

BEST PRACTICE

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SUB ACTIVITY: N/A **COMPANY LOCATION:** Croft Quarry, Leicestershire
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TITLE

Pressure washing at height

ARTICLE

A review of risk assessments for washing down mobile plant at Croft Quarry identified a problem with working at height on some machines.

Operatives had to stand on the wheels or mud flaps when pressure washing the booms of loading shovels. The operators were standing on an uneven, slippery surface with no edge protection.

Following internal discussions it was decided that a mobile, height-adjustable, cantilevered platform would solve the problem.

Ability International UK was approached, but the platform they had was physically too small and would not manoeuvre or level safely, on the wash area™s concrete yard.

A new platform was designed, big enough for the largest loading shovel. It has large wheels to cope with the terrain and a jacking system next to each wheel to level out and brake the unit when in position.

The unit is now in use and eliminates the risk of climbing on machines to wash them down.

ARTICLE IMAGES