**OBJECTIVE:**

To prevent injuries while using hand held cutting tools. This standard outlines the precautions, which shall be considered whenever these hand held cutting tools are used. This standard covers cutting tools which are used at XXXXXX Mine Site and minimum PPE requirements to be used while using such tools.

**SCOPE:**

This Standard applies to all persons at the XXXXX Mine Site.

**DEFINITIONS (examples include, but not limited to):**

Cut Resistant Level 5 – are gloves designed to protect the wearer’s hands from cuts while working with sharp tools. Level 5 gloves offer the highest level of protection based on abrasion resistance (cycles), cut resistance (grams), puncture resistance (newtons), and tear resistance (newtons).

Cutting Edge – the sharp edge of a cutting tool.

Cutting Tool – Any instrument such as a knife, chisel, shears, utility knife, hook knife, hand saw, etc. that is used to cut or strip material.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Employees:**

• To apply the appropriate PPE, proper tool, standard requirements, and controls necessary while using cutting tools to perform specific tasks

• Ensure cutting tools are in good working order (i.e. blades are sharp, blades are not rusted, bent, or damaged, blades are secure in handles, etc.)

• Always use proper body position

**Supervision:**

• Is accountable for implementing and maintaining the standards within their teams

• Is accountable for providing specialized tools and PPE as required by task

**Warehouse:**

• Ensure that appropriate cutting tools and required approved PPE are available in stock

**Divisions:**

• Identify tasks in the divisional areas that require cutting tools and ensure that personnel are aware of proper work procedures and potential hazards related to cutting tools

**Safety and Health:**

• Support divisional areas as required in the development of SOP’s.

• Audit use of the standard

**Contractors:**

• Contractor personnel shall be responsible to abide by the guidelines within this standard.

**Minimum PPE Requirements:**

• At a minimum an approved cut level 5 resistant gloves shall be worn at all times when personnel are using cutting tools or are exposed to a cutting edge. (Specific tasks which expose employees to a greater risk of injury may require additional PPE).

• PPE requirements may vary within divisional areas per specific tasks.