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Excavation any incision, cavity or trench is formed by intentionally removing the land. All excavations must be safe from collapse. The trench is an excavation that is deeper than it is wide at the top. This is particularly dangerous, if not reinforced as there is nowhere else, that workers can be safe from collapse. The trenches that need to be introduced by workers must have a shoring or trench shield to prevent the trench side from collapsing on them. In addition, workers can be protected from absorption in collapse by benching or beating sides of the trench. Trench safety practice: Support the side trench with a shoring or trench shield. Bench or dough trench sides. Keep the edges of the trench away from spoil, materials or plants for at least 600 mm. Provide barricades and warning signs around the trench. Make sure the trench remains safe from exhaust from nearby cars. Make sure the pump is available where flooding may occur. Provide safe access and exit. In July 2016, WorkSafe New Zealand issued a safety advice for the excavation. This dries up the old approved code of practice for excavations and shafts for foundations. Updated: 13 December 2017 A - Topics and Industry This guide provides practical advice on managing health and safety risks associated with earthworks. Download: Summary Key Moments Avoid Underground Services and Make sure not to undermine nearby structures - use the safe practice of digging and digging away from them. Check the excavation every day before and after any event that may affect its stability. Provide safe access for outings and exits. Prevent collapse - shore, bench, or dough back. Do not think that the earth will remain unsupported. Prevent people and materials flowing in - with barriers strong enough not to collapse if someone falls on them. 01 / Introduction of excavation failures are particularly dangerous because they can occur quickly, limiting the ability of workers (and in some cases nearby) to avoid, especially if the collapse is extensive. The rate of excavation collapse increases the risk associated with this type of work. The consequences are important as the fallen earth can bury or crush any person in its path as a result of death from suffocation or internal crush injuries. 1.1 Scope and application Of this guide to businessmen or businesses (PCBUs), employees, upstream PCBUs, and competent people involved in excavation work. All excavation work must comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) and all relevant regulations, including the Health and Safety Regulations 1995 (Rules) and workplace health and safety regulations (General Risk and Workplace Management) 2016 (GRWM Rules). This rule does not apply to mines related to mining or tunnel operations, which are governed by the Health and Safety Regulations at Work (Mining Operations and Career Operations) 2016 (MOSO Rules). For more information on specific rules on excavation work, see some industries have guidelines that address the specific challenges they face in their working environment, such as the electricity sector or the rental of factories and machinery. When deciding how to make the job safe, make sure to check any industry-specific recommendations. 1.2 What is earthworks? Excavation usually means work involving removing soil or rock from the site to form an open face, hole or cavity using tools, machines or explosives. Excavations can take place anywhere, including: Excavations include: trenches and retaining shafts of walls and discs Open excavation In open ground is an open excavation and can vary in shape and size. Figure 1: Open Potholing Potholing excavations are usually small excavations or inspection holes to find underground services. Figure 2: The pot hole pit excavation is usually four-sided and deeper than the narrow horizontal dimension on the surface. Pits are usually excavated to install manholes, pumping stations or underground tanks. They also excavate build pile caps and other types of foundations or gain access or find existing services. Excavation pits are usually four-sided and deeper than the narrowest horizontal dimension on the surface. Pits are usually excavated to install manholes, pumping stations or underground tanks. They also excavate build pile caps and other types of foundations or gain access or find existing services. Figure 3: The pit excavation of the trench and the retaining walls Of the trench is a long narrow excavation that is deeper than it is wide, and open to the surface in its length. Trenches are usually excavated to install or maintain underground services or explore what is beneath the surface. Figure 4: Trench When a retaining wall is built, an open excavation becomes a trench formed by an excavated face on one side, and a retaining wall on the other. Usually workers should have access to this trench for work, for example, for waterproofing the retaining wall. Figure 5: The trench is built by putting up the retaining wall of the shaft and the discs of the sinking shaft involves building vertical excavations with access and spoiling the removal from above. Drives are small holes cut on the sides of trenches or shafts or elsewhere, for example, under roads. Cutting the disk is particularly dangerous because it introduces the risk of trapping workers without an alternative escape route. Shafts and drives are often built access or ventilation to the tunnel. Small mines can be sunk to study or build foundations, dehydrate or provide holes for underground underground Figure 6: Shaft 02 / Roles and HSWA Responsibilities defines the roles and responsibilities of the various duty holders. These include PCBU, officials, workers and others in the workplace. For more information, see a special WorkSafe Guide to the Introduction to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. 