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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 04/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 600
<b>Accident time:</b> 11:08	<b>Accident Date:</b> 01/05/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Qala-i-Zafar Village, Fayzabad District, Badakhshan Province	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Unavoidable (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b>
<b>ID original source:</b>	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACCA
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> PMN AP blast	<b>Ground condition:</b> Not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>Date last modified:</b> 04/03/2011
<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 recorded	<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 (?)

handtool may have increased injury (?)

inadequate training (?)

## Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [ ] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group]

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008

Time: 11:08

Location: Qala-i-Zafar Village, Fayzabad District, Badakhshan Province.

Task Number: [None]

Team: MCT-41

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type: Injuries in his left leg and right hand

Activity: Excavating

Mine: PMN

Internal ID: DA 10

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the involved deminer was carelessly excavating a signal which was 25cm out of his clearance lane in a steep area, and as he could not properly control his activity, the accident happened.

## Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 783	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<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:

INJURIES: severe Hand, severe Leg

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

### Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim was working in a way that was unsafe and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as "*Unavoidable*" because there is not enough detail available to determine what really happened and it may be that the deminer was working as instructed when the accident occurred. If this is the case, the Field Managers bear considerable responsibility for not having learned from a similar accident involving this demining group only a few weeks previously. The repetition of the deminer working well outside his lane implies that lessons were not learned from the previous accident, which is the *Inappropriate training* listed under Notes.

The short excavation tool used by this demining group is not blast resistant and may have contributed to the Victim's hand injury.

The "*Inadequate investigation*" listed under Notes refers to the absence of a full accident report. The UN supported MACCA has failed to make these widely available for some years in contravention of the requirements of the IMAS.