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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 652
Accident time: 13:29	Accident Date: 13/09/2008
Where it occurred: Task No: H-4425, Sari Naw Village, Injil District, Herat Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Victim inattention (?)
Class: Other	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA32	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	Ground condition: not recorded
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	Date last modified: 05/03/2011
Date record created:	No of documents: 1
No of victims: 1	

Map details

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

non injurious accident (?)
inadequate investigation (?)
inadequate area marking (?)
mechanical detonation (?)

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 if more information is made available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

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No.# Accident: DA32

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 13th September 2008 13:29 PM

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [Name removed]

Type of Casualty: Machine

Type of injury: Damage

Title: Driver Mechanical Operator

Team No: MDU-27

Task No: H-4425

Activity of Victim during accident:

Type Device: AT blast mine

Equipment Damaged:

Village, District, Province: Sari Naw Village, Injil District, Herat Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. Carelessness of mechanical operator as he could not realize the safe ground from the contaminated part, but continued to reverse his machine.
2. poor supervision as the team leader did not stop him and let the team to work in a bad condition of weather.

Victim Report

Victim number: 835	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: driver	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: N/A
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

COMMENT: No injuries recorded. No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

This accident is classed as *Other* because it involved a machine being accidentally driven out of the cleared area.

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators determined that the supervisor allowed the machine to work in bad weather and did not correct the driver's error. The secondary cause is listed as *Victim Inattention* because it seems that the driver did not intend to reverse out of the cleared area. There may have been inadequate area marking in place.

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. The failure of the UN to share the Afghan investigators' work with others is regrettable.