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Attention: Con and Syd
From: Mark and Phil-
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Dear Con and Syd

Thank you for your fax of 19 May 2003, regarding OH&S regulations.

We make the following comments with reference to our Stonehose.

1) Manufacturer's specification sheet is enclosed – strict adherence to these specifications, particularly with regard to working pressure, will ensure the safe operation of the hose.

   The hose has the working pressure printed on it, and this information should be conveyed to all potential users.

2) The hose has good visibility due to its yellow cover. On-site safety regulations would require operational hoses to be pointed out to other workers as a potential hazard.

3) The hose has a high resistance to external abrasion, however care should always be taken to reduce mechanical wear.

4) Hoses should be visibly inspected before every use to ensure the hose cover is in good condition.

   A hose conveying air at 20bar has the potential to cause injury or damage if it "*blows out*". Particular care should be taken when inspecting near the hose ends, as mechanical wear may be greatest close to fittings.

5) Hoses should be pressure tested following each use.

6) Care should be taken that hoses are not kinked, as this can lead to "*fatigue*" points in the hose which will leave the hose liable to fail.

7) Hoses should be stored in neat coils when not in use.

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8) Claw couplings should be visibly inspected before use, to ensure seals are in place.

9) Clamps should be checked for tightness and adjusted if necessary before each use.

10) Claw couplings should have safety pins in place when hoses are operational.

11) Whip checks can be used to reduce the potential risk in case of a hose "*blow out*".

12) The coupling to hose connection should be visibly inspected before each use, to ensure mechanical wear or other factors have not compromised the integrity of the connection.

We trust this information is of assistance. Please let us know if you require anything further.

Kind Regards

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