

SAFETY ALERT

The below information has been issued on behalf of the EFFC to make others aware of the potential risks and possible precautions to take in order to avoid these.



Date/Time of Incident:

01/11/2020

Type of Incident:

Risk of being struck by whipping cable

Nature of Incident/Injury:

High Potential Near Miss

Details of Incident:



A crew was performing an operation in an area where old anchorages were located. During drilling, the auger hit an old buried anchorage (not identified on the drawings) that got twisted on the auger. Once the drilling was completed, the tool is gradually raised (concreting phase). When the foot of the auger came out, the tensioned anchorage is abruptly unrolled, sweeping a 4m radius around the auger, almost hitting personnel, who were however standing outside the machine's restricted zone



Root cause (if known):

Failure to identify underground services or elements: The anchorages were not listed on the piling drawings plan

Action Taken:

1. Widening of the restricted zone when the auger is extracted from the borehole
2. Awareness of tender engineers and site managers on the importance of having all the elements (drawings/plans) upstream of the operational phase.