



SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT ADVICE

POWERLINK QUEENSLAND

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Postal Address: 33 Harold Street
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INCIDENT DATE: 2/11/2004

esaa **No.:** 09/2004

esaa **DATE OF TRANSMISSION:** 03/11/2004

INCIDENT DETAILS

Details of Incident:

A contractor's employee fell from a transmission tower during stringing activities of a new line. The work was not live. It has been reported that the fall may have resulted from the failure of a fall arrest device in use at the time. The device was a SALA Shock Absorber, Model Number Z622035E, manufactured in 2002. It appears that this failure may have resulted from the failure of the stitching on the device on the lanyard side of the absorber.

EXTENT OF INJURY/ DAMAGE

Injuries sustained were fatal.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

Investigations are continuing.

ACTION TAKEN

All such shock absorbers within use at Powerlink have been withdrawn from service pending further investigations and testing.

Before any further climbs are undertaken, all workers must check their equipment and if their equipment includes the SALA Shock Absorber, Model Number Z622035E, they should report it to their Supervisor immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Beris Marshall, Workplace Health & Safety Advisor, Powerlink Queensland. 07 3860 2327 Mobile 0400 704 653.