

Boom lift fatality

On Wednesday 8th December at the Holcim Australia's Kalgoorlie Boulder concrete batch plant, workers from Programmed Group were in the process of cleaning down and painting the batch plant silos and conveyer. Two men were in the basket of JLG 860SJ Boomlift at the time when it was travelling along a grassed area near the plant compound (photos) when the right hand front wheel broke through a soakwell causing a catapult effect to the boom lift resulting one worker to be thrown out of the basket who died at the scene, the other worker is bruised all over and is severely traumatised. Cranes had to be called in to stabilise the boomlift and retrieve the man trapped man from the boomlift basket.



Figure 1 view of work area, workers had completed water blasting conveyer and where moving to silos



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7 View of boom lift wheel being raised out of soak well.



Figure 8 View of crane taking weight and removing boomlift from soak well.