



**ROUND TABLE GROUP**  
**Information Submission on**  
**Fatal / Significant Events**

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**Reference RT Charter #1**  
**Elimination of Fatalities and Major Incidents** - A statesman role in understanding and addressing industry hazards that may result in fatalities or major incidents.

<b>COMPANY:</b>		<b>Fatality</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Property Damage</b>	<b>Process Loss</b>
<b>DATE OF EVENT:</b>	<b>17 Jun 2008</b>				
<b>TIME OF EVENT:</b>	<b>1520 hrs</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:</b>	<p>A 330 D excavator was working on widening a public road. While moving from one culvert extension to the next the raised boom of the excavator contacted the overhead power cables – three of the four wires were broken, one of which contacted the boom of the excavator.</p> <p><b>Potential for Fatality.</b></p>				
<b>DIRECT / UNDERLYING CAUSES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failure to warn – The escort did not warn the Operator of the existence of the overhead cables.</li> <li>Improper positioning for job / task – The operator went under the overhead cables with the excavator boom raised.</li> <li>Inadequate warning system – The Supervisor did not identify the hazard of the excavator boom contacting the overhead power lines.</li> <li>Inadequate job planning – Risk assessment was conducted though the hazards associated with contacting the overhead power lines was not identified.</li> </ul>				
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Traffic was stopped until the road could be made safe.</li> <li>2. Officials from the local authorities were brought to the scene to disconnect the power supply.</li> <li>3. Management notified.</li> <li>4. Investigation commenced.</li> </ol>				

