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SUBJECT: Inspection of Mudline Goosenecks

SERIAL NUMBERS: All

DISCUSSION: The integrity of the gooseneck, mudline, its connecting capscrews and support brace are critical to avoidance of leaks or separation of these components from the bonnet, which could result in damage to equipment or personnel.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
1. The mudline assembly should be inspected as follows:
 - check the capscrew torque monthly on the Split Flanges and Male Half Coupling
 - remove capscrews and visually inspect annually
 - MPI the entire gooseneck every 1000 daysThe inspection frequency should be increased during periods of rough drilling or jarring.
 2. Proper procedures for assembly and torquing should be followed as specified in PRODUCT BULLETIN 45.
 3. Ensure mudlines are supported near the union end. The Canrig Engineering Department should approve any modifications to the factory brace. A review of existing braces is underway; further notices may be sent out regarding the results of this review.

The rotary hose safety cable should be attached to a secure point on the top drive such as the frame or upper links. The safety cable should not be attached to the mudline assembly. The recommended method of attachment is with the use of $\frac{3}{4}$ " cable and not with chain.

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