

# When safety is at a premium

EARLIER THIS YEAR, **DHL SUPPLY CHAIN** OPENED A NEW WAREHOUSE AT ERSKINE PARK IN SYDNEY. TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF ITS WAREHOUSE STAFF, THE COMPANY HAS IMPLEMENTED DOCK LEVELLERS INTEGRATED WITH PIT BULL TRUCK RESTRAINTS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS WHICH HAVE ALL BEEN SUPPLIED BY **TIEMAN**.



Pit Bull truck restraint.

Tieman is one of the largest suppliers of dock levellers and associated dock products in Australia. Its vast range of dock levellers, scissor and freight hoists, truck restraints and dock safety accessories are designed to assist customers in addressing Occupational Health and Safety concerns; and are designed to continue performing even in the harshest operating conditions.

DHL Supply Chain is the world's number one contract logistics provider with a major contract logistics presence in over 60 countries across all regions of the world. For DHL Supply Chain, "OH&S is the number one focus in the warehouse," says Senior Project Manager, David Henderson. "We need to maintain the safety of our people and make sure they leave the warehouse free

of any injury. Safety is most definitely the over-riding factor in all of our operations." The company chose to have ten Tieman 714H model dock levellers installed at its Erskine Park facility, along with Tieman's SL70 Pit Bull truck restraints with traffic lights and DSDL dock lights. "The system is completely integrated," says David. "We've gone for a larger dock leveller, and this combined with the Pit Bull truck restraints and lights, is designed to prevent the risk of any drive offs during unloading.


"With this system in place, a green light in the warehouse, means a red light outside and vice versa, so it virtually eliminates the risk of the driver leaving before they are supposed to."

To add, Pit Bull restraints automatically

engage when trucks come onto the dock.

This combined with the traffic light system ensures there is no need for manual handling and reduces risk to the operator. When the trailer loading/unloading is complete, the operator stows the dock leveller and releases the Pit Bull restraint which changes the external traffic light to green, indicating it is safe for the truck driver to depart. At the same time, the internal light switches to red to alert warehouse staff that there is no truck on the dock. The dock allocator can then assign the next truck to a vacant dock for the next operation. "With the Pit Bull restraint, even if the truck driver isn't looking at the traffic lights, he can't drive off."

This system has been operating for almost a year now. DHL Supply Chain has been impressed with its functionality at its Erskine Park facility.

Tieman also offer national 24/7 mobile service for break down or regular maintenance to ensure optimum performance of all makes of dock equipment. 



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