

DATE	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	COUNTRY:	United Kingdom	LOCATION:	North Sea DSV	

A potential problem has been identified with the Hale Hamilton Regulator Panel as a result of an incident that occurred on a North Sea DSV. No one was hurt when a circlip holding a vent valve body into a manifold assembly on the Hale Hamilton Regulator Panel detached under pressure.

The incident occurred when an operator was opening a valve to vent off gas. It is believed that, as the valve was opened fully, additional excessive force was applied to the valve handle resulting in the circlip being pulled out of its groove. There are approximately 2 complete turns of the valve handle from the valve being fully closed to fully open.

## **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

- Inspection to be carried out on both the port and starboard Hale Hamilton Regulator Panel Air and Heliox manifolds to ensure that each valve body retaining circlip is not damaged and is properly engaged within the circlip's groove;
- Carry out periodic checks to ensure that each manifold valve body retaining circlip is undamaged and properly engaged;
- As a precaution to open the valve complete one full turn only from closed;
- Post a safety instruction in the area to indicate that excessive force should not be used when opening each valve;
- LSS should inform each LST and other operators of the panel of the contents of this HSE Alert.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Distribute Divex HSE Alert to all Divex locations;
- All Divex personnel associated with design and servicing of Dive Systems must be made aware of this incident prior to performing design work or service work on DSVs;
- Material to be used to support Toolboxtalk process related to service activities.

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