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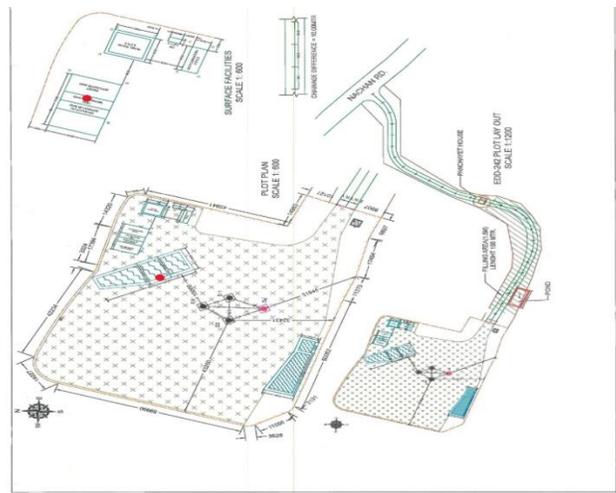
DGMS Safety Alert: 04/2025

Dhanbad, dated 29.01.2025

**SUBJECT: FATAL ACCIDENT DUE TO DROWNING OF PERSONS IN LINED WASTE PIT AT A WELL PAD OF A COAL BED METHANE (CBM) MINE DURING DEFOAMING OPERATION BY WATER SPRINKLING.**

1. Name of the Mine : CBM Block RG (EAST)-CBM 2001/1  
Name of the Owner : M/s ESSAR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION LIMITED.
2. District : Paschim Bardhaman.
3. State : West Bengal
4. Mineral : COAL BED METHANE (CBM)
5. Date and time of accident : 28.01.2025 at about 09.30 Hrs.
6. Place of accident : Lined Waste Pit No.2 Of Well Pad No. 242
7. Killed : Two  
(1) Name: Akash Badyakar  
Designation: Chemical Helper  
Company: M/s. GulMohar Services (contractor)  
Age: 24 years.  
Experience on the job: As Contract worker in M/s. GulMohar Services for 5 Months.  
Total experience:5 Months.  
(2) Name: Anup Sarkar  
Designation: Floorman  
Company: M/s. SEROS Energy Pvt. Ltd.  
Age: 25 years.  
Experience on the job: 2 years.  
Total experience: 2 Years.
8. Seriously Injured : None.
9. Brief Cause : While a contractual worker was engaged in defoaming operation by water spraying with hose pipe in Lined Waste Pit No. 2 at the well pad of the mine, he suddenly lost his balance and slipped into Lined Waste Pit No. 2 resulting in drowning. Another person who was present at the Well Pad rushed to the site and entered Lined Waste Pit No. 2 to rescue him but he also drowned. Both workers were subsequently rescued and transported to nearby hospitals, where doctors declared them brought dead.

10. Sketch/Photo showing the accident:



11. Best Practices to Avert Such Accidents:

1. Provide comprehensive safety training for all workers on proper safety procedures, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
2. Mandate the use of appropriate safety gear, such as life vests, helmets, and non-slip footwear, especially near confined or hazardous areas.
3. Install safety barriers or nets around waste pits to prevent accidental falls. Except with the authority of an official, never remove or pass through any fence, guard, barrier or gate or remove any danger signal.
4. Ensure that experienced supervisors oversee operations in hazardous areas to actively monitor safety compliance.

**\*Safety Alert, a tool utilized by DGMS, informs the mining industry about potential safety issues and offers recommendations to prevent such incident.**

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