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1. Introduction

The document was compiled to conform or align with OHSAct requirements in ensuring that procedures for "Physical Material Handling" tasks are available. The task manual stipulates a procedure which seeks to ensure that personnel using the ladder are doing it in a safe manner and the associated risks and hazards are minimised.

2. Supporting clauses

2.1 Scope

2.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide persons carrying out "Physical Material Handling" with a step by step description of how to do the task, including the most critical hazards and technical specifications associated with the task

2.1.2 Applicability

This document shall apply throughout Eskom WIRES business and contractors employed by Eskom.

2.2 Normative/informative references

2.2.1 Normative

- [1] Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations (OHSAct),
- [2] ISO 9001, Quality Management Systems,
- [3] EPL_32-747: Rev 0, Safety, Health, Environment, And Quality (SHEQ) Policy,
- [4] DST_34-1710: Rev. 4, Provision and use of Personal protective equipment,
- [5] EPC_32-520, Occupational Health & Safety Risk Assessment Procedure,
- [6] DPC_34-227: Rev. 0, Pre-Task Planning and feedback process,
- [7] DPC_34-380: Rev 0, Identifying, Analysing, Documenting and observing dangerous/hazardous tasks,
- [8] 240-86100853: Rev. 0, Standard for Barricading Prohibited Area and Live Chamber,
- [9] DISPVABI7: Rev 1, The Procedure for Manual Handling of Rural Line Poles,
- [10] DPC_34-1475: Procedure for Handling, Auditing and Stacking of new Wooden Transmission Poles
- [11] DMN_34-1377: Ask Manual for Mechanical and Manual Handling of Rural Line Poles and Cross-Arm on a Pole-Trailer and Truck.
- [12] EPC_32-846: Rev 0, Operating Regulations for High Voltage Systems;
- [13] DPC_34-925: Rev 0. Procedure for refusal to work on the grounds of health, safety and environmental concerns, and
- [14] Manufacturers manual.

2.2.2 Informative

- [15] DPC_34-04: Rev 3, Procedure For The Preparation And Administration Of Distribution Standards,
- [16] EPC_32-247: Rev 0, Procedure for Vegetation Clearance and Maintenance within Overhead Power Line Servitudes and on Eskom Owned Land, and
- [17] DGL_34-190: Rev 0, Access to Farms (includes Strategy on dealing with game farms).

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2.3 Definitions

All definitions in NRS040 and OHSAct 85 of 1993 including the following are applicable.

2.3.1 General

All definitions appropriate to the document should be included here. Refer to definitions listed in recognised industry glossaries such as NRS 000 and the IEV, and use these wherever appropriate.

All definitions in EPC_32-846 and OHSAct 85 of 1993 including the following are applicable:

Definition	Description
Authorised person	means a person, whether an employee or another person, who has been authorised in terms of these regulations
Responsible person	means a person, who has been authorised to be responsible for ensuring that the work on the apparatus covered by work permit can be, carried out with safety and within the terms of these regulations
Task Analysis	The systematic examination of all dangerous/hazardous tasks (work) in order to identify and quantify all the potential and existing inherent hazards that employees are exposed to while the tasks are being executed.
Risk Assessment	This process involves the combined functions of hazards identification, risk analysis, risk evaluation, determining the risk control strategy/s and the identification of the risk control measures that will be implemented during the task execution.
Dangerous/hazardous task	A specific element of work, which has produced and/or which possesses the potential to produce major loss or harm to people, assets, processes/production and/or the environment when performed properly.
Directive	A document which sets out a management objective, the appropriate policy if deemed necessary, as well as the functional accountability for activities to achieve that objective and the interface between functions affected by, or responsible for the execution of, such activities.
Authorized	A person who is trained and has been proven competent to carry out rotten pole replacement in terms of this standard. This authorization shall be in writing.
	e satisfied the designated person on terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act

(Act 85 of 1993) (General Machinery Regulation 2(1)) that their knowledge is adequate to perform specific duties on specified plant and that their knowledge of these regulations is sufficient may be authorised.

