

# Safety Alert

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**Subject: Potential Dropped Object**

## What Happened / Narrative

A guide-base unit was back loaded from the installation with significant amounts of hardened cement attached to its underside. When the guide-base landed on the vessels deck the contact dislodged some of the cement. The AB's 'stopped the job' and unhooked the lift however they didn't raise any particular concern.

It was only when the guide-base was about to be offloaded in port that the shore side stevedores noted the hardened cement was a potential dropped object and again 'stopped the job' until the hardened cement was removed using pinch bar's and hammers prior to the guide-base being lifted from the vessel.

## Why Did it Happen / Cause

Although the vessels crew did notice the cement falling from the guide-base when it was backloaded they didn't consider the follow-on potential dropped object scenario during discharge.

## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- During cargo transfers, when and where possible, remain within safe haven areas avoiding the risk of 'potential dropped objects
- If anything falls from the cargo assess your own safety and if / when safe to do so recover / report the object
- DO NOT return the offending cargo to the installation
- Report the incident to the installation
- Discuss the incident and identify the concern to the stevedores at the pre-discharge TBT once back on shore

## Photographs / Supporting Information



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