

Significant Incident Alert

Type of Incident Property & Equipment Damage
Key Issues Incorrect Gear Selection
INX Ref No 105198
Date & Time Friday , 25th November, 2022 @ 14:00hrs
Location KM 110
Injury First Aid Treatment (FAT)



DESCRIPTION

On the 25th of November 2022, at approximately 1400hrs, a Starwest light vehicle Hilux double cab (fleet number 01-833 Registration BDI 009) was returning from Bige after dropping off 2 Crane operators.

The driver was descending the road at KM 110, tried to change gear from 3rd to 2nd on approach to a curve when the speed picked up as the gear was not engaged and in neutral. The driver then pressed on the brake, but lost control of the vehicle which was in 2WD on the gravel road. The back wheels swerved towards the right lane and the front wheels driven left and it landed in the left drain with its roof facing down and the vehicle facing Kiunga direction.

The driver was safely held back against the seat by the seat belt. He then managed to get out the vehicle through the shattered front windscreen with minor bruise to his right hand.

LESSONS

- ❑ Off-road driving – drive to conditions, engage in high 4WD (H4) & use low gear before commence descending steep hill/mountain.
- ❑ All contractor LV's must comply with OTML LV standards including compulsory safety speed devices (ie. Trakpro) regularly reviewed and validated to confirm the control effectiveness.
- ❑ Adhere to all Road Safety rules and take heed to all road signs.

ACTIONS

- ❑ Major Hazard Risk Bowtie Studies - facilitated workshop studies for Fatigue Management and Highway Transport, then develop action plan to implement identified new additional key controls and process to reinforce the effectiveness of existing/new key controls sitewide. This proactive sitewide initiative by OTML, the action status of which will be tracked separately in INX.
- ❑ TrakPro – All Business Partner management, including Starwest, to be provided with access to the OTML Trakpro Power BI site wide fleet status dashboard (OTML management already have access via the OTWP LV Teams site).
- ❑ Communication and awareness site wide HAZCOM for toolbox talks including details of the lessons learned and preventive/corrective actions, including approved highway permit, use of 4WD and driving to conditions.

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