ARTC

INTERNAL INCIDENT ALERT

For all 'Moderate' and 'Serious' Incidents

DETAILS OF INCIDENT			
Date:	05/04/2017		
Time:	0015hours		
Location:	Baan Baa (Job N56)		
Rating:	Moderate Serious		
Classification: (e.g. WHS, RCI, etc.)	WHS RCI Other		
	If RCI, what is the TCR:/20		
Is the incident reportable to Comcare:	⊠No	□Yes,	
		If yes, when was it reported Click here to enter a date.	
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (who what how whon)			

Enter description of incident

While positioning rail during re-railing activities, a worker sustained an injury to his right foot when a length of rail rolled. The worker did not expect this movement.





The injured worker was controlling and maintaining communications with a front end loader (FEL) assigned to positioning rail for flashbutt welding works. The worker gave the authorisation to the FEL to commence movement of one length of rail. The worker then became momentarily distracted by a co-worker query. While responding to this query, the worker neglected the FEL movement and it continued. In this process the tyre of the FEL has tracked over a second leg of rail which has rolled onto the workers foot right foot. This movement was unexpected by all workers at that location. It struck the worker above the steel cap but below the ankle. Second photo above shows the rail rolled onto its side.

Co-workers nearby, immediately controlled the FEL movement and rendered assistance to the injured worker. First aid treatment was applied onsite (RICE principles), and after a period of time the worker was taken to a nearby medical facility where an anti-inflammatory injection (Ketorolac) was administered.



INTERNAL INCIDENT ALERT ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS / INFORMATION

Subsequent X-rays and medical assessment declared the worker fit to return to work.

DETAILS OF INJURY/ILLNESS/IMPACT/DAMAGE (include photographs and, if possible, an estimate for when the track can be released)

The worker returned to work the following shift following medical clearance. The worker sustained minor bruising to right foot.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS/CONTROLS TAKEN FOLLOWING INCIDENT TO PREVENT A REPEAT INCIDENT UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE

All works stopped and the incident was discussed with all site personnel. The discussions reinforced communication protocols and a detailed review of activity and process tasks. One Team principles were reiterated and the discussion stressed need for all personnel to remain focused on allocated tasks.

AUTHORISED BY	
Name	Anne Modderno
Position	Manager Corridor Works
Shared Learnings	It is important for workers to be able to identify when they are becoming distracted from their assigned tasks within the worksite and to take action to remove the distraction accordingly. In this case the worker could have temporarily stopped the FEL movement whilst addressing the separate query, or alternatively asked their co-worker to wait until the FEL movement was complete.
	All workers on site should understand not only their specific role and assigned tasks but also the assigned tasks of the remaining crew, and their function on site to facilitate safe delivery.