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COCA Update on WorkSafeBC Activities #463 February 5, 2010

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CONSTRUCTION □-----

Injury Type : Broken hip, fractured skull, internal injuries □ Core Activity : Crane operation □ Location : Lower Mainland □ ID Number : 2010156730021 □ Date of Accident : 2010-Jan

An articulating boom crane was lifting precast concrete slabs into □ place. The crane operator inadvertently stepped off the suspended slab □ and fell head first 10.5 feet to the concrete slab at grade.

Injury Type : Close call □ Core Activity : Crane operation □ Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009118870543 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

A vacuum clamp was being used to handle exterior wall panels during □ installation. The vacuum clamp failed, and a panel fell more than 25 □ feet to grade.

Injury Type : Undetermined injuries □ Core Activity : Scaffolding rental and installation □ Location : Lower Mainland □ ID Number : 2009115132635 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

A worker was dismantling scaffolding when the hook on a scaffold deck □ failed. The worker fell 6 feet to the concrete floor.

Injury Type : Close call □ Core Activity : Electrical work □ Location :

Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009110750766 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

An electrician qualified to work on low-voltage services was preparing □ to run wiring through a 4-inch-diameter conduit and found there was no □ string in place to pull the wire. A steel "fish" tape (used to pull □ wire) was pushed through about 65 feet of conduit. When the electrical □ vault was opened by electricians qualified to work on high-voltage □ services, the fish tape was found to be close to a 12-kV line.

Injury Type : Injury to foot □ Core Activity : Roofing □ Location : Lower Mainland □ ID Number : 2010157560013 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

A worker fell from the roof of a single-family residence.

Injury Type : Cracked ribs, cuts, scrapes, bruises (1 worker); cuts, □ bruises (1 worker) □ Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing □ Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009102100889 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

When the ladder in a ladder jack scaffold dislodged, two roofers slid □ down a steep cedar shake roof (pitch of 6:12) and fell to the ground □ (8 feet).

Injury Type : Close call □ Core Activity : Residential construction □ Location : Lower Mainland □ ID Number : 2009108440401 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

A fully extended rough-terrain zoom-boom forklift with a 15-foot truss □ boom attachment fell over while attempting to lift and relocate a □ 1,400-pound, 16-by-20-foot wall panel. The boom landed on and fell □ through the roof of the neighbouring house.

Injury Type : Broken arm □ Core Activity : Erecting steel frames □ Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009117640615 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Dec

A crane was slinging metal roof trusses onto a site when the load line □ contacted a beam about 20 feet above the ground. The grouted

anchors of a support column failed, and it fell and struck a second support frame, which also fell. A worker trying to escape the area was struck.

Injury Type : Bruised shoulder, neck Core Activity : Installation of fire sprinklers Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009113830234 Date of Accident : 2009-Nov

A worker was transferring 21-foot pipes from a closed traffic lane to an underground parking area. After lifting and positioning a pipe on his shoulder, the worker was turned in the direction of the underground parking when a motor vehicle's passenger side mirror hit the tail end of the pipe.