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SAFETY ALERT: 30

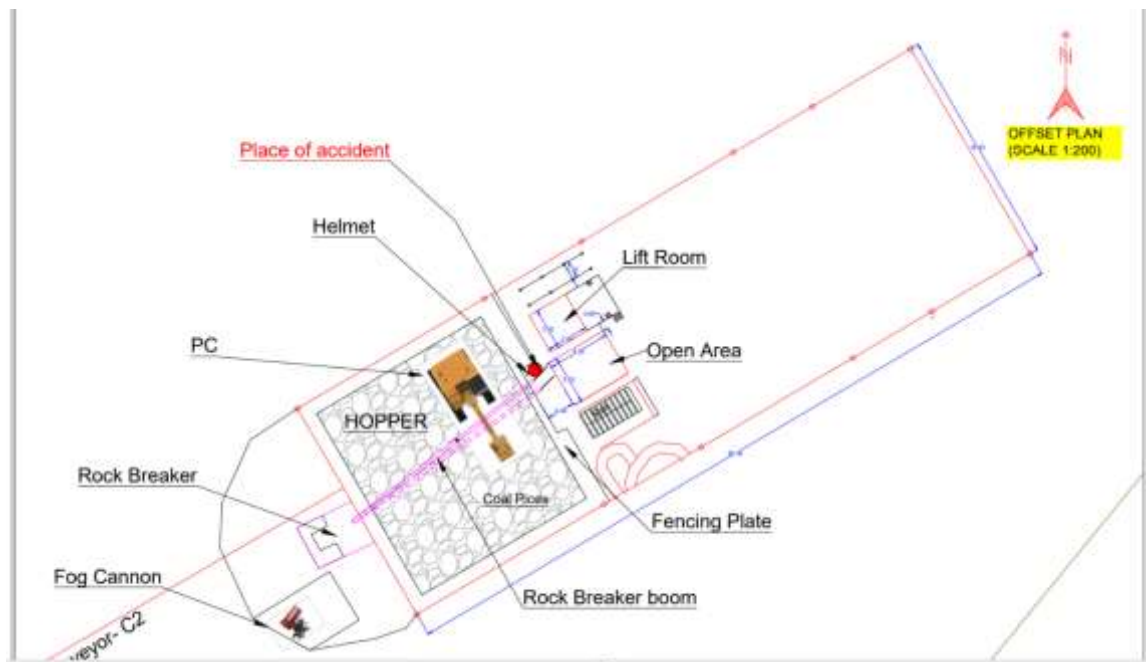
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04 / 12 / 2025 .

Subject: Fatal accident occurred due to Hit by Rock Breaker Machine on forehead at Dudhichua Opencast Project of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited.

1.	Name of Mine	:	Dudhichua OCP
2.	Name of Owner	:	M/s Northern Coalfields Limited
	District	:	Sonebhadra
	State	:	Uttar Pradesh
3.	Mineral	:	Coal
4.	Date and time of accident	:	17/11/2025, 01:30 PM
5.	Place of accident	:	Crusher no 03, CHP
6.	Killed	:	Name: Ram Sajivan Vaishya Designation: Fitter Age: 52 Years Experience: Not Available.
7.	Seriously Injured	:	Nil
8.	Brief Cause	:	"While clearing the jammed hopper of the No.3 crusher in CHP by Back Hoe, the boom of the Back Hoe collided with the boom of the breakdown rock breaker, consequently, the rock breaker arm moved and allegedly hit on the forehead of Sri Ram Sajivan Vaishya, Fitter, who was standing near the breakdown rock breaker's arm, causing fatal injuries to him. He was immediately shifted to NSC hospital where he was declared brought dead. "

9. Sketch showing the accident:



10.	Best Practices	:	Mandatory Isolation & Lock-Out/Tag-Out (LOTO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before clearing any jammed hopper or chute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crusher, feeder, conveyor, rock breaker, and hydraulic circuits must be isolated.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apply LOTO to all relevant electrical and hydraulic systems. ○ Ensure rock breaker arm is fully retracted, parked, lowered, and locked before allowing any person or equipment in the area. <p>Safe Positioning of Ground Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person should stand: Near the boom, arm, or hydraulic linkages of a rock breaker, Between two pieces of machinery, Inside blind zones of a backhoe • Supervisors, fitters, and maintenance personnel must stand in safe, elevated, and clearly visible locations. <p>Effective Communication & Coordination Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a designated Banksman / Spotter equipped with: Hi-vis jacket, Whistle, Walkie-talkie • Banksman controls machine movement using standard hand signals or radio.
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***Safety Alert**, a tool utilized by DGMS, informs the mining industry about potential safety issues and offers recommendations to prevent such incident.