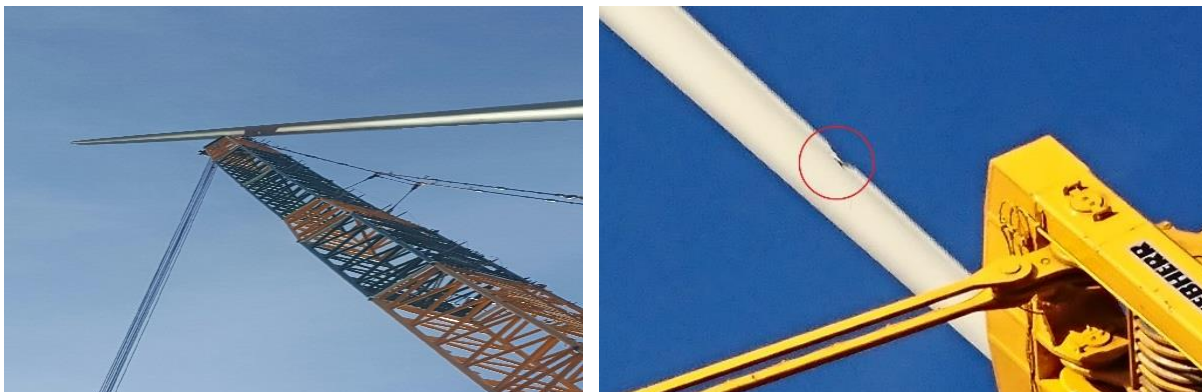


Safety Alert to IWEA members.

Blade contact with crane during installation.

The Incident

A wind turbine blade made contact with the jib of crane during turbine erection. There was nobody injured in this incident. The incident resulted in minor damage to crane components and the blade.



Details of Incident

Two blades were installed. The crane was stationary in position over the blade fingers to sling the last blade. While the nacelle and hub were being moved into position to receive the last blade, one of the installed blades made contact with the crane jib. Mechanical failure is not thought to be a cause in this incident.

This incident reminds us all of the importance of clear control of work and good communication between all persons and work groups on the hardstand.