

Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety Unit

OHS ALERT

RAIMONDI CRANE ALERT

Crane suppliers and hirers must check a key component following the preliminary results of a WorkSafe investigation into the cause of an incident which led to the death of a construction worker in Box Hill.

WorkSafe investigators suspect that the failure or malfunction of the hoist rope termination assembly, also known as the wedge socket, is likely to have been a contributory factor in the incident.

A man in his late 40s died, a man in his 20s sustained life-threatening injuries and a third man sustained non-life threatening injuries when a kibble containing concrete fell from a Raimondi hammerhead tower crane and struck

three workers, shortly after noon on Thursday.

WorkSafe notified Clark Cranes of its findings on Friday.

Work should cease on all Raimondi cranes until a full and comprehensive safety audit has been conducted.

An independent expert engaged by WorkSafe is working to verify that Clarke Cranes' audit has been conducted correctly.

There are currently 65 Raimondi cranes operating in Victoria.

All owners, hirers and operators of all cranes must engage appropriately qualified and experienced personnel, to immediately inspect their hoist rope termination assemblies, to ensure they are appropriately

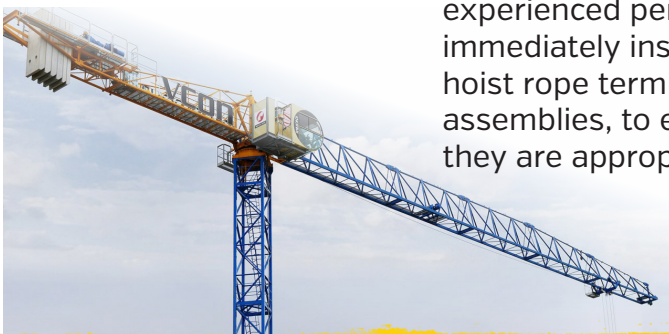
installed, compliant and functioning according to manufacturer's specifications, and to consider engaging further specialist advice if they are unsure.

For further details and if there are any queries please contact the CFMEU office or your area organiser.

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Hoist rope termination assembly

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