# **GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT**

# MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FATALLY INJURED IN TRAFFIC INCIDENT

#### **INCIDENT DETAILS**

A company mixer truck collided with a car that was parked at the side of the road behind a tipper truck that had broken down. The mixer truck impacted the car from the rear, crushing it between the two trucks. A passenger from the car passed away at the scene and a second person passed away in hospital a few days later.



The tire marks originated when the mixer truck was pulled back from the scene.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

- The driver had fallen asleep while driving.
- The night before the incident the driver slept for only 6 hours.
- The motorway where the incident happened is a straight road of more than 33.5 km and this may have created some monotony and lack of focus.
- It was a hot day of 36° Celsius (96.8° F)
- The tipper truck and car didn't place any warning signs along the road.

### **MANAGERS - KEY POINTS TO CHECK**

- The fatigue management policy is known by all personnel involved in the transport operations and it's strictly applied to all employee and contractor drivers.
- Effective systems are in place to proactively monitor truck drivers' rest days, working and driving hours.
- Truck defects are promptly dealt with, and trucks are not used until the defect is rectified if it poses a serious risk. This includes devices that will help keep drivers alert e.g., air conditioning.
- All drivers are constantly reminded about road hazards, to stay alert, and to never drive tired and these aspects are all included in driver training.

#### **ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE**

- Never drive tired! If you feel sleepy on the road, look for a safe place to stop and take a break.
- Always take your rest days and get plenty of rest and sleep between shifts. Your life, or someone else's may depend on it.
- Be alert to risks on the road and when you detect any new ones, provide information to your supervisor so that other colleagues can be informed.
- Always report faults on your vehicle using the pre-start check and defect reporting systems.









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