

Fatal accident on board the dumb lighter “*Smart Hill No.1*” on 18 May 2007

1. The Incident

- 1.1 An industrial accident happened onboard the Hong Kong licensed dumb lighter "*Smart Hill No.1*" at Yau Ma Tei Anchorage on 18 May 2007. While two repairers were taking measurements of a steel pin on the top of the anchor block of a derrick crane, one of them lost his balance and fell down to the bottom of the cargo hold and sustained fatal injuries.
- 1.2 Oily lubricant residues could be found on the top surfaces of the anchor block that made the surfaces slippery. There was no railings erected at the top of the anchor block to prevent fall of persons. Hence there was foreseeable risk for the repairers of falling more than 10 metres to the bottom of the cargo hold.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 To prevent fall of persons, the safe working practices of wearing safety harness while working aloft should be observed.