



# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SAFETY

## General - 02

### ENTERING AND EXITING EQUIPMENT

**Rationale:** To provide employees with guidelines for safely entering and exiting equipment associated with harvesting and road building operations.

**Background:** Within the last year, there has been a steady increase in the number of injuries experienced by equipment operators while exiting equipment. By adhering to the following procedures, employees will hopefully reduce personal injuries of this nature.

#### **Procedures:**

- Ensure steps are an appropriate height and maintained in good condition.
- Make certain all steps have a non-slip surface.
- Check that steps are mounted solidly, not a swinging design such as a chain.
- Keep steps free of debris, snow or ice.
- Take extra care when entering or exiting equipment with high cabs.



- **Always maintain three-point contact** when entering and exiting equipment. Two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet must be in contact with ground and/or the machine.
- Do not walk the length of the tracks on a tracked machine unless a hand rail is available.
- **Never** jump from any machine or piece of equipment.
- Take the time to ensure proper footing, and maintain a hand hold at all times.
- **Do not rush!**