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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dick Arndt

Date: September 05, 1996

From: Doug Brownlee

cc:

**Subject:** The dropping of the Kobota Cab during Helicopter transport to MMJJ; This is a typed verbatim copy of note from Don Mattila, Geologist on site at MMJJ, dated Aug. 29/96.

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Info on accident - re: Kobota cab

I talked to one of the drillers (Ab) this morning on this occurrence and he was able to fill me in with the following.

Apparently on the morning of Friday August 16/96, the cab was transported via helicopter (Trans North) to the present MM camp. Enroute the cab became disengaged from the long line of the chopper and fell ~ 500 -600 ft. The cab was essentially lost except for one window which remained intact.

The reason (apparent) for this occurrence was that the remote hook on the long line malfunctioned. The catch on the hook (which prevents this from happening) was damaged and only half of it remains. When the load twisted enroute the line slipped past the catch or damaged it and then slipped off.

The pilots name is Chris and wasn't flying his usual chopper on this mission. The rigging of the cab was done at the centre of the cab location rather than at both ends as provided at the instruction to Ab by Chris. This rigging feature may not have anything to do with the above longline problem. This is all I can furnish for information on this incident at this time.

Don Mattila  
(Geol @ MM)

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