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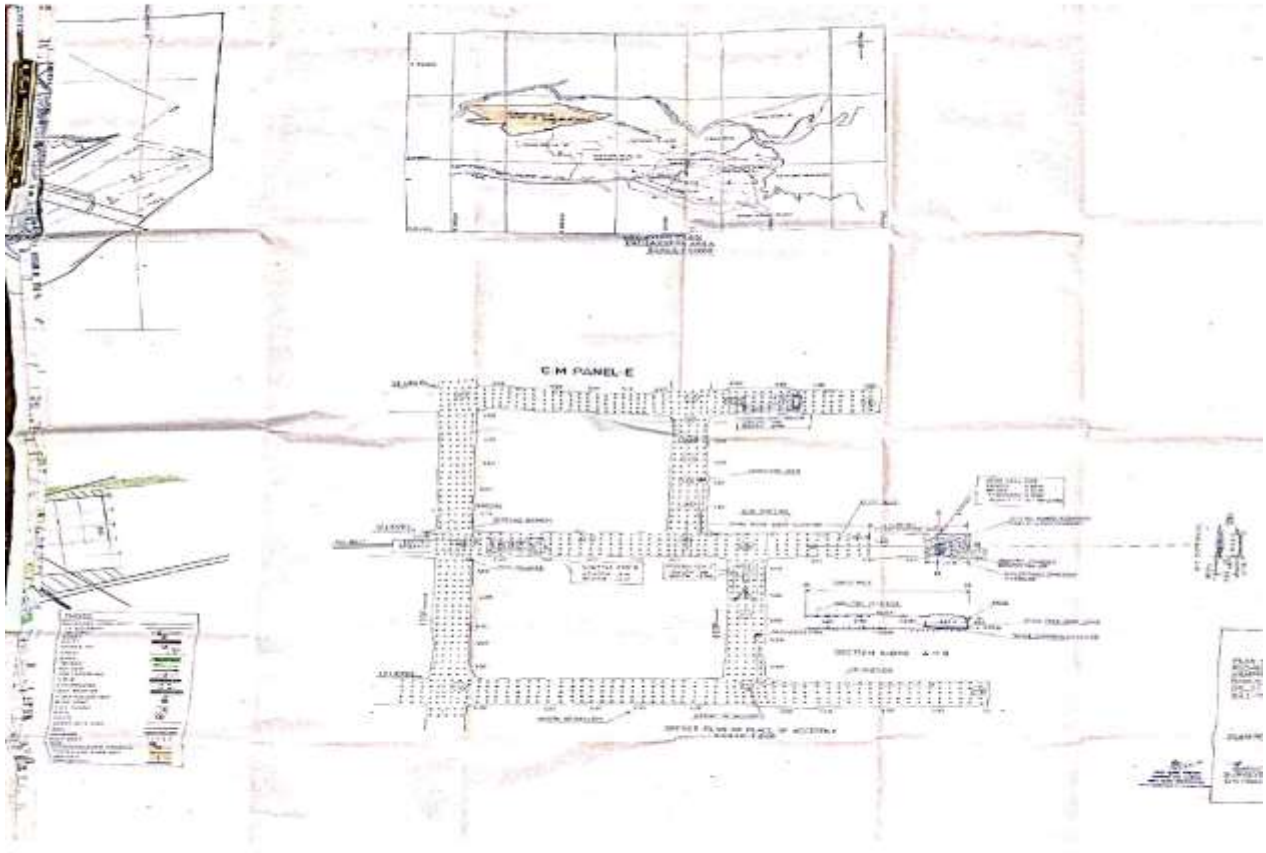
DGMS SAFETY ALERT: 8/2025

Dhanbad, dated

SUBJECT: Fatal accident occurred due to (cause) Fall of roof at (location) 14 Level East/ 0 Dip development face CM Panel No. E of Lower Workable Seam of Chhatarpur Mine No.1 UG mine, M/s Western Coalfields Ltd.

1. Name of Mine : Chhatarpur Mine No.1
2. Name of Owner : M/s Western Coalfields Limited
District : Betul
State : Madhya Pradesh
3. Mineral : Coal
4. Date and time of accident : 06.03.2025 at 03:50PM
5. Place of accident : 14 Level East/ 0 Dip development face CM Panel No. E of Lower Workable Seam
6. Killed : 1.Name: Govind Kumar Kosariya
Designation: Assistant Manager
Age: 37years
2.Name: Ram Prasad Chauhan
Designation: Overman
Age: 47years
3.Name: Ramdeo Pandole
Designation: Mining Sirdar
Age: 49years
7. Seriously Injured : Nil
8. Brief Cause : "While three persons entered under a freshly exposed unsupported roof in development face of a belowground coal mine, suddenly a layer of sandstone roof measuring about 6.36 m (length) x 5.5m (width) x 0.2m to 0.3m in thickness, dislodged from a height of 2.5m and fell over them inflicting grievous injuries to which all three of them succumbed instantly".

9. Sketch showing the accident:



10. **Best Practice:**

- i) A thorough visual and sounding inspection of the roof, sides, and face must be done by a competent person before workers enter the face.
- ii) Any cracks, slips, exfoliation, or drummy (hollow-sounding) roof must be identified and supported before entry.
- iii) No person shall be permitted to work or pass under an unsupported roof in the development face.
- iv) Temporary supports shall be used where final supports cannot be installed immediately.
- v) Maintain support density, spacing, and type strictly as per the Strata Control Management System.
- vi) All face workers and supervisors must be trained in:
 - Recognizing roof hazards.
 - Safe sequence of support erection.
 - Immediate withdrawal procedures on detecting danger.

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