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| 1. Hazard Management Details – General | | | |
| **Plant/Equipment Item: MIG Welder** | **Make/Model No.:** | | **Serial No.:** |
| **School / Work Location:** | **Region:** | | |
| **Name of Person(s) Conducting Activity:** | | | **Date Conducted:** |
| **MIG Welder** | | **Description of Use:**  A MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welder is used to join two pieces of metal together using a continuous and consumable wire electrode and a shielding gas (to protect against contamination) which is fed through the welding gun. An electrical arc is formed between the wire electrode and the base metal which melts the wire and creates a weld. | **Summary of Key Risks:**  **(refer to appropriate subsections)**     * Impact and cutting * Electricity * Radiation * Slips/trips/falls * Fire and explosion * Temperature * Other (gas and fumes) |

Plant and Equipment Risk Management Form

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| 2. Documentation | | |
| **Relevant Legislation/Standards** | **Y / N** | **Comments** |
| **Is plant required to be registered?** | Y  N |  |
| **Is a user license required?** | Y  N |  |
| **Key Reference material** |  | AS 4267 Pressure regulators for use with industrial compressed gas cylinders  AS 4706 Pressure gauges for regulators used with compressed gas cylinders  AS 1210 Pressure vessels  AS 2030 The verification, filling, inspection, testing and maintenance of cylinders for storage and transport of compressed gases - Cylinders for compressed gases other than acetylene  AS 1674.1. Safety in welding and allied processes—Fire precautions  AS 1674.2 Safety in welding and allied processes—Electrical  AS 4024.1 Safety of machinery |
| **Plant Documentation** | **Y / N** | **Comments** |
| **Are operator’s manuals accessible?** | Y  N |  |
| **Is this a restricted use item?** | Y  N |  |
| **Does this item require safe use documents/test?** | Y  N |  |

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| 3. Hazard Identification | |  | | | | |
| **Hazards Inspected** | | **Risk Assessment** | | | **Description of Risk** | **Control Measures** |
|  | | **Cons** | **Like** | **Risk**  **Level** |  |  |
| **ENTANGLEMENT**  Can anyone’s hair, clothing, gloves, cleaning brushes, tools, rags or other materials become entangled with moving parts of the plant or materials? | Y  N |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **IMPACT AND CUTTING**  Can anyone be crushed/cut/struck etc. due to: |  |  |  |  | Spitting metal may cause burns/eye injury to operator/bystanders.  Unexpected movement of the plant (i.e. hoses getting caught on an object) may cause misdirection of welding gun giving rise to potential injuries. | Ensure appropriate PPE is worn by operator /observers (appropriate eye protection, gloves and apron) whilst operating the equipment  Ensure appropriate screening is in place to protect the surrounding workspace.  Ensure operator is trained in the safe use of equipment and inappropriate material is not used in the welding process. |
| * Material falling off the plant? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Uncontrolled/unexpected movement of plant/load? | Y  N | Major | Possible | High |
| * Lack of capacity to slow, stop or immobilise plant? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * The plant tipping or rolling over? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Parts of the plant disintegrating or collapsing? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Contact with moving parts during testing, inspection, operation, maintenance, cleaning or repair? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Being thrown off or under the plant? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Contact with sharp or flying objects? (e.g. work pieces being ejected) | Y  N | Major | Possible | High |
| * The mobility of the plant? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Inappropriate parts and accessories being used? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Other | Y  N |  |  |  |

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| **SHEARING**  Can anyone’s body parts be sheared between two parts of plant, or between a part of the plant and a work piece or structure? | Y  N |  |  |  |  | |  |
| **PRESSURISED CONTENT**  Can anyone come into contact with fluids or gases under high pressure, due to plant failure or misuse of the plant? | Y  N |  |  |  |  | |  |
| **ELECTRICITY**  Can anyone be injured or burnt due to: |  |  |  |  | Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns.  The electrode and work circuit is live whenever the output is on.  Damaged or frayed electrical cords pose an electrical hazard. | | Ensure electrode points are in good condition, free from contaminants and securely mounted prior to use.  Ensure equipment is regularly serviced, appropriately tested and tagged and appropriate isolation procedures (e.g. lock out tags) are in place.  Ensure appropriate PPE (e.g. gloves) are used whilst operating equipment. |
| * Live electrical conductors? (*e.g.* exposed wires) | Y  N | Major | Possible | High |
| * Working in close proximity to electrical conductors? | Y  N | Major | Possible | High |
| * Access to electricity? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Damaged or poorly maintained electrical leads, cables or switches? | Y  N | Major | Unlikely | Medium |
| * Water near electrical equipment? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Lack of isolation procedures? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Other | Y  N |  |  |  |

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| **ERGONOMICS**  Can anyone be injured due to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Poorly designed workstation? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Repetitive body movement? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Constrained body posture or the need for excessive effort? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Design deficiency causing psychological stress? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Inadequate or poorly placed lighting? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Does the plant impact on the surrounding workplace and create potential hazards? (Consider potential impact on the design and layout of the workplace) | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Is the location of the plant inappropriate? (Consider potential effects due to environmental conditions and terrain) | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Other | Y  N |  |  |  |

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| **RADIATION**  Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant suffer injury or illness due to exposure to radiation in the form of any of the following:   * infra-red radiation * ultra violet light * microwaves | Y  N | Moderate | Possible | Medium | UV light generated by the welding process can cause inflammation of the corneas otherwise known as ‘welders flash’. | Ensure operator/observers are wearing appropriate PPE (e.g. welders mask).  Ensure appropriate screening is in place to protect the surrounding work areas. |
| **NOISE**  Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant, suffer injury due to exposure to noise? | Y  N |  |  |  |  |  |
| **VIBRATION**  Can anyone be injured or suffer ill health from exposure to vibration? | Y  N |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FRICTION**  Can anyone be burnt due to contact with moving parts, materials or surfaces of the plant? | Y  N |  |  |  |  |  |
| **SUFFOCATION**  Can anyone be suffocated due to lack of oxygen, or atmospheric contamination? | Y  N |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CONDITION**  Is a hazard likely due to the age and condition of the plant? (*Consider how hard the machine has been worked, and whether it is used constantly or rarely).* | Y  N |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can anyone be injured as a result of the plant not serviced appropriately and/or maintained in line with manufacturer’s recommendations? | Y  N |  |  |  |

