

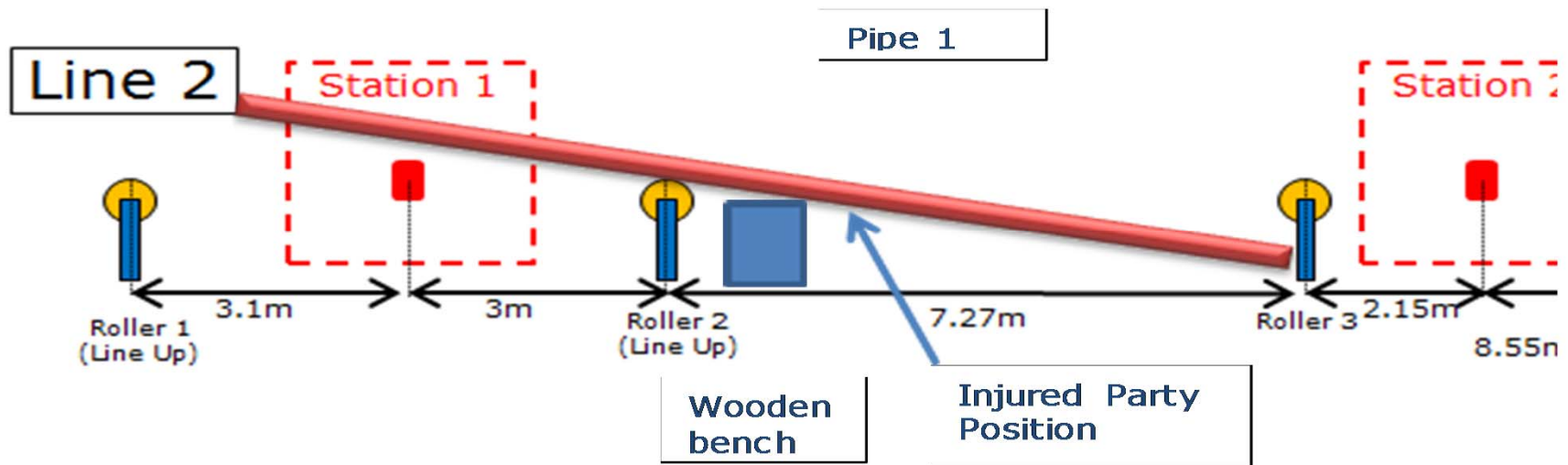
24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013

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▶ **PIPE FALLS FROM ROLLERS**

Whilst reversing pipe along rollers back towards Weld Station1, 12.2m long pipe passes roller with 7.23m gap between rollers

Pipe pivots and hits employee on thigh putting downward pressure on leg causing fracture to ankle (Pipe weight approx 1.1 tonne)



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▶ **EMPLOYEE**

**Four days in hospital**

**Operation to insert two pins and plates in ankle**

**In plaster for six weeks**

**Course of physiotherapy required once plaster removed**

**Minimum 35 man-days lost**

## LESSONS LEARNED

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- Failure of shielding gas delivery caused defects in runs deposited in first two welds  
**ACTIVITY STOPPED**
- Defects discussed at length by Management and Customer resulting in the decision to cut-out the two welds and reverse and remove the pipes to recycle them  
**CHANGE MANAGED**
- Change was not fully communicated to workforce by Supervision and Management  
**CHANGE NOT MANAGED – OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- Team started to carry out a non-routine activity  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- Certain people involved in the operation were unaware that this was a non-routine activity  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- The pipe handling roller system set-up is not designed for reversing pipe and could not sustain safe pipe movement in reverse  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- No Task Instruction or Task Risk Assessment in place to reverse pipe.  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**

## LESSONS LEARNED

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- Plan was to lift out all pipes with overhead cranes - Plan not followed by those carrying out the activity – decision taken to back-up final pipe manually  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- Layout of Weld Station 2 impeded view (dark green screens in place on welding habitat to prevent arc-eye cannot be seen through)  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- Layout of cable trays restricted crane access to pipe - this may have contributed to decision to back pipe up 1m manually  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- No pressure exerted by supervision however the desire to correct weld defects likely to have created motivation of those involved to act quickly (perceived pressure)  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- Point of contact for the immediate work area (the Spacer) not classed as a 'Supervisor' however due to the nature of his activity is actually responsible for supervising up to 28 people in the immediate area during this activity.  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**
- Additional personnel came to assist in the task unaware of the actual planned activity  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVENTION**

## LESSONS LEARNED

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- ▶ **OUR SAFE SYSTEMS OF WORK HAVE IN-BUILT STANDARD  
'STOP THE JOB TRIGGERS'**
  1. **ANY CHANGE TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITY**
  2. **ANY CHANGE IN PERSONNEL**
- ▶ **ELEVEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERVENTION**
- ▶ **NOT ONE TAKEN**
- ▶ **ANY ONE PERSON MAKING AN INTERVENTION AT ANY POINT  
THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS INJURY  
FROM OCCURRING**
- ▶ **PLEASE REINFORCE WITH YOUR PEOPLE THE NEED TO  
STOP THE JOB IF ANYTHING CHANGES**

# WHY?

**they expect  
us to send  
their loved  
ones home  
safe...**



**...please don't  
disappoint  
them**