

Thameslink Programme Health & Safety – Good Practice 006

Athena Management

Overview/Description

The use of communication devices are key to safe delivery and the Athena headset device has proven most reliable compared to its competitors. BBR are leading the way in effective management of their communication devices by having expert suppliers on site such as ‘dBD Communications’.



BBR /dBD Communication Support Cabin (CSC) at Gemini site providing possession support 24/7.



Interior of CSC at Gemini showing setup of communication system

This arrangement frees up the project teams to concentrate on core engineering works and priorities.



Athena Bluetooth device

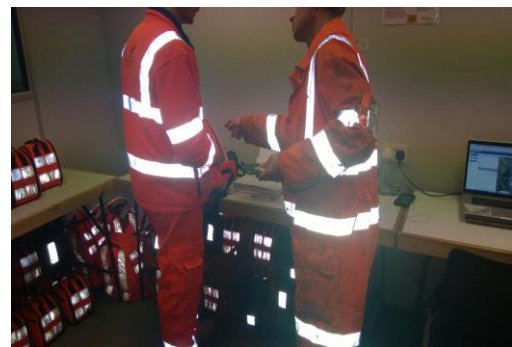


Back-to-back radios

BBR believe that having direct support from equipment specialist and manufacturers is essential as it ensures equipment readiness, cleanliness, charged state, accountability and even hands-on refresher training to enable operators use the full extent of the device’s functionality.

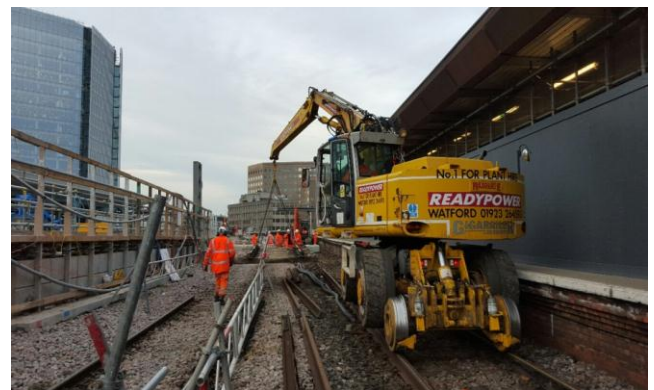
Benefits

By providing 24 hour on site expertise, we are able to maintain a high standard of equipment control at all times.



Photos of staff returning Athena headset at end of shift

This was most notable during the Christmas blockade, as it afforded benefits of efficient quality service, resulting in uninterrupted operation. At our peak, 27 machines were working around many small workgroups and train movements. It is a testament to the control being implemented that no plant-related incidents were recorded.



There are currently no issues with lost sets, partly charged headsets, bluetooth pairing issues, etc. On the occasion that it does fail or has been operated incorrectly, the specialists are readily on hand to resolve issues rapidly allowing BBR to carry on without any impact to time and delivery.