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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

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| Report date: 05/03/2011 | Accident number: 611 |
| Accident time: 08:45 | Accident Date: 04/08/2008 |
| Where it occurred: Baghe Daud Village, Paghman District, Kabul Province | Country: Afghanistan |
| Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?) | Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?) |
| Class: Excavation accident | Date of main report: |
| ID original source: DA 24, CA-176 | Name of source: UNMACCA |
| Organisation: [Name removed] | Ground condition: not recorded |
| Mine/device: PMN AP blast | Date last modified: 05/03/2011 |
| Date record created: | No of documents: 1 |
| No of victims: 1 | |

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
handtool may have increased injury (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA 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: 4th August 2008

Time: 08:45

Location: Baghe Daud Village, Paghman District, Kabul Province.

Task Number: MF 3858

Team: DT-21

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type: "one finger of the victim right hand was cut and his face got some minor injuries".
[Afghan English uses "cut" for "amputated".]

Mine: PMN

Activity: Excavating

Internal ID: DA 24, CA-176

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the involved deminer did not properly find the centre of the signal because of extra soil accumulated there, and thus started excavation directly from the top of the signal by force, which caused the accident happened.

Appropriate supervision was not in place to control the deminer work in such an area required more attention.

Victim Report

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| Victim number: 794 | Name: [Name removed] |
| Age: | Gender: Male |
| Status: deminer | Fit for work: not known |
| Compensation: Not made available | Time to hospital: Not made available |
| Protection issued: Not recorded | Protection used: Not recorded |

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Face, severe Hand

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Finger Right hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators found that there was inadequate field supervision at the time of the accident. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy* because it is the senior management's responsibility to ensure that there is adequate field supervision on site at all times.

The injuries to the Victim's face imply that his visor was not worn or was worn raised. However, this demining group's body armour does not include a collar that interfaces with the visor (and does not comply with IMAS) and it is possible that lower face injury could have occurred with the visor worn correctly.

The demining group uses a chisel and scraper as handtools. These do not meet the recommendations in the IMAS 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.