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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 09/01/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 464
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 12/11/2003
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Not made available	<b>Country:</b> Sri Lanka
<b>Primary cause:</b> Inadequate training (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Handling accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not made available
<b>ID original source:</b> Not made available	<b>Name of source:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> P2Mk2 P4Mk1 AP blast	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b> 09/01/2008	<b>Date last modified:</b> 09/01/2008
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

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

## Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

inadequate training (?)

## 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 was being 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] (Supervisor):

Handling mine - loss of parts of thumbs from both hands.

P4 Pakistan ap mine exploded when removing explosive from mine which was to be used for training purposes.”

### **Victim Report**

<b>Victim number:</b> 616	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> supervisory	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

#### **Summary of injuries:**

severe Hands

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Fingers

COMMENT: "loss of parts of thumbs from both hands". No Medical report was made available.

#### **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as “Inadequate training” because many thousands of P4 mines have been disarmed without incident by local deminers in Sri Lanka. The victim was an ex-patriot specialist who may have been unfamiliar with the mine type.

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 they are afraid that the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.