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HSSE Department – Power and Process Europe

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Mechanical Failure of Husqvarna Handheld Power Cutter

An incident has occurred involving a Husqvarna powered hand held cutting saw. A fault was identified by the operator when the saw was in use. As the operator stopped using the saw, part of the arm and guard broke, resulting in the arm and the guard falling off the main body of the saw. (see photograph).

As a result of this and other known similar incidents involving this type of Husqvarna saw the decision has been made taken to ban the use of Husqvarna hand held cutting saw on AMEC sites until further notice.

Similar saws are available from different manufacturers ie Stihl. (see photograph)

With immediate affect all Husqvarna hand held cutting saws should be withdrawn from use and replaced by an alternative manufacturers saw ie Stihl.



Husqvarna



Stihl

Immediate actions

- All Husqvarna hand held saws to be removed from use on AMEC site.
- A ban on hiring of Husqvarna hand held saws to be introduced until further notice

In addition the incident highlights the importance of

- Undertaking visual checks on all equipment before use
- Ensuring that equipment is serviced on a regular basis
- All equipment should have information visible to the user that indicates the next service interval
- Reporting all defects

