

**Alert Number: SP0284-5-443**

**Subject: Suspension of Jointing of Live Low Voltage Underground Cables**

**Distribution: All - Divisions**  
**SAP EHS Reference No: 22417**

**Key messages:**

Until further notice, jointing of live low voltage underground cables is suspended. Jointing of low voltage cables must be carried out with cables either fully isolated, or isolated from sources of supply and shorted, as required by CI 9.1.1 of the ESR's

**Description of incident or hazard:**

On Monday 20 March 2017, a cable jointer from Zetland Depot received an electric shock while working in an underground pit in the CBD of Sydney.

**Extent of impact:**

The worker was hospitalised.

**Immediate action taken (or to be taken) to eliminate or control the risk:**

Further to the Broadcast on Monday by the CEO, all jointing of live low voltage underground cables is suspended. This suspension of live low voltage cable jointing is effective from Thursday 23 March 2017.

A working group has been formed to review underground work practices and further advice will follow early next week.

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