

## West Coast – Tower Collapse... take 2!



During hauling, a stem nose-dived into the gully and buried itself. The 'extension' on the main support guy-line, unable to bear the additional loading, broke. The shock loading placed on the secondary guy caused its stump to shear off, and the tower toppled.

### What you need to know?

- This topple-over occurred in September following a very similar event that occurred in May 2009 at which time, the investigating team concluded that the **poor condition of the extension guy** was the single major cause for the topple-over.
- After the May topple all hauler crews were visited and their set-ups inspected – this involved **checking all of the guys and extensions at each site**. At this time no concerns regarding the condition of any of the ropes or extensions were recorded.
- The inspections were carried out on those ropes which were either being used or located on their current landings, **and clarification as to whether there were more than this** was neither obtained or given.
- A **complete inventory** on all guy extensions and removal of those not meeting required standards may have prevented a second occurrence of this type of incident.