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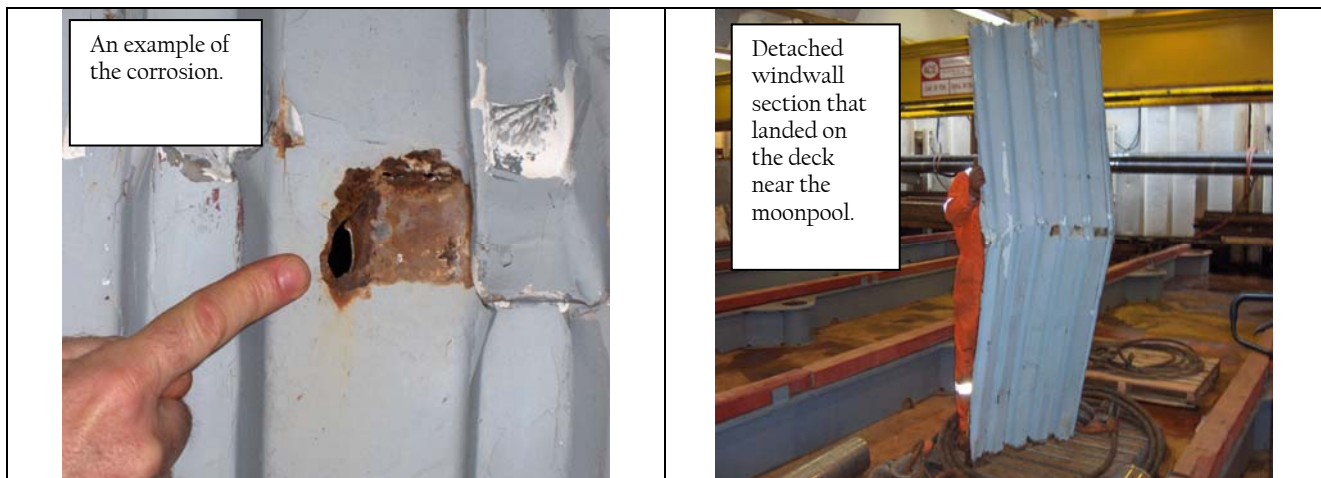
## ALERT 06 – 16

### NEAR MISS – SECTION OF WINDWALL BECAME DETACHED

#### WHAT HAPPENED:

An incident with an extremely high potential to cause injury to employees and equipment occurred on a rig after a period of high wind conditions. This incident was recorded as a near miss involving a section of windwall that became detached from its attachment points and landed on the deck near the moonpool.

**WHAT CAUSED IT:** Windwall sections had become corroded allowing the bolts and oversized washers to strip through the paneling.



**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** To address this incident, this company directed rig maintenance personnel to:

- If damaged windwall sections are found, they should be repaired/replaced as quickly as possible.
- If damaged windwall sections are found and it is not possible to repair/replace quickly then a temporary back-up securing system should be considered until the repairs/replacement can be completed. **See pictures below.**
- Windwall sections should be included in the Derrick DROPS register which is generated each month by the company's Preventative Maintenance System.
- Windwall sections should also be included in the list of items inspected annually by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party contractor.

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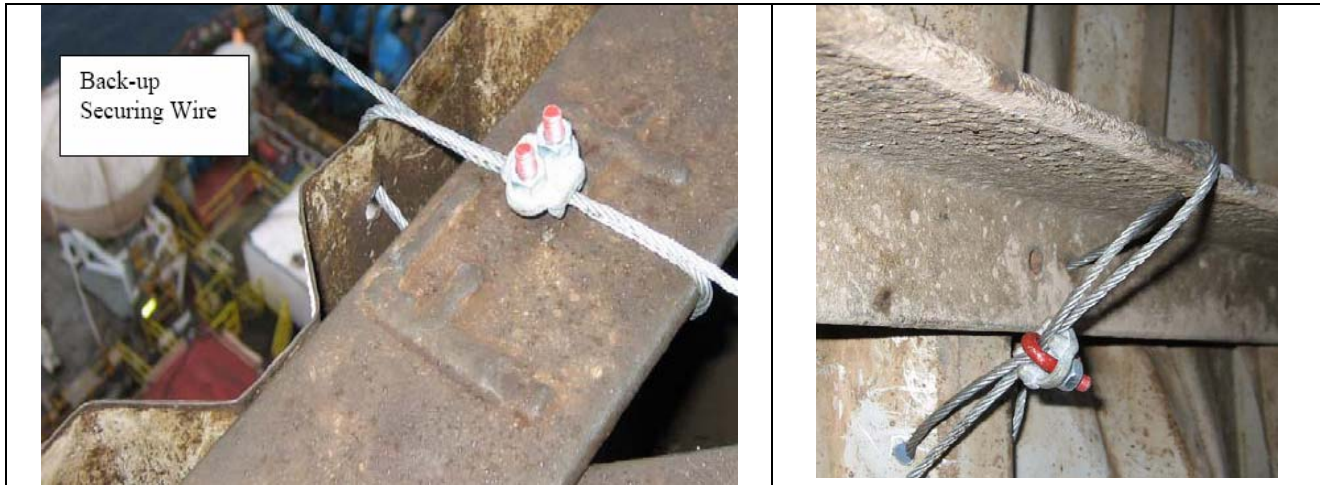
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