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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 27/01/2008	Accident number: 521
Accident time: Not made available	Accident Date: 01/04/2005
Where it occurred: Not made available	Country: Angola
Primary cause: Other (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Missed-mine accident	Date of main report: Not made available
ID original source:	Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: Type 72 AP blast	Ground condition: route/path
Date record created:	Date last modified: 27/01/2008
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 (?)

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.

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] – Labourer. Traumatic amputation of right leg - below knee amputation.

Mine accident - member of staff on route to river to bathe stood on mine - Chinese type 72 A/P mine".

Victim Report

Victim number: 687	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: other	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Leg Below knee

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

This accident is classed as a "Missed-mine accident" because the mine was presumably either missed during survey or during clearance. It is presumed that demining group included it in their spreadsheet of demining accidents because the area should have been cleared.

The primary cause of this accident is listed as "Other" because it is not known whether the accident occurred in an area that had been cleared or "declared safe".

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.