

Engineering Insurance

Claims Review

Contractors Plant & Equipment

Mobile Crane

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Toppled huge mobile crane

Amount of loss

Swiss Francs 510,000 .-

Incident

Toppling mobile crane

Cause

Outriggers were positioned on weak supports on filled ground

Short description

When the crane was under load, the wooden planks on which the outriggers were positioned sunk into the filled ground and the whole crane toppled over. The boom landed on a third party car and the crane itself was badly damaged to the extent of structural total loss.

Comments and loss prevention Despite the high frequency of such occurrences, plant operators still underestimate the importance not only of positioning on adequate planks but also of checking on actual ground conditions to avoid settlement.

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Clearly visible weak wooden planks on soft ground

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Third party car hit by crane beam

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