

Only rope checking is mandatory



Suggestion

Daily check - including function test



Sec 3.2 Suggestions – Monitoring

Before

Overloading of SWP due to insufficient monitoring of loading condition during SWP operation



Suggestion

Front line staff pay more attention on overloading prevention



Before

Pulling weight missing



Suggestion

Pulling weight must be installed and check daily . Otherwise the safety lock and the safety wire will not function.



Sec 3.3 Suggestions – Equipment

Before

Single climber and safety lock system



Suggestion

Multi Climber operation eliminates the risk of safety lock failure and extra climber will boost up payload and also facilitate rescue in case of emergency



Before

Failure of single climber and safety lock lead to excessive tilting of SWP, also makes rescue difficult in case of emergency



Suggestion

Multi Climbers & twin climbers operation eliminates the risk of safety lock failure and extra climber facilitate rescue in case of emergency



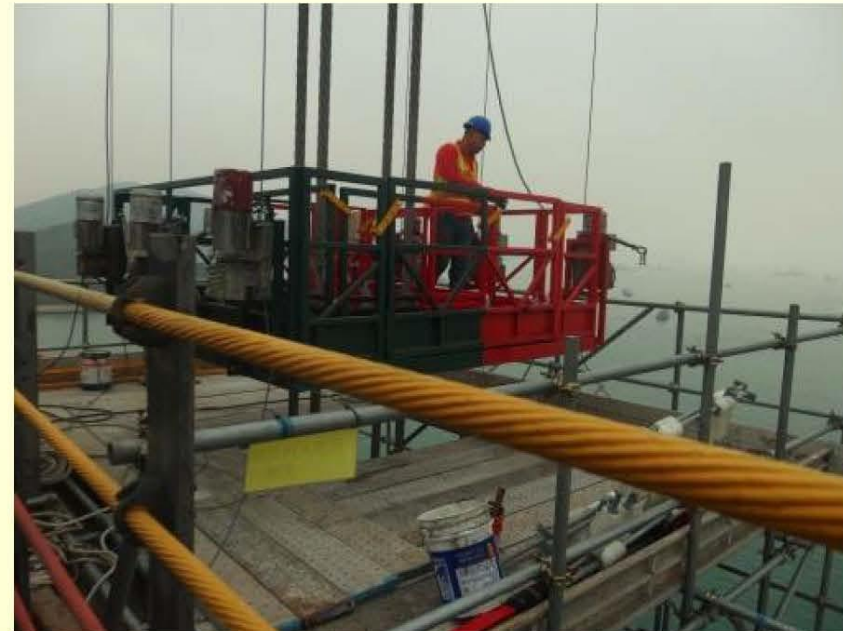
Before

Single climber & safety lock make it difficult to rescue in inaccessible or isolated locations i.e. end walls



Suggestion

Multi Climbers – Facilitate rescue in case of climber and/or safety lock failure



Before

Single climber & safety lock system make it difficult to rescue in confined spaces in case of climber and/or safety lock failure



Suggestion

Multi Climbers facilitate rescue in case of emergency in confined spaces i.e. collapse of SWP, collapse of workers, failure of equipment

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