



PETROLEUMSTILSYNET

Beerenberg Services AS
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Vår saksbehandler
Ingvil Håland

Deres ref.

Vår ref. (bes oppgitt ved svar)
Ptil 2023/116/ITH

Dato
27.01.2023

Dear Sirs

Order to halt work

A serious undesirable incident occurred on 18 January 2023 when a person fell from a scaffolding being installed at Mongstad. The Petroleum Safety Authority Norway (PSA) has initiated an investigation of this incident, and that work is continuing. Given the causal conditions identified so far, we consider it necessary to halt work related to scaffold-building at Mongstad to protect the life and health of the workers.

We have registered that Beerenberg Services AS, according to its comments on the notice of this order, is already in the process of implementing the measures specified by the bullet points in the order.

The incident of 18 January 2023

During the installation of scaffolding in area 5100 at Mongstad on 18 January 2023, a person fell some 23 metres to the concrete surface and was seriously injured.

The scaffolding was built as a framework to protect against dropped objects during materials handling, and was due to reach a height of 30 metres. Our investigation has so far revealed that the method used to install the scaffolding was climbing in the scaffolding framework, with safeguards confined to safety harnesses with twin tails. No work platform/scaffold floor was established for personnel to stand on during installation, and the way the work was carried out presented a risk of falling for both personnel and scaffolding equipment. Beerenberg Services AS lacks procedures which adequately handle the risk related to installing, dismantling and altering this type of scaffolding.

Order

Pursuant to section 18-8, sentence 2, of the Norwegian Working Environment Act, we may in the event of immediate danger halt those activities which are associated with the dangerous circumstances. The incident which occurred, together with causal conditions identified by the investigation, show that a real and immediate danger to life and health exists with regard to scaffold-building at Mongstad.

Pursuant to section 18-8, sentence 2, of the Norwegian Working Environment Act, see section 18-6 of the Act and section 69 of the framework regulations on administrative decisions, we make the following order.

Beerenberg Services AS halts all installation, disassembly and alteration of scaffolding at Mongstad until the following have been implemented.

- *The procedure for installation, disassembly and alteration of scaffolding is formulated in such a way that the specific risks related to the activity are handled for all types of scaffolding. The procedure must describe how the work is to be conducted and which safety measures must be implemented. See section 45, second paragraph, of the technical and operational regulations on procedures, and section 3-2, paragraph 3, of the Working Environment Act.*
- *All personnel involved in planning and constructing scaffolding at Mongstad are familiarised with the accident and health risks which could be associated with the work, and have received training in the procedure for scaffold-building, see the first bullet point above. See section 3-2, paragraph 1, litera a, of the Working Environment Act and section 50 of the technical and operational regulations on competence.*

We must be notified when the measures specified in bullet points 1 and 2 above have been implemented, and the procedure mentioned in bullet point 1 must be submitted to us.

An appeal can be made against this decision pursuant to section 28 of the Public Administration Act. The deadline is three weeks from the receipt of this letter. A possible appeal will be heard by the Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion, but must be submitted to us. Further information on the right to lodge an appeal and the procedure for doing so can be obtained from us.

This decision must be made known to elected officers for the workforce, including the safety delegates, pursuant to section 18-6, paragraph 8, of the Working Environment Act.

The decision will be published on www.psa.no.

Yours faithfully

Ingvil Tveit Håland, by authority
Head of supervision



This letter has been approved electronically in the PSA and accordingly bears no signatures

Copied to:
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