



SAFETY ALERT - #01-2007

WORKERS LEFT AT REMOTE WORKSITE OVERNIGHT, -35°C

RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2006

Function: Seismic	Incident Date: November 26, 2006
Location: Onshore	Location Detail: Seismic field operations
Incident Type: Near miss	Country and Region: Canada, NE British Columbia

Description of Incident:

On November 26, 2006 on a 3D seismic program, three contractor workers were transported by helicopter to a helipad and dropped off to perform a day of slashing. The workers did not have any communication devices with them and were unable to communicate with the helicopter or the staging area.

As a result of several systems and communication failures including the contractors Journey Management program, it was unclear that the workers were in the field. Subsequently the workers were not picked up at the end of the workday and were stranded overnight. The temperatures overnight were approximately -35°C.

The workers were rescued the following morning.

Safety Services recommends the following control measures:

- Ensure that an effective Journey Management program is in place and is appropriate to the hazards (i.e., remote access, travel, weather, communication, etc.).
- Ensure that everyone involved in Journey Management; know, understand and follow the process workflow.
- Ensure that all workers are accounted for at all times.
- Know and understand emergency protocols in the event of being unable to contact or locate workers.

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