



# INCIDENT ALERT

## General Information

Date of Incident	25/8/2013
State	Qld
Type of Incident	Incident Causing Injury (No Lost Time)

## About the Person

Occupation of Person	HPWJ operator
Experience of Person	12 - 24 months
Training Level	Company Induction
Other Training	Industrial Services Induction
No. of Hours Completed	4 – 6 hours

## About the Incident

Time of Accident	11:00am
Result of Injury	Doctor Only
Lost Days	Nil
Description of Incident	Laceration to RHS of chin
What Equipment Category	Purpose Built Equipment
Equipment Used	Purpose built rig
What happened unexpectedly	Small piece of scale dislodged during the cleaning operation and was propelled by the high pressure water towards the operator who was outside the tank observing through the open hatch. The operator saw the piece of scale coming towards him and ducked to the left exposing the right side of his face.
What Was Person Doing	Controlling and directing the jet of high pressure water from outside of the tank using a purpose built rig.

## Corrective Action

What Immediate Action	Immediate releasing of the hold to activate device and activation of the E stop. Operator reviewed onsite by medical team and transported to Hospital for treatment. High Pressure Water Jetting operation was suspended until an incident investigation was concluded.
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## Preventative Action

Elimination	
Substitution	
Isolation or barriers	Purpose built screen that protects the operator as well as allowing the operator to still observe the jet of water.
Engineering	
Administration	An investigation was conducted and an internal safety alert issued.
PPE	

## LEARNINGS
