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### DDAS Accident Report

#### Accident details

- **Report date:** 18/05/2006
- **Accident number:** 289
- **Accident time:** not recorded
- **Where it occurred:** not made available
- **Primary cause:** Management/control inadequacy (?)
- **Secondary cause:** Management/control inadequacy (?)
- **Class:** Other
- **Country:** Kuwait
- **ID original source:** KMOD/SER 38
- **Organisation:** Name removed
- **Mine/device:** PMN AP blast
- **Date record created:** 19/02/2004
- **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

no independent investigation available (?)
inadequate investigation (?)
inadequate area marking (?)

#### Accident report

The details of Kuwait Boards of Inquiry are considered ‘Commercial in Confidence’. The following summary is gathered from various documentary and anecdotal evidence made available during the research. All anecdotal evidence is drawn from sources who were in Kuwait at the time of the accident.

The driver of a recovery truck was sent to recover broken-down plant equipment in a minefield. Lack of supervision and appropriate instructions meant he walked into a known mined area to check the vehicle. He stood on an anti-personnel blast mine; either a PMN, Type 58 Chinese copy, or Iraqi PMN copy (black), or a Type 72 AP and suffered a lower leg amputation.
Victim Report

Victim number: 365
Name: Name removed
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: driver
Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: not made available
Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: None
Protection used: none

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

Analysis
The primary cause of this accident is listed as a “Management/control inadequacy” because the Management either failed to ensure that the driver knew where it was safe to go and/or that dangerous areas were suitably marked so that he could have avoided them. It seems likely that field supervision was also lacking.

There is a paucity of reliable data for many of the accidents that occurred in Kuwait. If any reader has additional detail, please send it for inclusion.