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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 07/03/2011	Accident number: 698
Accident time: 10:00	Accident Date: 27/03/2008
Where it occurred: MF 180, Qalai Ahmmad Khan Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Handling accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA04, CA-168	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	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 (?)
mine/device found in "cleared" area (?)
inadequate area marking (?)
inadequate training (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)

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: 27th March2008

Time: 10:00

Location: MF 180, Qalai Ahmmad Khan Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province.

Task Number: 180

Team: DT-02

Name of victim: [Name removed], Deminer

Injury type: Both eyes, left hand & left leg

Mine: AP blast

While he was marking his designated clearance lane in term of work progress, a painted stone fall down from his hand and caused for blowing off the mine.

Internal ID: DA 04, CA-168

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

1. The accident point which was shown to investigation team is located at the vicinity of safety margin of two meters wide clearance lane. During clearance of the lane the relevant party has not found any hazardous component and also there is no any visible hazardous item around the cleared lane.
2. It is investigation team's perception that the victim had breached the safety measures, entered in to the mined area and was trying to irresponsibly tamper with the hazard object and caused it to explode. And
3. Finally, it is obvious that the scenario of the accident has been changed by the team involved in the accident and the explosion crater shown to investigation team does not seem to be the actual explosion point.

Victim Report

Victim number: 884	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 made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Eyes, severe Hand, severe Leg

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

This accident is classed as a *Handing accident* because the investigators thought it most likely that the Victim entered the hazardous area and deliberately interacted with the device.

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators found that the deminer was in a hazardous area and acting irresponsibly but his errors went uncorrected. His injuries imply that he was also not wearing a visor, or was wearing it raised at the time. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management control Inadequacy* because the senior managers are responsible for appointing responsible and capable field managers. The appointment of field managers who failed to control the deminer and then tried to conceal the events of the accident implies that his was not achieved.

It is possible that the Victim was placing marking stones and dropped one, as he claimed. If so, he was marking a mined area as a cleared area, which is a bizarre enough excuse to mean that it could be true.

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.