



Type of Incident Incident - Damage/Loss

Key Issues Negligence to respond appropriately under fatigue.

Contractor LBL canter truck veered off the main road.

INX Incident No 86925

Date & Time Tuesday, April 26th, 15:40 hrs

Location Between KM 13 & KM14 - Kiunga / Tabubil Highway

Injury

DESCRIPTION

On Tuesday the 26th of April at around 14:35 hrs. Business Partner Lotic Bige Limited (LBL) canter truck, (Fleet No BFL - 164) travelled from Kiunga LBL yard to do goods delivery to the Bige Operations mess. The driver experienced a couple of micro sleeps but did not respond to the signs and continued driving.

At approximately 200 metres away from the boom gate entrance into Bige operations, the driver had another micro sleep and lost control of the truck and veered to the left side of the road (2-3meters away from the road). The vehicle lost its balance due to the weight of the cargo and its momentum causing the vehicle to tilt and eventually land onto its LHS (passenger side).

The driver crawled out the driver side unscathed and cleared for any bodily injury. The truck was recovered safely and passed out compliance and validation then on.

LESSONS

- Driver did not respond to the signs of micro sleep experience to stop and recover. He ignored the fatigue signs and continued driving knowing he was almost at the destination.
- Driver panicked when he realised, he was going off road, swung suddenly, which caused the truck to tilt.
- TrackPro went offline since 2021 during Covid 19 period and was not reported. Truck continued to be in use for delivery runs until the accident.
- Trainer/Assessor was taken out of primary role and tasked to do the delivery since LBL truck drivers present at that time had issues with appropriate permits (expired/under renewal process).

ACTIONS

- Arrange driver to attend ASA&B Coaching and reinforce corrective behaviour
- Develop a proper Logistic movement plan or process
- Review and implement improvement plan to complying with internal service maintenance checklist, and OTML 40-point check on equipment
- Inspect and ensure all LBL trucks and vehicles have Trakpro devices installed and validated
- OTML to review Trakpro product management system and improvement on its administration
- Develop a proper Fatigue management Plan and include roster schedules into the fatigue management procedure and policy
- LBL to develop appropriate pre-start checklist for each specific vehicle type (LV, Trucks, Articulated vehicle and Buses etc)

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