

Precision Essential for Working Around Underground Services

Operating an excavator around gas, power and water lines can be a recipe for disaster and best left to the experts. Not only is the risk of a slip up potentially very costly but also a high risk to the operator's health and safety. Hence the need for precision equipment which Queensland excavating company, Severn Excavations, recommends as absolutely essential.

Well respected in Queensland for their experience and skill on the job, Severn Excavations specialises in plant hire and excavation services. Typically working around multiple underground services such as gas, power and water lines, their operators require a high level of expertise and experience.

“One slip up could be very costly which is why we need attachments that give us the best control and manoeuvrability,” explains managing director, Craig Severn. “We use the Doherty Snaplock+ Tilt hitch because it enables us to work around underground services confidently.”



Severn first started using the Doherty range back in early 2012 when he purchased his first Snaplock+ coupler. Since then he has upgraded much of his equipment and is very impressed with the improvements to the latest Snaplock+ range.

“I like the fact that it's simple to operate and the compact design suits us too. The central lifting lug is ideal in my line of work.”

Based in New Zealand with a wholly owned subsidiary in Australia, Doherty is one of the few manufacturers globally to offer quick couplers fully compliant to all Australian and European safety standards. The main feature of the Snaplock+ range is its Dual Pin Locking (DPL) system, ensuring attachments remain securely engaged on both pins in the event of loss of engagement force.

Having started out in his career as an excavator sales rep, Severn has a good eye for detail and quality for his machines and attachments. Especially when it comes to protecting the health and safety of his team in such a high risk environment.

“I think quality and precision operation is absolutely critical in this industry,” confirms Severn. “The Doherty attachments are ideal for our needs.”

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