

Twin-Path® Slings dressed up with new CornerMax® Sleeves result in a swinging success on the docks!

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Workers awaiting completion of lift

On March 29, 2007 product advisers for I&I Sling, Inc and DSM, makers of Dyneema® HPF Fiber, successfully completed the first phase of field-testing of three new coil lifting sling prototypes. The slings, comprised of K-Spec® high performance yarns and Covermax® tubing, and protected by a CornerMax® Sleeve made with Dyneema® high performance fibers.

The work was performed at the Gloucester Marine Terminals in Gloucester City, New Jersey.

There was no way to hide the excitement of the longshoremen after the initial inspection revealed no damage to the coils or slings.

300 coils of various weights and sizes were lifted out of the ship.

One of the steel inspectors was quoted as saying, “These slings are fantastic; they protect the coils; increase productivity, and improve safety.” He held nothing back.

Workers stated the light weight of the Twin-Path® Slings (16lbs compared to steel slings over 80 lbs) helped them work safely in rough conditions.

When asked to comment, Terminal Manager, Jim McLaughlin of Gloucester Terminals LLC stated, “I am happy to have a set of non-marring slings for this application. If you are doing this kind of work, and you have a set of these slings in your rigging arsenal, you have a big advantage.” Inspection showed no sling damage after the ship was unloaded.

