



ROUND TABLE GROUP

Information Submission on Fatal / Significant Events

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Elimination of Fatalities and Major Incidents - A statesman role in understanding and addressing industry hazards that may result in fatalities or major incidents.

COMPANY:		Fatality	Incident	Property Damage	Process Loss
DATE OF EVENT:	6 Jun 2008				
TIME OF EVENT:	1500 hrs		X		
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:	<p>A group of workers from the Environment Department was asked by a process plant Supervisor to clear weeds engulfing the fibre optic and High Voltage (HV) lines that connect the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and the process plant. The clearing was required to facilitate the easy lifting and transfer of these cables into an electric cable tray. In the course of weeding, the fibre optic line was cut with a cutlass at two points damaging the cable and causing loss of the link between the plant control room and the TSF. The potential existed for the HV line, although armor coated, to also be cut with a cutlass.</p> <p>Potential for Serious Injury or Fatality.</p>				
DIRECT / UNDERLYING CAUSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HV armor coated cable on the ground with no signage - No risk assessment prior to task - Still Under Investigation 				
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slashing of weeds has stopped - Investigation has commenced - HV armor coated cables barricaded and signed – 9 June 				