2.3.2 Disclosure classification

Controlled disclosure: controlled disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

2.4 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description	
CDP	Career Development Programme	
CNC	Customer Network Centre	
СО	Construction Official	
GMR	General Machinery Regulation	

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Abbreviation	Description
ORHVS	Operating regulations for high voltage systems
OTS	Officer Technical Support
PCO	Principal Construction Official
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
РТО	Principal Technical Officer
SCO	Senior Construction Official
STO	Senior Technical Officer
TCIF	Technology Change Information Forum
то	Technical Officer
TSU	Technical Services Unit
WCO	Works-Coordinator

2.5 Roles and responsibilities

2.5.1 Plant Managers shall be responsible for:

- a) Ensuring that equipment job plans are available and issued for specific maintenance.
- b) Ensuring that the maintenance feedback information that is available in the maintenance management system is analysed.

2.5.2 Zone Manager shall be responsible for:

- a) Ensuring that staff carrying out maintenance tasks is trained, competent and authorized to perform maintenance on the specific equipment.
- b) Ensuring that instructions are implemented and adhered to and equipment is maintained in accordance to relevant work instructions.
- c) Ensuring that the maintenance feedback information / data is captured and recorded into the system for future maintenance planning.

2.6 **Process for monitoring**

Document number	Document title
240-45920887	Process Control Manual (PCM) for Manage Maintenance Base.
DPC_34-04	Procedure For Management Of Technical Documents For SCOT.

2.7 Related/supporting documents

N/A

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3. Requirements

3.1 Work Instruction

3.1.1 Pre-job Planning

NOTE 1: Ensure that the personnel are trained and competent to perform the task allocated to them and they are familiars to the area or environment: Lack of knowledge (area, environment, equipment) will lead to damage to equipment and injuries to staff.

NOTE 2: Job pressure – During planning it must be ensured that all parts of work are allocated time enough to avoid unnecessary job pressures.

NOTE 3: Ensure that appropriate PPE and safety equipment are identified and inspected.

NOTE 4: Conduct a pre-use inspection on all equipment and tools before they are used and ensure that they are serviceable and of good standards.

NOTE 5: Ensure that all material and spares used on the installation complies with specifications

- a) Do an assessment at the site to determine the scope of work and the resources that would be required (people, equipment, PPE, etc.) also to determine the cause of loss, upgrade/down grade, cable fault etc
- b) Plan work and resources required for the task

3.1.2 Safety and Preparation

NOTE 1: Maintain and ensure that light / lighting is sufficient during task execution

- a) Where required ensure the apparatus is opened, isolated and earthed, handed over (work permit) in accordance with EPC_32-846.
- b) Barricading shall be erected in accordance with 240-86100853 where necessary / required.
- c) At no time is the rotten / damaged wooden pole structure to be used as part of a lifting device.
- d) At all times the correct Personal Protective Equipment shall be used.
- e) Ensure that all tools and equipment to be used have been inspected by a competent person before they are used.
- f) The responsible person on site will continually supervise, direct and observe all activities.
- g) Work men to be reminded that they have "the right to refuse" if they consider the work is too dangerous or do not have the correct equipment or skills to safely complete the activity as per DST_34-925.
- h) Responsible and authorized person must ensure that the work site is prepared and made safe.
- i) Responsible person to sign the permit to work and complete workers register.
- j) Where required on-site apply equipontential earthing in accordance with organisational standards and procedure (EPC_32-846 / ORHVS).

3.1.3 On Site Risk Assessment

NOTE 1: Perform a proper risk assessment before task commencement and continuously during task execution in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

a) Conduct an on-site risk assessment prior to commencement of work and continuous during the task execution as per DPC -34-227.

NOTE 2: Ensure good visibility with additional lights/lighting where necessary.

