Incident Learning: What happened?

On 11 October 2019 a service provider employee was busy installing cladding at the vacuum preflash tower. He fetched additional cladding from the storage area and was cut on the wrist by the sharp edge of the sheet metal (cladding) when he put a bundle of cladding on his shoulder to carry it up the stairs.

What are the learnings for implementation?

Root causes:

- Poorly secured cladding received from the stores
- Inadequate risk assessment (incorrect carrying of material)
- Inadequate PPE

Learning:

- Proactive hazard identification to be performed for all activities, including peripheral activities like fetching material
- Maintain proper communication prior to any job execution to ensure the safe execution of the job
- Carrying material on the shoulder is not the safe way.
- Exposure of skin during movement, e.g. stretching, renders PPE inadequate