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| **SLIPS/TRIPS/FALLS**  Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant, slip, trip or fall due to: |  |  |  |  | Poor housekeeping practices allowing the build-up of waste materials or failure to immediately clean up spills could result in a slip hazard.  Inappropriate placement of objects (e.g. spare materials, electric cords, bags etc.) in the immediate vicinity of the plant equipment may result in a trip hazard. | Ensure appropriate cleaning and housekeeping practices are maintained to minimise the risk of a slip, trip or fall. |
| * Uneven, slippery or steep work surfaces? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Poor housekeeping, e.g. spillage in the vicinity? | Y  N | Minor | Possible | Medium |
| * Obstacles being placed in the vicinity of the plant? | Y  N | Minor | Possible | Medium |
| * Inappropriate or poorly maintained floor or walking surfaces (i.e. lack of a slip-resistant surface, unprotected holes, penetrations or gaps?) | Y  N |  |  |  |
| If operating or maintaining plant at height can anyone slip, trip or fall due to: |  |  |  |  |
| * Use of work platforms, stairs or ladders? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Lack of guardrails or other suitable edge protection? | Y  N |  |  |  |
| * Other | Y  N |  |  |  |

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| **FIRE AND EXPLOSION**  Can anyone be injured by fire? | Y  N | Moderate | | Possible | Medium | Electrodes, hot metal, spitting metal and sparks may become an ignition source if flammable material is in the immediate vicinity (e.g. wood dust, rags). | | Ensure appropriate housekeeping practices are maintained to limit the build-up of flammable material.  Allow hot metal to cool prior to handling/storing.  Ensure appropriate firefighting equipment/systems are in place. |
| * Can anyone be injured by explosion of gases, vapours, liquids, dusts, or other substances? | Y  N |  | |  |  |
| **TEMPERATURE/MOISTURE**  Can anyone come into contact with objects athigh or low temperatures? | Y  N | Moderate | | Possible | Medium | Electrodes, hot metal, spitting metal and sparks may cause burns to operator/bystanders. | | Ensure appropriate clothing and PPE is worn (e.g. gloves, apron, welding mask and clothing that does not expose the skin).  Ensure appropriate screens surround the work area to protect bystanders.  Ensure appropriate firefighting equipment/systems are in place.  Allow hot metal to cool prior to handling. |
| * Can anyone suffer ill health due to exposure to high or low temperatures? | Y  N |  | |  |  |
| * Can anyone be injured or suffer ill health due to exposure to moisture? | Y  N |  | |  |  |
| **OTHER** Can anyone be injured or suffer ill health from exposure to: |  |  | |  |  | Fumes and gases produce during welding may be hazardous to health. | | Ensure work area is appropriately ventilated when in operation (e.g. exhaust extraction). |
| * Chemicals? | Y  N |  | |  |  |
| * Toxic gases or vapours? | Y  N | Moderate | | Possible | Medium |
| * Fumes / Dusts? | Y  N | Moderate | | Possible | Medium |
| * Other? (please specify) | Y  N |  | |  |  |
| **4. Risk Assessment Signoff** | | | | | | | | |
| Authorised By: | | | Signature: | | | | Date: | |

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| Consequence - Evaluate the consequences of a risk occurring according to the ratings in the top row  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Descriptor | Level | Definition | | **Insignificant** | **1** | No injury | | **Minor** | **2** | Injury/ ill health requiring first aid | | **Moderate** | **3** | Injury/ill health requiring medical attention | | **Major** | **4** | Injury/ill health requiring hospital admission | | **Severe** | **5** | Fatality |   3. Risk level - Calculate the level of risk by finding the intersection between the likelihood and the consequences   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Likelihood | Consequence | | | | | | **Insignificant** | **Minor** | **Moderate** | **Major** | **Severe** | | **Almost Certain** | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme | | **Likely** | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme | | **Possible** | Low | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme | | **Unlikely** | Low | Low | Medium | Medium | High | | **Rare** | Low | Low | Low | Medium | Medium | | Likelihood - Evaluate the likelihood of an incident occurring according to the ratings in the left hand column  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Descriptor | Level | Definition | | **Rare** | **1** | May occur somewhere, sometime (“once in a life time / once in a hundred years”) | | **Unlikely** | **2** | May occur somewhere within the Department over an extended period of time | | **Possible** | **3** | May occur several times across the Department or a region over a period of time | | **Likely** | **4** | May be anticipated multiple times over a period of time  May occur once every few repetitions of the activity or event | | **Almost Certain** | **5** | Prone to occur regularly  It is anticipated for each repetition of the activity of event |   4. Risk Level/Rating and Actions   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Descriptor | Definition | | **Extreme:** | Notify **Workplace Manager and/or Management OHS Nominee** immediately. Corrective actions should be taken immediately. Cease associated activity. | | **High:** | Notify **Workplace Manager and/or Management OHS Nominee** immediately. Corrective actions should be taken within 48 hours of notification. | | **Medium:** | Notify **Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee**. Nominated employee, OHS Representative / OHS Committee is to follow up that corrective action is taken within 7 days. | | **Low** | Notify **Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee**. Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee is to follow up that corrective action is taken within a reasonable time. | |