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SAFETY ALERT: 16/2024

Dhanbad, dated 02.08.2024

SUBJECT: OCCURRENCE OF FATAL ACCIDENT DUE TO FALL OF SIDES WHILE AN EXCAVATOR WAS LOADING ON A TIPPER AT THE FLOOR OF THE QUARRY

1. Name of Mine : Gonda Granite Mine (Gata No. 1078/28)
2. Name of Owner : Shri Awadesh Kumar Tripathi
District : Chitrakoot
State : Uttar Pradesh
3. Mineral mined: : Building stone
4. Date and time of accident : 28.07.2024 at about 04.30 Hrs
5. Brief Cause : While an excavator was loading on a tipper in a stone quarry, sides measuring about 20m long x 10m thick boulders fell from a height of about 60m trapping the excavator operator, while he was escaping from the site. The excavator operator died in the accident almost instantly.

The mine was being worked without the qualified supervision beyond the daylight hours without providing adequate lighting arrangement. The benches were not properly formed, there was a single bench of about 60m height. A joint plane was observed along the fall.

6. Killed: : Name: Rakesh Nishad. Age:26 years.
Designation: Excavator Operator
7. Seriously Injured: : Nil
8. Photographs



9. Best Practices
 1. Do not operate the mine:
 - (i) without providing qualified manager and supervisors.
 - (ii) beyond day light hours unless adequate lighting arrangements are made and permission to that effect is obtained
 - (iii) with HEMM without submitting notice in writing of the method of working to the Chief Inspector and the Regional Inspector; and no such work shall be commenced or carried out except in accordance with such conditions as the Chief Inspector may specify by an order in writing.
 2. unless with the height and width of benches as stipulated in the regulations/ permission granted by the DGMS.
 3. secure the benches safe by proper dressing.
 4. Take adequate care while working in the vicinity of geological disturbances like Joints.

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

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