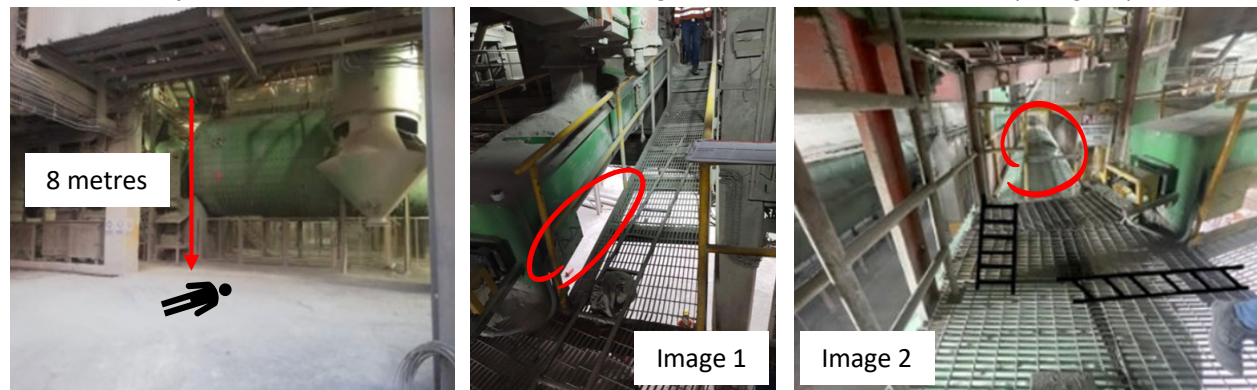


GLOBAL SAFETY ALERT

EMPLOYEE FATALLY INJURED AFTER FALL FROM HEIGHT

INCIDENT DETAILS

An employee was cleaning around the cement mill conveying system when he fell 8 metres to ground level. A colleague found our employee on the ground and medical assistance was called but sadly, he passed away before leaving the site. There were no witnesses to the actual incident and the investigation team arrived at two possible hypotheses: 1) he tripped over objects that were on a walkway and fell through a gap (Image 1) between the railing and the floor of the walkway, or 2) he tripped over objects that were on the platform at the end of the walkway and fell under the rail of an access gate located above the mill (Image 2).



KEY FINDINGS

- The walkway had railings on both sides but the toeboard was missing (hypothesis 1) and the gate of the mill had just one rail (hypothesis 2) instead of an access door with a mesh.
- Poor housekeeping in the area because there were some objects such as ladders, a hose and a bag with grease in, that weren't removed before starting the task. There were also some material leakages and spills that were caused by damaged seals and out of service dust collectors.
- Visibility was hampered in the area because of the cleaning work that was taking place.
- The employee didn't have any assigned tasks for that day, so he spoke with a colleague who said he could help him with some cleaning. A Permit to Work had not been issued, despite both employees being told by the supervisor that one was needed.
- The employee hadn't received any training for the task, and he was working alone when he fell.
- A Take 5 had not been carried out.

MANAGERS – KEY POINTS TO CHECK

- There is an effective monitoring process to regularly check plant conditions and to prevent an accumulation of spillages and leaks.
- An effective preventive maintenance program is in place to prevent spills/leaks.
- All the required safety features are in place on all walkways and platforms, including handrails, toeboards, guards, and effective gate arrangements.
- All workers are aware of their daily responsibilities, they are well trained to be able to carry out their tasks safely, and aware of when they need a Permit to Work.
- All trip hazards are removed from working areas and housekeeping is regularly monitored and maintained to a safe standard.
- The importance of a Take 5 before starting a task is constantly reinforced.

ALL PERSONNEL – ACTION TO TAKE

- Before you start working, make sure there are no obstacles or objects that could cause you to trip, slip or fall.
- If visibility is inadequate, stop and report it to your supervisor.
- Always carry out a Take 5 assessment before starting your task and take the appropriate actions to avoid incidents
- Always report unsafe conditions in your workplace, including accumulated material due to spills or leaks, as well as missing guards, handrails, toeboards, etc.
- Only carry out a task if you are trained and authorized (including any permits).



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