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Safety Alert

for immediate direct communication

Occurrence No.
037

Type of incident	Counterfeit “Crosby” Shackles	Category	Near Hit unsafe act/condition
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Craft / Task	Lifting Equipment
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Project	External Alert (FOR ALL PROJECTS)
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Counterfeit Crosby Shackles have been found at a number of locations in Europe. These shackles are **NOT** up to required standards and it is mandatory that they be immediately removed from service. The counterfeit shackles can fail at as low as just 40% of their stated rating, causing a potentially catastrophic outcome. The most obvious difference is that the counterfeit shackle has the word “CROSBY” all in capital (Upper Case) lettering. The genuine shackle only has the “C” of “Crosby” capitalized.

The points to look for in deciding whether you have a Crosby Shackle or a copy are:

- On the face, (a) the Crosby Name should be embossed as per the Crosby Logo, (b) The CE mark should appear along with (c) markings of the 45 degree angles
- On the rear of the shackle should appear 2 different groupings of IDs (3 for Belgium manufacture) providing full traceability of the shackle.
- The pin should also be stamped (d) on the head with a traceable ID number.

Urgent Action Required

- Inform immediately all contractors on site of this safety alert
- All Site SHE Staff to coordinate and document a complete inspection of shackles in their locations and destroy any suspected counterfeit shackles.
- Liaise with your Lifting Equipment Specialists.
- Add the requirement to sample a selection of shackles to your Planned General Inspection checklists to ensure on-going vigilance.

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