

Date 3 May 2015



FIRST ALERT

Drill Rig Pins Contractor resulting in Fractures

Location: ROX-TWZ A Line Roxburgh Foundation Strengthening Project**Incident:** Unloading of Drill Rig from Transporter

EVENT

On Sunday 3rd May 2015 at approximately 11am a subcontractor to ElectroNet Transmission was injured whilst unloading a drilling rig from a transporter truck.

The drill rig is made up of two parts, a drilling rig and a power pack. The first part of the rig (power pack) was unloaded down the ramps from the transporter truck and parked next to the transporter. The second part (drilling rig) was being unloaded down the ramps, but was seen to slip on the tracks and become skewed. Movement was stopped, and the drill operator (who was controlling the rig remotely)



investigated to see how best to proceed. The decision was made to reverse the rig to attempt to straighten it. As this was happening, the rig slipped further, and tipped on the transporter, pinning the drill operator between the power pack section of the rig (already parked next to the transporter), and the toppled drill rig. The operator managed to get free of the fallen machinery, but sustained multiple broken bones.

This is a preliminary description only with further information to follow.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Ambulance called to site and medical attention for injured party (subsequently airlifted to Dunedin Hospital)
- All onsite work halted and evidence gathered
- All persons on site underwent drug tests (negative results)
- Worksafe NZ attended site with Contractor management at 5pm
- Investigations commenced by ElectroNet and Contractor company