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SAFETY NOTICE

Subject: GSN0001 - ALL MACHINES WITH MAST-MOUNTED ICM CONTROLS

This is to advise your company that a possible safety hazard has been identified in the above equipment. Joy is investigating the circumstances, and in the meantime we want to advise you on the actions that your company should take to alleviate this hazard.

Introduction:

On 14 August 2004 Joy were advised that an operator at Tahmoor Mine, Australia had his arm pinned while operating a rib bolting rig with mast-mounted controls. The rib bolting rig was fitted mid track to a Joy 12CM30 continuous miner.

While investigations into this incident continue, it appears that guards on or around the controls for the rib bolting rig were either missing or damaged. Joy wishes to advise the industry of this occurrence and recommends that the following action is undertaken immediately.

Suggested Action:

- 1 All mines using mast mounted rib bolting rigs should immediately inspect the adequacy and condition of all guarding on and around drill rig controls. Please use original equipment manufacturer parts and Technical Manuals to ensure compliance with original guarding specifications. Particular attention should be given to ensure that all control handles are as per original manufacturers supply and be genuine parts, also handles are fitted in the original position as supplied by the manufacturer and guarding is fitted as per original supply.
- 2 Joy recommends a review of all safe-working procedures, operating procedures and training in the operation and maintenance of rib bolting rigs. These procedures should include regular inspection of guarding, handle position and function, damage, access, clutter and pinch points.

It is very important that this information be distributed as soon as possible to all personnel who operate the equipment, service it, or work in the immediate vicinity.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact your Joy representative.