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Ignoring stop sign

Safety Alert Type:
Log Hauling

Location: North eastern BC

Date of Incident: 2008-11-24
Company Name: Stones Bay Holdings

Details of Incident:

On November 24, 2008 a subcontract log truck driver was going from home to the bush empty for his first load of the day. It was +1 to -1 with light snow. The driver approached a rail crossing and did not stop or slow at the stop sign. Across the train crossing was a sharp corner that the driver failed to negotiate. The truck went off the road and bounced through the ditch coming to a stop in the ditch on the wrong side of the road. The bunk and saucer came free and the trailer was moved ahead on the truck. The passenger side door window was also broken.

The root cause for this incident was improper attempt to save time/effort. By driving too fast and not stopping at the train crossing the truck ended up in the ditch.

This incident had the potential for serious damage and injury. Of the possible scenarios the following come to mind:

- The truck out of control meeting on coming traffic could have resulted in a head on collision.
- A train crossing unexpectedly causing a truck/train collision

Both of these incidents could result in serious consequence - severe damage, injury, death, or all of the above.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Stop signs, rail crossings, and must call empty signs are there for your protection and those sharing the road with you. Drive to road conditions and ensure that these signs are obeyed.

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