BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: Quarry ARTICLE YEAR 2012

ACTIVITY: Manual handling and storage COMPANY: Aggregate Industries

SUB ACTIVITY: N/A COMPANY Bardon Aggregates, Stoneycombe

UB ACTIVITY: N/A LOCATION: Quarry

BEST PRACTICE BP805 COMPANY TEL: 01803 874428

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: United Kingdom

TITLE On No.

Walling stone picking station

ARTICLE

Description

In the South West, Bardon Aggregates has traditionally produced walling stone by hand selecting suitable stones from a rockpile spread across the quarry floor. This is the most intensive manual handling activity undertaken on site as assessed by the HSE MAC charts.

Bardon Aggregates wanted to be able to select walling stone without the need for manual handling techniques. The solution they developed was a picking belt mounted on a flat bed trailer with all round hand rails. The operator, standing at a special station, is able to select the stones required and slide them off onto finger belts that deliver them to waiting bins.

Benefits

- · A significant reduction in the manual handling and the risk of injury
- Reduced risk of slips, trips and falls
- Operatives less exposed to the elements as they are protected by roof and curtain side
- Productivity has been improved
- The trailer can be moved as required.

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