







## Construction Safety Guidelines No. 28

## Material Loading Platform

		
<p><b>DESIGN &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is the responsibility of the main contractor to provide &amp; maintain loading platforms.</li> <li>The loading platform design must be approved by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party engineer</li> <li>Suitable edge protection must be provided to the edges where persons and/or materials can fall.</li> <li>Any loading platform gates must provide ridged edge protection.</li> </ul>	<p><b>POSITIONING / LOADING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The location of loading platforms should be decided by the main contractor.</li> <li>Locate loading platforms so that they do not create a snag hazard for the site tower cranes..</li> <li>Load material such that it does not exceed the guardrail height.</li> <li>Loading activity shall be performed in the presence of competent banksman.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TEST / CERTIFICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Material loading platform shall be tested through EHS approved third party at an interval of every three months.</li> <li>Loading platforms must also be tested whenever modified or relocated.</li> <li>Clearly display safe working load at each loading platform.</li> </ul>
		
<p><b>NOTICES / RULES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area under the loading platform shall be barricaded appropriately.</li> <li>Display adequate warning signs &amp; notices for the safe use of platforms.</li> <li>All notices and warning signs must be in a language understood by the workforce.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TRAINING / INSPECTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All workers involved in the use and loading of loading platforms must be instructed on the agreed safe system of work.</li> <li>A competent person must undertake a formal documented inspection of every loading platform at least weekly.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A risk assessment must be undertaken for the design, installation, use and removal of loading platforms.</li> <li>A method statement must be prepared covering the procedure for the safe use of the loading platform.</li> </ul>