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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

**Report date:** 15/05/2006  
**Accident number:** 203

**Accident time:** not recorded  
**Accident Date:** 05/05/1993

**Where it occurred:** Route 56, Kravanh District, Pursat Province  
**Country:** Cambodia

**Primary cause:** Field control inadequacy (?)  
**Secondary cause:** Field control inadequacy (?)

**Class:** Missed-mine accident  
**Date of main report:** [No date recorded]

**ID original source:** none  
**Name of source:** HT (field)

**Organisation:** Name removed  
**Ground condition:** not recorded

**Mine/device:** Type 72 AP blast  
**Date last modified:** 15/02/2004

**Date record created:** 15/02/2004  
**No of documents:** 1

**No of victims:** 1

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 investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

Accident report

No accident report was found on record at the country MAC, possibly because the accident occurred before the country MAC formally existed. The accident was mentioned on the demining group's own spreadsheet of incidents they had suffered in the country. However, the country office did not have a copy of their own internal accident report. Their spreadsheet recorded the mine type and summarised the injuries.

The classification of this accident has been made by inference from the injuries.
Victim Report

Victim number: 260  Name: Name removed
Age:  Gender: Male
Status: deminer  Fit for work: not known
Compensation: not made available  Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Safety spectacles  Protection used: not recorded

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

Analysis
The primary cause of the accident is listed as a "Field control inadequacy" because it seems likely that the victim either stepped on a mine that had been missed during clearance or walked into an uncleared area. Adequate field controls should have prevented both.

The demining group's field office did not have any detail of this accident. Access by the researcher to the group's field operations (where long-serving staff could have been questioned) was denied because their expatriate supervisor was out of the country.

In 1999, the demining group's UK head office claimed not to keep copies of field incidents. This is known to be untrue. The UK management's unwillingness to share data openly could be taken to imply that they sought to conceal things. Its field staff have usually shared the information that is available to them.