

Safe Work Procedure – Cable Yarding – Hooktender

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Caulk Boots
Hi-vis Hardhat
Gloves
Stagged Pants
Hi-Vis Vest

RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS:

- The primary responsibility of the Hooktender is the safety of the crew he directs.
- Ensure safe work procedures are reviewed with all new workers before they start work.
- Observing and correcting the unsafe work practices of his crew workers.
- It is important that he plans his moves ahead and communicates the plan to the crew, making sure each man understands what is expected of him.
- He must provide strong leadership and fairness to others on his side.
- He will create safe and efficient work habits, setting an example for others.

ATTITUDE:

In accepting the position as Hooktender, one must realize that in addition to knowing how to use tools and equipment correctly, it is necessary to understand people. To create an atmosphere of cooperation, a Hooktender must earn the respect of his entire crew.

Picking Stumps

- Be sure guyline stumps are spaced as evenly as possible.
- Refer to diagrams for positioning guylines.
- Make sure stumps are secure and far enough out so as not to pull the notch.
- 45 degrees maximum to Spar.
- If in doubt, refer to the Cable Yarding Systems Handbook.

Notching Stumps

- Use proper tools for the job and make sure they are in good condition.
- Clear around the guyline stumps so as to get a clean work area.
- Use Vee notch.
- Only qualified people to use power saws; otherwise training is required by a qualified person.
- When using a power saw, wear the required personal protective equipment.

Rigging up/Raising a Spar

- It is important that the Hooktender plans ahead in rigging up the spar and communicating his plans to his crew, making sure each man knows his job.
- Ensure that the machine is level.
- Have sufficient blocking.
- Make sure the guylines are properly wrapped and shackled around the stump.
- For raising and lowering mobile spars refer to cable yarding systems hand book.

Yarding

- Yarding angle to minimize runaway logs on steep ground.
- A Hooktender should plan his setting for the safety of his crew and efficient logging.
- When it is necessary to use standing trees for tail blocks, trees must be tied back.
- Never allow your crew to work in bight of lines.
- Keep a close watch on the crew, especially new men. Make sure they go far enough back from the turn and off to the side, well in the clear.
- Inspect guyline stumps daily.
- Ensure logs are properly piled in the landings.
- Assist all crew members to learn to do their jobs correctly.
- Use authorized signaling devices.
- Check and keep track of all your equipment for its condition and availability; you are responsible for it.

Running in Lines

- Lines must be spooled on drums correctly; hooks and rods are provided for this purpose.
- Never use hands alone for spooling lines.

ADDITIONAL SWP NOTES
