Scaffolding

Scaffolding is a PC responsibility but sufficient space and access should be allowed on site drawings and layouts of buildings to enable adequate scaffolding and erection processes. Other issues to be aware of are:-

• All scaffolders must be competent and hold a CISRS card (or in the case of trainees, supervised by a competent person) for the erection of either tube and fittings or system type scaffolds.

• An advanced Scaffolder must be on site to oversee the erection of any designed scaffold.

• All those involved in scaffolding operations must wear and use a full body harness fitted with a lanyard, shock absorber and a scaffold hook for one handed operation or suitable proprietary anchoring attachment.

•A 3 board lift with a single guard rail, an advanced guard rail or alternative platform such as Scaffstep must be utilised for erection.

• Collective measures must take priority over the use of a harness. Scaffolders must not traverse unguarded lifts or climb on scaffold. Lifts should be boarded out from below. Erecting, Altering and Dismantling Scaffold: Please note that the drawings incorporated below are not for construction purposes but for demonstrating the use of fall arrest equipment.







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When raising or lowering materials scaffolders must be clipped on at all times or work within a safe

handling platform with a double guardrail.

• Tube and fitting steel scaffolds will provide a safe anchor point for any scaffolder wearing a full body harness as a last resort when other protective measures, such as guard rails are not suitable.

• Temporary stairs or ladders should be included as early as possible in the erection process and removed as late as possible during dismantling, removing the need for scaffolders to climb the scaffold

• The opening for ladders must be protected with a trapdoor or a proprietary gate.

• A rescue kit must be kept close to the workface for works on scaffold where a rescue provision is required.

• All standing scaffolds must be tagged to indicate inspection status and updated every 7 days. Tags should be located at the lowest access point on the scaffold.

