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SAFETY ALERT: 13

Dhanbad, dated 22.08.2025

SUBJECT: Fatal accident occurred due to fall of person from height at Site of ore handling plant.

1. Name of Mine : Sindesar Khurd Ore Beneficiation Plant

2. Name of Owner : M/s Hindustan Zinc Limited

District : Rajsamand State : Rajasthan : Lead & Zinc

4. Date and time of : 21.05.2025, 06:00 hrs

accident

5. Place of accident : Transfer Tower of Belt Conveyor BC-02 and BC-03 of ore beneficiation

plant

6. Killed : Name: Avanish Kumar Garg

Designation: Belt Conveyor Attendant

Age: 52 years

Experience: 6 years in Belt Conveyor Operation.

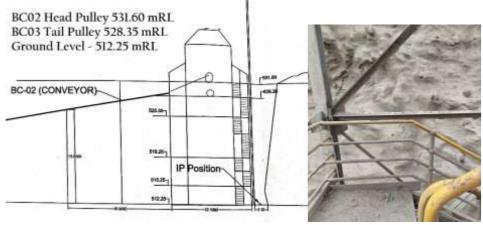
7. Seriously Injured : Nil

8. Brief Cause : While a belt conveyor attendant was sitting on a 195 mm wide horizontal

member of steel structure of transfer tower of belt conveyor system outside the staircase railing in an ore beneficiation plant, he lost his balance and fell down on the ground from a height of about 7 meters

and received serious bodily injuries, to which he succumbed.

9. Sketch showing the accident:



Transfer Tower Structure

Angle top coinciding with the railing top

Best Practices

- a. Continued reinforcement of training on unsafe acts and hazard awareness is recommended.
- b. Structural elements such as steel supports, elevated edges, or other areas not intended for sitting or access should be clearly identified and strictly restricted.
- c. Deployment of a single person only for monitoring purposes should be avoided. For this purpose, Automation & Technical upgradation should be introduced to enhance monitoring.
- d. Installation of additional CCTV cameras recommended at strategic locations to ensure effective surveillance and close monitoring of remote areas, thereby enhancing the safety of workers deployed there.

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