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Alert

Earthworks HiPo - Excavated UXB Incident

	Date and time of incident	18/05/2023	Incident type	High Potential
	Incident ref number	INC15705	Contractor	BBV
	Sublot	2a	Location	Cubbington Cut (Ch 135+050)
	Keyword search	EOD, UXB, UXO, Bomb	Reported by	Graham Ward

Summary of Incident

When carrying out earthworks activities at Cubbington Cut. An Unexploded Bomb (UXB) was reported. The UXB was picked up in the bowl of the Scraper and was immediately placed onto the ground by the Operator. The Operator instantly raised the alarm.

The Police and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team were contacted to control the area. The surrounding work areas were immediately evacuated. Public houses adjacent to the Woods (aligned with the UXB) were evacuated when the bomb was detonated successfully by the EOD at 1330 hrs 19/05/2023.

Initial Findings

- The area has been identified through the Zetica Ltd UXB Survey as being a Low-Risk area.
- Recommendations that all Sub-Lots check their UXB Surveys that have been registered as a Medium Risk or upwards.
- The Emergency Preparedness Plan was successfully complied with.

Immediate Actions

- Earthworks Mobile Plant Operator called EWKS General Foreman confirmed that a UXB was uncovered by a 631 Caterpillar Scraper at 1615 hrs.
- The Operator raised the alarm, and the area was evacuated.
- Senior Management including H&S Team notified at 1620 hrs.
- Emergency Services (Police and EOD Team) notified 1630 hrs.
- Area cordoned off by Police and the EOD Team.

Behavioural Currencies

- Positive:** All Personnel involved within the Works and surrounding areas all acted in accordance with the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Excellent Positive Outcome.

Photographs



SC 250 Air-Drop General Purpose High Explosive Bomb (1m long and 368mm diameter) found on Site



Safe detonation by the EOD Team dated 19/05/2023

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