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Red7Marine places the highest importance on safety, health and environmental management on all projects and sites of marine operations. Our personnel are trained to a high standard and they are provided with the required knowledge and experience to perform the applicable task in a safe manner.

Access and egress of Jack-Up barges via concertina ladder can present a risk to personal safety due to environmental conditions, namely tides, wind and rain, presence of mud/clay and also the ascent / descent required due to height of Jack-Up out of the water.

In all circumstances alternative methods of access / egress are to be explored before committing to a concertina ladder, for example:

- Walkway/gangplank to land or pontoon/flat top barge;
- Man riding basket.

There are three categories of personnel who may be seeking to access / egress to and from a Jack-Up, they are as follows:

Category 1 – Experienced Hand (undertakes task on a regular basis and has been on a ladder access course or is competent to use access ladders)

Category 2 – Inexperienced Hand but capable of physically climbing ladder.

Category 3 – People unable to climb ladder due to lack of physical ability.

For category 1 and 2 personnel full body harnesses and inertia reel are to be utilised for access and egress via concertina ladder. The first person to access the barge (Barge Master) and the last person to egress the barge (Barge Master) shall employ full body harness with shark hook attachments to ascent/descent the ladder and pass down/retrieve the carabiner to/from the transfer vessel. Category 3 personnel shall not attempt to access the barge via concertina ladder in any circumstances. The Barge Master is to make the judgement on what category the individual falls into – as the person responsible for access and egress of the barge.

All normal ladder access landing and step-off points will be fitted with a self-closing entry / exit gates. The gates will not be secured in the open position under any circumstances.

An appropriate number of access ladders will be provided on the Barge, taking account of the following situations:

- No tide No wind: the transfer boat can approach from any direction with a single ladder;
- Tide Running; access ladders will be required on either side of the barge (unless transfer boat can gain access from either direction of a single ladder).

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