



IRATA – working safely around the world

For the 20th year the Annual Work and Safety Analysis of work undertaken around the world by the member companies of IRATA International confirms its unique reliability in the work-at-height sector. This survey, compiled by an expert in work safety acting independently from the Association, shows IRATA to be dedicated to high standards that it has now been able to take to all corners of the world. Rope access offers credible and effective work solutions with dramatic environmental benefits



Headlines from the Analysis

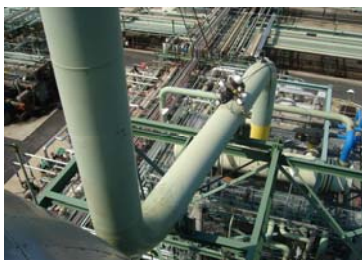
- * A massive increase in number of hours worked – now 3.86 million around the world!
- * Another remarkably low incident rate – 1.30 per 100000 hours worked!
- * Now more than 200 member companies; 149 in this 2008 survey.
- * Only five injuries officially classed as 'Major.' **No deaths!**
- * Accident/incident rate one-third of that quoted by the HSE for the construction sector!
- * Loss of work time through injury far below UK average!

Comments from the independent compiler of the Analysis

- 'By any standards, IRATA figures remain impressive'
- 'The IRATA figures are well below (better) than those for skilled trades and other machinery operatives'

Zero deaths on rope in 20 years of these independent reports

Minimal incident rate despite dramatic increase in hours worked





Cautionary observations by the independent author of the Report

- The rapid recruitment of new Level 1 operatives brings with it an historic higher risk element.
- Despite these excellent statistics, attention should be paid to eye and hand protection, dropped objects, tool handling and fall prevention.

Comments for publication:

Karl Raby, Acting Chairman and Vice Chairman: *'This report demonstrates that the member companies of IRATA International continue to train diligently and operate safely whilst taking industrial rope access to new regions of the world. The practical nature of the work and training procedures developed by members over 20 years enables them to be learned and adopted by many, delivering workplace safety in areas where other means of access find safe and effective work difficult. I have first-hand experience of how adaptable IRATA rope access is in the 21st century and how its growth around the world is in the best interests of clients and workers alike.'*

Graham Burnett, Immediate Past Chairman and International: *'The evolution of IRATA has been intriguing and satisfying. From the point twenty years ago where a few IRATA companies were working for the oil and gas industry off UK coasts, it has taken this cost effective work around the world but is now also successfully involved in the maintenance, inspection, cleaning and painting of diverse onshore sites including iconic high-rise structures, major bridges, ultra new and famously old buildings, the natural environment, rail networks and structures, wind turbines and much, much more. Because of its unparalleled safe working record and unique environmental advantages IRATA is the friend of multi-national companies, utilities, councils, architects and designers, safety advisers and building consultants.'*

Roderick Dymott, Chief Executive Officer: *It is evidence of success when an international organisation can demonstrate not only a commendable record of safe working wherever in the world its members operate but also achieve this during a period of remarkable growth – indeed my only regret about the figures in this report is that they are always out of date despite the fact that they are published earlier than any others recording work in our sector. Indeed, not only out of date but less impressive than that our true current performance since, for example, we already have over 200 member companies rather than the 150 included in the report, and the rapid increase in hours worked is certainly continuing – no economic downturn here!*

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