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Subject: RE: fallen rig at Rockyford

Good morning,

Following are the answers to your questions as you requested.

1. Was anyone hurt?

It is my understanding that one rig worker was taken to Strathmore for shock. Please contact Workplace Health & Safety for further information as they are responsible for this information.

2. Was the rig in operation when it tipped over?

Yes. The preset casing drill rig lost circulation at 72 metres while drilling the surface casing hole and tipped over.

3. How often does this occur?

This is a rare occurrence. We do not keep statistics on this specifically but after discussing with EUB field inspectors, it is apparent that this is a highly unusual occurrence.

Because this is a workplace accident, Workplace Health and Safety may be able to provide more statistics related to this.

4). Was Encana in compliance of all safety regulations and suggested good management practices as per the EUB guidelines?

You will need to talk to Workplace Health and Safety for information related to worker safety regulations. The company was not in contravention of EUB regulations. The company lost circulation and the pressure build pushed the preset casing drill rig over.

5) How much spill was there? Were the "hazardous spill " people called in? If not , why not?

No gas or oil was released. Approximately half a cubic metre of drilling mud was spilled on lease. The mud will be cleaned up. I am not sure who you are referring to by 'hazardous spill people'. An EUB field inspector attended the scene on Monday evening after receiving a call from EnCana.

6) Where can the details of this particular incidence be examined by the public?

As this incident falls primarily within Workplace Health and Safety (workplace accident), you will need to contact them to determine how to obtain details of this incident. The information gathered by the attending EUB field inspector, could be obtained through FOIP and would include the information I have provided in this email.

7) What measures could be made by the EUB to prevent this from happening again?

The company is responsible for the safety and well being of their employees. This was a workplace accident. The company was not in contravention of EUB regulations. The company lost circulation and the pressure build pushed the preset casing drill rig over due to shallow depth of the rig at the time.

Again, because this was a workplace accident, I encourage you to contact Workplace Health and Safety for detailed information and for further discussion on worker safety regulations.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

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Incident Report

Rockyford, Alberta, (January 26, 2007) – On Monday, January 22, a drilling rig working for EnCana east of Rockyford was in the process of drilling a 200 foot depth surface casing well bore on a sweet shallow gas well, when an obstruction sealed off the return flow of the fresh water drilling fluid up the wellbore. The fluid and drill pipe were pushed up the wellbore acting like a hydraulic jack, causing the derrick to tilt on its side where it came to rest on the rig shack.

There were no injuries to any of the personnel, authorities were contacted immediately and a full investigation was conducted the next day by Occupational Health & Safety and the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

At no time was there any danger to public safety, ground water or the surrounding environment. The drilling rig was removed for inspection purposes, new equipment was brought in and the well operation has been completed.

While such incidents are very rare, EnCana takes all aspects of safety and environmental protection very seriously. We have appropriate response and mitigations plans in place if they are needed, and we will review the details of the incident to prevent it from happening again.

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