2.1 A person doing business or entrepreneurship While a PCBU may be an individual or organization, usually the PCBU will be an organization, such as a business structure such as a company. All PCBUs must ensure that the health and safety of employees and others are not compromised by their work. This is the primary duty of care. The primary duty of care includes, as is reasonably feasible: provision and maintenance: a working environment without the risk to the health and safety of safe plants and facilities that ensure the safe use, processing and storage of plants, structures and substances that provide adequate and affordable social security for workers providing the information, training, training or supervision necessary to protect all individuals from the risks to their health and safety from monitoring the health of workers and workplace conditions to prevent injuries or diseases. The PCBU, which manages or controls the workplace, must ensure that the workplace, entry or exit means, and anything related to the workplace, without risk to the health and safety of any individual, is reasonably feasible. For example, before you leave the site unattended overnight, make sure that it and any plant and equipment are safe and secure. PCBUs with overlapping responsibilities More than one PCBU may have a duty on the same issue. Where this happens, PCBU performs duplicative responsibilities. This can happen in: a joint workplace (such as a construction site) where more than one PCBU and its employees monitor and influence the work of the contracting chain site, where contractors and subcontractors provide services to the main contractor and the client. PCBUs that do not have contractual relationships can still perform overlapping duties, such as when they work on the same site. PCBU should fulfil their duplicative responsibilities to the extent that they are able to influence and control the issue, and should, as far as possible, cooperate, coordinate and consult with others in the workplace. For example: two individual contractors agree to coordinate their obligations to provide first aid equipment or personal protective equipment (SIS). The utility company agrees to cooperate with in search of underground services before excavation work begins. Upstream PCBUs influence, and sometimes eliminate health and safety risks, such as designing or producing products that are safe for end users. PCBs upstream should take into account the potential health and safety risks to their products that one would reasonably expect to be used in the workplace. Temporary works designers or suppliers of plants used by PCBU are examples of PCBU in earthworks. Employees' participation, participation and representation can provide a safer workplace when everyone involved: communicating with each other to identify hazards and risks, and talking about any health and safety issues work together to find solutions. PCBUs have two main responsibilities to engage employees in accordance with HSWA: to engage with health and safety workers who affect or may affect them, as far as reasonable practice is, which gives employees reasonable opportunities to participate effectively in continuous improving health and safety in the workplace. Both responsibilities include two-part communication in a conversation about health and safety. Everyone involved in health and safety issues should be able to contribute and take their views into account when making decisions. There are deliberate, planned ways to engage and support participation. Each PCBU can determine the best way to perform its responsibilities, depending on the views and needs of employees, the size of the organization and the nature of its risks. 2.2 Employee worker is a person who performs work in any capacity for THE PCBU and includes employees, contractors, subcontractors, apprentices and interns, as well as volunteer workers. Employees' responsibilities include: taking care of their own health and safety with reasonable care, what they do (or don't do) does not harm any other person working with any reasonable health and safety policy or PCBU compliance procedure as reasonably in the state, with any reasonable instruction given by the PCBU, so that the PCBU can comply with the law by using or wearing SIS according to any information, training or reasonable instructions, PCBU data is not intentionally incorrect or damaging SIS telling the PCBU when they find out EDI is damaged or defective, or when it should be cleaned or decontaminated. 2.3 Officials are a person with a specific role in an organization or a person who can have a significant influence on the management of an enterprise or enterprise. Organizations may have more than one staff member. The employee includes, for example, company directors and executives. Officials are required to exercise due diligence to ensure that the PCBU performs its responsibilities in accordance with HSWA. Every officer has a duty - it is not a joint duty. 2.4 Other people in the workplace Other people in the workplace should health and safety, as well as others. However, PCBU have the greatest influence and control over what has created risk in the workplace, and have a basic duty of care to ensure the health and safety of others is not at risk from work. Other people in the workplace potentially at risk from work include volunteers, customers, passers-by, visitors, other PCBUs, or employees of another organization. Think about work in general and make sure that as far as it is reasonable to be practical, the health and safety of others is not compromised by the work being done or from anything else in the workplace. 2.5 The Competent Person In this guide is a competent person who is a temporary work designer who must be competent to assess and manage the risks associated with the depth of excavation and have a working knowledge of the manual. A competent person is a person acquired through training, qualifications or experience of knowledge and skills to complete the task. Table 1 and Table 2 (see below) produced some recommended competencies for this competent person. The tables show what level of competence is appropriate for increasingly complex excavations. At sites requiring multiple schemes or different temporary work disciplines, one competent person may have no experience in all the disciplines of temporary work and may require additional technical support on the ground. Each excavation has its own unique set of considerations to address in the design process, some of which may not be immediately apparent. Therefore, to assess the appropriate level of competence for each individual excavation. Experience and competence can be obtained on different routes and with less qualifications (subject to a formal assessment of individual skills) or exceptions made when close monitoring/mentoring is provided by others. In some workplaces, the same person may play a number of roles (e.g. designer and supervisor), depending on their level of competence. training, understanding and experience with a wide range of considerations, some of which are: soil type, weight and strength

