

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 27/01/2008	Accident number: 526
Accident time: Not made available	Accident Date: 10/05/2006
Where it occurred: Not made available	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not made available
ID original source: None	Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 27/01/2008
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

protective equipment not worn (?)

visor not worn or worn raised (?)

squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)

Accident report

Details of this accident have been withheld by the demining NGO that employed the Victim. A spreadsheet including the Victim's name and very brief details of the accident was made available in 2007. Some details can be inferred from the information released.

This entry will be expanded if access to the report of the investigation is made available in future.

The spreadsheet data is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

"Date and country. [Name removed] - Blinded in both eyes, amputation of hand.

PMN mine explosion, the day before the accident during the QA process the QA team found a indication (30 cm) over the tape separating the cleared area from the uncleared area. This was to be left for the next days work. The deminer decided to check this with his detector, finding the indication, he then proceeded to prod in the kneeling position. This action triggered the detonation, He was not wearing any PPE.”

Victim Report

Victim number: 693	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: no
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: None

Summary of injuries:

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Eyes

Hand

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 without PPE and his error was not corrected. The loss of his hand also implies that he was using an inappropriate tool at a steep angle.

The secondary cause is listed as a “Management control inadequacy” because the management of the demining group declined to make the accident details available. Although this is sometimes done to protect the Victims, in this case the Victim’s name was among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because they are afraid that the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.