

Technical Bulletin / Safety Alert

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Subject: Bypassing the JUG-A-0 UL/UV Diesel Engine Shutdown System (Nautitech)

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Applicable to: All JUG-A-0 UL/UV V2 & V3 Machines

Note: Minimum PPE required to carry out any inspections contained in this TBSA shall be protective clothing & footwear, safety glasses, hearing protection & any site specific requirements. A JSA or equivalent should be carried out prior to performing these tasks.

Occurance:

The Department of Industry and Investment – Mine Safety Operations recently issued the following incident notification:

Gents, (Underground Mechanical Engineers)

Diesel Equipment.

A recent incident occurred with a JUG -A- O V2 fitted with a Nautitech methane monitoring equipment / Electronic Shutdown System.

The JUG was under repairs at a third party repair provider and the methane monitor battery went flat. Repairs were completed and the machine was sent to site with an Out of Service Tag fitted to it and the methane monitor flameproof compartment bypassed by connecting the supply & delivery hoses. The machine was sent to the mine.

After passing thru a number of hands, this machine was placed into service still with the methane monitor bypassed at the flameproof enclosure.

Note: The JUG is Design Registered with the methane monitoring system in place and disconnecting the hoses from the flameproof enclosure makes the DES not explosion protected and therefore not designed registered. The methane monitoring system needs to be operational as this controls the temperature R.T.D's in the scrubber system.

Check your machines if you have them on site.

The OEM will be issuing a Technical Bulletin in the near future.

Regards Paul Drain Inspector of Mechanical Engineering Mine Safety Operations Industry and Investment NSW

Investigation & Cause:

As highlighted by the incident notification above, the Nautitech system has the ability to be bypassed, in this case to charge a flat battery. In this incident the bypass was inadvertently left in place when the machine returned to service.

When the air solenoid in the Nautitech system is bypassed, the methane monitoring function and exhaust scrubber RTDs are no longer functional.

It should be noted that when the air solenoid in the Nautitech system is bypassed, a message to this effect will be displayed on the Nautitech display and the four (4) lower LEDs on the display will flash simultaneously every 10 seconds, refer supporting documentation.

Recommendations:

It is the recommendation of Valley Longwall International Diesel Division (VLIDD) that the Nautitech Diesel Engine Shutdown System installed on JUG-A-0 UL/UV machines <u>NOT</u> be bypassed under any circumstances by third party repairers or end users, since bypassing the system removes the explosion protection properties, control of methane detection and control of the water based scrubber system RTDs.

In the circumstance where the Nautitech system battery is flat, it is recommended the battery is removed from the system and replaced with a new or recharged battery. Specific mine site procedures must be followed when accessing the explosion protected Nautitech control box to change a battery.

It is also recommended that all end users review the Nautitech system documentation that is supplied with machine documentation and ensure all employees associated with the operation and maintenance of JUG-A-0 machines are familiar with the functions and capabilities of the Nautitech shutdown system.

Immediate Action:

End users to review and re-familiarize themselves with the capabilities and functions of the Nautitech system. Supporting documentation for the Nautitech system is supplied with machine documentation.

Future Action:

Adherence to the recommendations provided in this TBSA.

Supporting Documentation:





Conclusion:

The Nautitech Diesel Engine Shutdown System installed on JUG-A-0 UL/UV machines should <u>**NOT**</u> be bypassed under any circumstances by third party repairers or end users.

Please ensure this document is circulated to all relevant personnel within your organisation.

Should you have any further queries please contact your VLI Diesel Representative.

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