Working in Proximity of Mobile Plant

WHAT HAPPENED

Upon review of a number of incidents experienced by the company, the common factor was found to be that in all cases the injured parties were within very close proximity to mobile plant operated by other persons.

The injured parties were mainly contracting operatives or truck drivers who sustained their injuries while carrying out various tasks, however the risk exists for anyone to sustain an injury should they find themselves within an unsafe area near to mobile plant.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Delivery Drivers:
If you are delivering products on site and you are requested to discharge materials into dumpers or other mobile plant, do not commence until you have discussed and agreed a safe method for the transfer of the material. Consider possible ways in which trapping, nipping or contact with the machinery can be avoided.

If someone brings mobile plant into your work area deliveries should stop immediately if the safety of

yourself or anyone is at risk. Never allow yourself to be pressured into continuing a delivery if unsafe conditions arise.

Contracting Operatives:
Never approach mobile plant until the operator has acknowledge you and has shut the machine down in a safe manner with any buckets or attachments lowered to the floor, never stand near mobile plant while under operation or while being started and never underestimate the danger that small plant such as site dumpers and mini-excavators present, by far the highest number of reported accidents involving mobile plant come from this category.

Mobile plant operators:
Remember your training, never start up or move off unless you have 360 degree visibility and have checked the immediate area. The safety bar on 360 excavators should only be released at the last moment once you are satisfied that your working radius is clear, particularly if you are using auto throttle on the joystick.

LOCATION:	**CONSTRUCTION/DELIVERY SITE**	**ALERT STATUS:**	**Normal**
ACTIVITY:	**TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS / DELIVERY**	**DATE ISSUED:**	**22/08/2011**
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