NOTE 3: Identify and analyse risks and hazards associated with the task, eliminate, minimise, develop measures against – i.e. compile procedures or provide PPE to safeguard maintenance staff.

b) Ensure that when material handling is carried out in the electrically hazardous locations the correct level of supervision is applied.

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3.1.4 Working Execution

3.1.4.1 Loading material onto vehicle

NOTE 1: Use correct tools, PPE and equipment for task allocated.

NOTE 2: When physically attempting to lift, lower, handle or move materials, ensure that correct position / stance (ergonomically) is taken.

NOTE 3: When handling flammable liquids / hazardous substances beware of open flames and do not smoke.

- a) Inspect all tools and equipment before use.
- b) Wear correct safety equipment before attempting to load materials onto vehicle.
- c) Inspect routes over which object will have to be moved, eliminate obstructions and spills.
- d) Get mechanical help or help from another person if necessary.
- e) Place material conveniently within reach and have handling aids available.
- f) Get a good grip on the load / material and assess the weight before trying to handle it.
- g) Get the load / material close to the body, place feet close to the load and ensure that the body stands in a stable position (bend knees where material is below waist level) with feet pointing in the direction of movement.
- h) Keep the back straight and lift mostly by straightening the legs.
- i) When changing direction, lift the object to carrying position and turn the entire body.
- j) When two or more people carry one object they must adjust the load so that it rides level and that each person carries equal part of the load.
- k) When carrying long sections of material workers must walk one behind the other, carrying material on the same shoulder and their walk / movement must be synchronised / in step.
- When carrying hazardous substances ensure that lids are properly tightened before lifting / moving it.
- m) When placing an object into a tight / restricted space, the worker shall slide / push it into place with the hands in the clear (ensure not to pinch hands in tight spaces).
- n) Load the material on the vehicle and ensure that it is safely placed and secured.

3.1.4.2 Arrival at scene / site

a) Follow in reverse order the procedure in **"3.1.4.1 Loading material onto vehicle"** above to off load material and to carry it to point of operation / storage.

NOTE: Ensure that material being off-loaded is placed safely at work area or storage place.

3.1.4.3 Task Wrap Up

- a) Remove all personnel, equipment and redundant material from site.
- b) Complete and submit required documentation.
- c) Check condition of all objects handled (chemicals, equipment and material) lids of the containers are tightly sealed.
- d) Stack and secure loads where necessary.
- e) Redundant material to be disposed of in accordance with organisational requirements.

NOTE: Clean work area at the completion of the job – because leaving off-cuts and material may result in injuries to the public/livestock and damage to the image of Eskom.

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3.2 Related/Supporting Documents

3.2.1 Related Documents

- a) Specifications;
- b) Critical task analysis; and
- c) Training module.

3.2.2 Forms and Records

The completed report shall be returned to the Work Management Centre together with the work order via Work co-ordinator.

The completed reports / forms must be returned to respective departments for record keeping.

- a) Works order
- b) Operating Instruction form / Workers register / Permit
- c) Risk Assessment

3.3 Related/Supporting Documents

3.3.1 Related Documents

- a) Standards, Procedures and Specifications;
- b) Critical task analysis; and
- c) Training module.

3.3.2 Forms and Records

The completed reports / forms must be returned to respective departments for record keeping:

- a) Works order
- b) Operating Instruction form / Workers register / Permit
- c) Risk Assessment
- d) In / Out commission sheet / Stores return

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Used correctly							
In good and safe condition							
Test instrument calibrated							
Toolbox Talk:							
Task manuals used							
Complete Worker's register							
Risk Assessment been done							
Valid work permits available							
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Injury:				Illness (fumes, gas, etc.)			
Risk of getting caught by				Costs (delays)			
Risk of striking against/get struck by				Poor quality (non-conformance)			
Risk of fall from same level							
Risk of fall from different level							
Risk of slip, trips and falls							
Risk of electrocution							
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2. Using unsafe equipment				8. Taking chances			
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4. Unsafe loading, placing & lifting				10.Failure to secure lock-out			

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