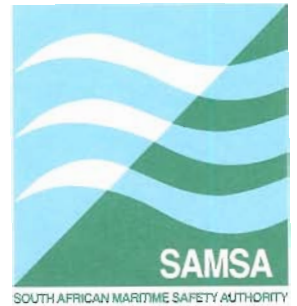


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TO ALL SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF MOBILE ELEVATING WORK PLATFORMS ("MEWP'S")

MOBILE ELEVATING WORK PLATFORMS ("MEWP'S")

1. This purpose of this Marine Notice is to inform all owners and operators of MEWP's that there may be latent defects in the construction of these platforms.
2. A recent incident involving two seafarers, illustrated that although utmost care was taken in the maintenance of a platform, it still malfunctioned. One of the seafarers died and the other was severely injured.
3. Regulation 18(10) of the Driven Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, no 85 of 1993, obliges a user of any lifting tackle to ensure that same is well constructed, of sound material, is strong enough and is free of latent defects.
4. Although the Regulation does require that the machinery be free of latent defects, it is still considered necessary that every reasonable precaution be taken to ensure the safe use thereof.
5. Owners and operators are also reminded of the provisions of the Ports Cargo Hauling Code of Practice as well as the Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. R. Watt', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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