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Accident details

Report date: 07/03/2011
Accident number: 695

Accident time: 12:55
Accident Date: 27th April 2008

Where it occurred: Jankadam Village,
Bagram District,
Parwan Province
Country: Afghanistan

Primary cause: Unavoidable (?)
Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)

Class: Excavation Accident

ID original source: DA 09, CA-170
Name of source: UNMACCA

Organisation: [Name removed]

Mine/device: PMN AP blast

Ground condition: Not recorded

Date record created: 07/03/2011
Date last modified: 07/03/2011

No of victims: 1
No of documents: 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

Inadequate investigation (?)
Squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
Non injurious accident (?)

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: 16th April 2008  
Time: 10:15  
Location: Jankadam Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province.  
Task Number: AF/0301/01420/MF091  
Team: Manual No 41  
Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer  
Injury type: No major injuries other than dust and grit in the eyes.  
Activity: Prodding [Excavating]  
Mine: PMN  
Internal ID: DA 09, CA-170  
Accident investigation completed. Action taken.  
Recommendations:  
There is no need for lesson learned as they have taken all necessary actions.

Victim Report

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

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: Minor eyes  
COMMENT: “No major injuries other than dust and grit in the eyes.”  
No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary and secondary cause of this accident are listed as a *Unavoidable* because the deminer suffered no apparent injuries, and accidental initiations can occur when excavating mines even when all precautions are taken. Dust in the eyes is common after a blast because dust is drawn into the low-pressure area behind the expanding blast wave. “Grid” in the eyes causes greater concern because it may have been ejecta from the blast, implying that the visor was not worn correctly but it is presumed that the Victim had no injuries because the investigators accepted that this was so.

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.