

safety alert

Excavator Slid Off Heavy Duty Trailer – Final Safety Alert

Electrix Event Number:

E15395

The Issue:

On 26 November 2014, whilst loading an excavator onto a transport trailer in wet conditions, the excavator slid off to the right hand side and tipped over. The operator received a contusion to the thigh.

Findings:

- Employee was wearing a seatbelt
- Judgement error - unintended
- Hazard not identified – trailer should have been parked on level ground
- Poor working conditions – heavy rain which resulted in slippery trailer deck

Corrective Actions Required:

- Transmission Line Services hazard register and procedure to be reviewed and updated with reference to having three points of contact whilst loading/unloading i.e.: two tracks and bucket/bloom on deck or ground.
- When loading/unloading mobile plant, ensure that an appropriately positioned spotter is in place to provide guidance to the plant operator when required.
- Importance of loading/unloading trailers on level ground to be reiterated at next Toolbox Meeting



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