

## Significant Incident Alert

**Type of Incident** Personal Injury – TRI  
**Key Issues** Incorrect tool for the task  
**INX Incident No** 80795  
**Date & Time** Wednesday, February 09, 0715 hrs  
**Location** Drill Rig – Mining  
**Injury** Laceration to left mid-thigh.

### DESCRIPTION

After pre-start meeting the driller commenced drilling at 7:15am and reached the required depth at around 7:50am. The drill crew then attempted to disconnect the adaptor sub from the saver sub. This proved difficult and unsuccessful after several attempts with the hydraulic break out device.

The joint was then pulled back out of the break out device and the IP proceeded to tap the saver sub with the steel sledge hammer to loosen it. On the second strike, a small piece of steel from the sledgehammer splintered and projected itself into the IP's inner left thigh.

### LESSONS

Lack of hazard awareness regarding use of steel sledgehammers when executing heavy strike or light tapping tasks on steel materials.

### ACTIONS

- ❑ Removed metal sledgehammer and replace with copper sledgehammer in all tool's storerooms.
- ❑ Restricted ordering of new steel sledgehammers.
- ❑ Raise awareness in all prestarts regarding hazards associated with use of steel sledgehammer against steel.

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