

safety alert

Excavator carrying compacted/crushed tower steel was travelling to the fence line to place the tower on the other side of the fence for the metal recyclers to collect.

The excavator was moving across the slope/incline with its tracks facing towards the fence line approximately 45 ° uphill.

When the compacted tower was slewed by the excavator boom from its uphill position to downhill, the excavator rolled 90 degrees onto its left side.

Note: Photograph taken post event



- All work on site was suspended, area secured and environmental precautions put in place to eliminate any environmental damage.
 - Drug & alcohol testing instigated as standard operating procedures for serious near miss incidents.
 - Employee taken to medical centre for check-up/fit for work.
 - Insurer notified for independent assessment to determine damage.
 - Full team debrief.
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- Procedure/Instruction not followed
 - Poor communication for management of change
 - Taking procedural shortcuts for production/personal gain
 - Unclear accountability, responsibility or delegation
 - Inadequately conducted risk management process
 - Inadequate monitoring of risk control effectiveness
 - Site resources inadequately addressed and managed safety

Processes must be followed and when changes occur, a hold point brief/management of change and risk management processes should be undertaken and communicated to ensure activities remain within the scope of approved procedures and work processes, are safe and meet the requirements of both Electrix and Transpower in relation to a safe working environment.

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