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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 19/04/2006
Accident number: 30

Accident time: not recorded
Accident Date: 30/11/1996

Where it occurred: Save, Manhica Province
Country: Mozambique

Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)

Class: Missed-mine accident

ID original source: CP

Organisation: [Name removed]

Mine/device: GYATA-64 AP blast

Date record created: 22/01/2004

Date last modified: 23/03/2004

No of victims: 1
No of documents: 3

Map details

Longitude:
Latitude:

Alt. coord. system:
Coordinates fixed by:

Map east:
Map north:

Map scale: not recorded
Map series:

Map edition:
Map sheet:

Map name:

Accident Notes

inadequate training (?)
no independent investigation available (?)
inadequate investigation (?)

Accident report

A director of the demining company was interviewed about this accident on 15th December 1998. From memory he reported that the victim had been clearing a mine-belt at a village. The victim was a deminer and had just investigated a detector reading and found a fragment when the accident occurred. Without rechecking the area with his detector, he advanced and stepped on a Gyata-64. His foot was blown off but he had no other significant injuries.

In an interview a year later, it became clear that the Victim had suffered blast injuries to the lower part of his other leg.
The victim was insured under several company policies (statutory and voluntary), but the compensation details were not made available. The victim was still employed by the demining company at the time of the interview.

Victim Report

Victim number: 44
Name: [Name removed]
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: deminer
Fit for work: yes
Compensation: not made available (insured)
Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Various
Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:
INJURIES
minor Leg
AMPUTATION/LOSS
Leg Below knee
COMMENT
No medical report was made available.

Analysis
The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "Field control inadequacy" because the victim breached SOPs without correction.

The demining group did not make their record of the accident available. [That record may not have been suitably formal: at the time of the accident there was no structure for official accident reporting in Mozambique.] The demining group managers made themselves freely available for interview but did not remember/reveal much detail. If the group failed to make an investigate of the accident so that lessons could be learnt from it, that was a significant management failing.

Related papers
A manager of the demining group was interviewed in December 1999. He said that the Victim's blast injury to his remaining leg had healed completely, a prosthetic had been issued and the Victim was fully employed as a Team Leader at the time of the interview.

Following the accident the Victim suffered depression and received sustained support and encouragement from the demining group.