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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 09/01/2008	Accident number: 461
Accident time: Not made available	Accident Date: 22/01/2002
Where it occurred: Not made available	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Unavoidable (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Victim inattention	Date of main report: Not made available
ID original source: [Name removed]	Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 07/01/2008	Date last modified: 09/01/2008
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not made available	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
incomplete detonation (?)

Accident report

Details of this accident have been withheld by the demining NGO that employed the Victim. A spreadsheet including the Victim's name and very brief details of the accident was made available in 2007. Some details can be inferred from the information released. For example, the limited injury implies that the victim's PPE may have been worn in the correct manner.

This entry will be expanded if access to the report of the investigation is made available in future.

The spreadsheet data is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

"Date and country. [Name removed] - senior deminer:

Initial injuries to left leg and foot, injuries healed completely.

Stood on PMN mine, after accidentally stepping over the front of lane marker.
Mine did not function properly and so injuries not consistent with those expected from type of mine.”

Victim Report

Victim number: 612	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: supervisory	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

minor Leg

severe Foot

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available. Injuries had "healed completely" in 2007.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as “Deminer inattention” because it seems that the victim accidentally stepped forward beyond his “front of lane marker”. Unfortunately, there is not enough information available to determine the cause with confidence.

The secondary cause is listed as a “Management control inadequacy” because the management of the demining group declined to make the accident details available. Although this is sometimes done to protect the Victims, in this case the Victim’s name was among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.