

## **Safe Work Procedure – Cable Yarding – Swing Yarder Hooktender**

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**      Caulk Boots  
Hi-vis Hardhat  
Hi-vis Vest  
Gloves  
Hearing Protection as required

**Review the regular spar Hooktender's Job Safety Breakdown and WCB Grapple Yarder Handbook.**

### **BACK SPAR - CAT - EXCAVATOR:**

- When threading the guylines through the tower, watch your hands in pinch points.
- Watch for snags along the timber edge.
- Do not sit on the mobile back spar while yarding is in progress.
- Do not get too much bight on the mobile back spar.
- Ensure that the mobile back spar is in proper position and secured before starting to yard.
- Ensure boom is in lead and blade or bucket securely on ground.
- Watch that the running lines do not dislodge trees, logs or other materials when moving the mobile back spar on steeper logging sites. The back spar operator must be in a safe location before the running lines are tightlined.
- Always enter and leave machine in safe manner. Use the handholds provided.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Use the approved voice terminology and hand signals.
- Radios must be in good working condition.
- When talking operator onto logs, ensure you are well clear of turn - to side and back.
- Make sure you are well clear of lines – remember these machines swing.
- Wear hi-vis vest/hi-vis hard hat.

### **RIGGING:**

- Check the rigging periodically for loose shackles in the grapple and carriage.

### **RIGGING BACKSPAR TREES:**

- When using back spars ensure that proper rigging practices are used.

