



NINA AT WORK

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | SEPTEMBER 2012

SMALL STEPS, GREAT RESULTS



Each month, a colleague reports on his/her NINA activities. This month we hear from Michel van Oudenaarde, SHE-Q Manager.

Michel van Oudenaarde is curious about the experiences of project manager Dennis de Vries. Read all about it in the next edition of NINA At Work!

Our stone supplier in Indonesia did not focus much on safety. Nonetheless, the management was keen to take our approach on board, as it recognized the opportunity to promote the company as a safe employer. Together we converted the NINA values and rules into three targets for each of the supplier's activities (stone production, transport and stockpiling/loading). For example, 'Both myself and my truck are fit for duty.' Each driver was given an explanation with a checklist: 'Was my last journey safe?', 'Is my truck overloaded?'

The NINA kick-off meeting was held with the employees and the management. We explained what the NINA values entail and what we aim to achieve with them. It quickly became clear just how simple the values are: at the end of the working day everyone wants to go home to their family without any injuries. In answer to my

question about specific risks in the quarry, an employee said that the stones that they walk on in their flip flops can be really sharp. For the employees it is a small victory that they are now issued PPE by their boss!

The supplier now takes a conscientious approach to safety. For example, traffic controllers were employed on the supplier's own initiative in order to ensure the safety of third parties. When I see the working conditions improving step by step like this I am again reminded what NINA is all about: the personal safety of everyone involved in the work.

NINA ON THE ROAD

Our colleagues in Mexico found a very dangerous situation when they started working on a dredging project in the Port of Altamira. When preparing the sandfill area they discovered that the nine meters high slope along the access road was in a very bad condition.

"It looked as if it could collapse completely any minute", says project manager Adan Olvera. "Given the fact that during the project each day at least 100 double truck transports would drive along this road we decided it was not safe to accept this situation." Adan got into contact with the Altamira Port Security Officer who was



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willing to come and take a look. It turned out that the slope was part of an archeological site, so it was not possible to dig and eliminate the risk completely. That is why another solution had to be chosen: avoid the danger by rerouting the traffic. A temporary road was made and signs were put down to lead the traffic in the good direction.

Adan: "Our actions caused synergy: a company working at another project kept the temporary road in good condition with a motor grader. This way we could guarantee all truck drivers a safe passage."

NINA'S NEW LOOK!

With the introduction of Boskalis' new corporate identity, NINA has also been given a new look and a fitting new color. Check out our new website too!

