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Integrated Science & Technology, Inc. Wins ExxonMobil Global Remediation Fourth Quarter 2005 Idea/Best Practice Award for Design of Work Safety Device

Charleston, SC – (January 26, 2006) -- Integrated Science & Technology, Inc.'s (IST's) Charleston, South Carolina office has been awarded ExxonMobil Global Remediation's (ExxonMobil's) fourth quarter 2005 Idea/Best Practice Award for the design and implementation of a drum lifting device. The drum lift was developed in response to a Job Safety Analysis that IST Charleston's staff conducted as part of IST's corporate safety program and ExxonMobil's Loss Prevention System (LPS).

Safety is top priority at IST. After participating in ExxonMobil's 2005 Global Remediation Safety Forums, IST endorsed and adopted ExxonMobil's LPS, whose guiding vision is **Nobody Gets Hurt**. ExxonMobil implemented LPS to raise the expectation of safety within the contractor workforce and to demonstrate the corporation's commitment to safety. The system includes several awards created to encourage contractor safety. The Idea/Best Practice Award promotes the development by contractors of creative approaches to safety. Contractors submit nominations that demonstrate the implementation of programs or devices that contribute to the Safety Improvement Process, reducing safety risks in the workplace.

IST's winning nomination resulted from the IST Charleston staff performing Job Safety Analyses of routine activities in the office workshop and identifying a safety risk from loading and unloading drums. The state of South Carolina requires that all soil cuttings and purge water be containerized, so IST Charleston personnel were constantly exposed to hazards resulting from full 55-gallon drums, which can weigh in excess of 450 pounds. Securing, rolling, and lifting full drums is particularly hazardous because of the lift height required into or out of vehicles. Typically, several personnel are required to be in direct contact with the drum or equipment to move the drum. Safety risks increase for individuals inside a vehicle attempting to maneuver drums due to the confined and limited space.

Standard practice had formerly been to attach drums to a wheeled drum dolly and wheel the loaded dolly up and down ramps and into and out of vehicles. The ramps can become slick or, depending on the ground surface, become too steep to safely move the drums. Because operation of a drum dolly requires the drum to be both raised and tilted prior to movement, this operation is particularly problematic in vehicles with limited vertical clearance such as utility vans.

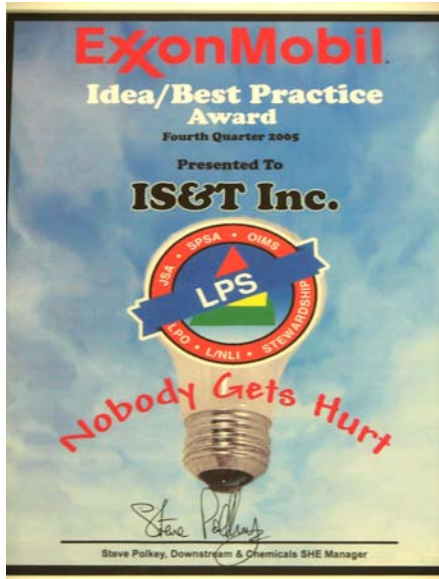


To mitigate the hazards associated with handling the drums, IST Charleston personnel designed and built a drum vise that mounts directly to the boom of an engine hoist. While commercial vises exist, most employ a chain or straps and clamps, which pose their own safety hazards. By designing a wider compact vise mounted directly to the boom, the hazard associated with a swinging load was eliminated. Thus, when carrying a load, the apparatus is capable of traversing uneven ground and curbs. This task is made even easier with the addition of 12-inch diameter

rubber tires and a steering wheel mounted at the rear. Drums are easily inserted and unloaded into areas with limited vertical clearance. Future innovations for this drum lift will include a tow package that will allow the unit to be transported behind any vehicle with a receiver hitch.



Because no clamps are involved and no human touch is required to secure the drum in our device, the potential for hand and finger injuries is also eliminated. The drum is held firmly in place by the leverage of its own weight. Most importantly, no personnel are required to be in the vehicle during this operation. The only time the vise is touched is when the jaws are opened to release the drum once it has been moved to its destination. This is a one-hand operation done with the boom slack and the drum in a zero energy state.



The drums can now be safely lifted and moved into and out of any field vehicle without personnel actually being near the drum. IST has developed safe operating procedures for the drum lift device and these are included in IST's Corporate Operations Procedures Manual.

IST was acknowledged for their fourth quarter 2005 Idea/Best Practice Award at ExxonMobil's annual Safety Forum on January 26, 2006 in Houston. IST Charleston personnel were presented with a framed certificate. The entire IST Charleston office will also be treated to lunch sponsored by the ExxonMobil Area Manager.