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February 2013

India

5 killed in cement works accident

A large container of ash fell at the Ambuja Cement plant at Rawan in Chhattisgarh, killing 5 workers engaged in the maintenance work taking place within the mixing unit. 4th February 2013

Bangladesh

Welding sparks ignite hydrogen tank

A hydrogen tank exploded during hot metal work in the chemical plant of the Karnaphuli Paper Mills in Kaptai, Rangamati, 2 subcontractors have died and another was injured. 5th February 2013

South Africa

Foreman dies in fall down old mine shaft

A Section 54 stop work order was issued at the Zandfontein section of the Crocodile River Mine of Eastern Platinum where a shift supervisor has died in a fall into an empty ore shaft. 6th February 2013

USA

Worker killed in bark stripping machine

A Pennsylvanian worker has died from blunt force trauma injuries after becoming pinned in machinery which strips bark from timber at Brookville Wood Products, a manufacturer of baseball bats in Pinecreek, Pennsylvania. 7th February 2013

USA

Bin man crushed in compaction unit

An Indianapolis refuse collector has died in a crush accident in the compaction unit of a bin wagon during a collection round on the city's East 30th Street. It appears that the compressing unit was malfunctioning and it was inadvertently activated by a worker unaware that his colleague was trying to rectify it. 8th February 2013

Australia

Melbourne woman critically injured in factory machine accident

A female factory worker was admitted to the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne where she was listed in critical condition with head and chest injuries after being trapped in machinery in a factory in Parwan, West Melbourne. 6th February 2013

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Indonesia

5 dead after worker falls into septic tank on Jakarta site

Five workers have died and 2 others were injured in a confined space accident yesterday at a newbuild office site at Manhattan Square in the Cilandek area of South Jakarta. A cleaner was finishing work in the basement of the building when he stood on a plywood section covering a hole which failed to bear his weight. He fell into a septic tank, 4 others died in an attempt to rescue him. One of the injured is a rescue worker whose oxygen mask slipped during the rescue attempt and caused him to lose consciousness in the oxygen-deficient atmosphere. 13th February 2013

Australia

Lack of training contributed to Victoria abattoir accident

The Tabro Meat Pty Ltd has been fined \$350K (£233,397) over a fatal accident at an abattoir in Victoria where a 32-year old worker died in a crush accident in November 2010. He was cleaning machinery used to hold stock prior to slaughter and it appeared that he had bent into the equipment to recover a dropped item and inadvertently activated the controls of the rotating knocking box. He died a week and a half later from the severity of his injuries. The jury found the company guilty of failing to provide a safe system of work and failing to provide information, instruction and supervision for the worker. 14th February 2013

England

Norfolk man killed in agricultural machinery

The HSE is investigating a fatal accident in Norfolk where a man died in an accident involving agricultural machinery which caused chest compression leading to asphyxiation at premises on Uppgate Street, Seething. 12th February 2013

Malta

Property owner jailed after child dies in fall down basement shaft

A 56-year old property developer has received a 30-month jail term after being found guilty of involuntary homicide in respect of a fatal accident in which a 2-year old boy died after falling down a shaft in a basement garage at property in Zebbug. He was with his mother and they were walking in a dark environment when the accident occurred. 15th February 2013

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Belgium

Lorry driver killed in fall over wall at waste disposal site

A waste disposal driver of contractor Sita was killed on Tuesday when his lorry overturned at the Indaver Kallo site at Waaslandhaven, northwest Antwerp. The 53-year old driver was preparing to unload waste material from his vehicle into the dumping floor which is separated from the transport area by a small wall. It is believed that the material was proving difficult to unload and in attempting to move the lorry back and forward to loosen the load the vehicle went over the wall. 20th February 2013

USA

Fatality at Texas grain elevator

A fatal accident investigation was launched at the Azteca Milling grain elevator in Edinburg, Texas, where a worker died after falling into the bin on Thursday. Although he was wearing a safety harness this apparently did not prevent his fall down below the surface of the grain. 22nd February 2013

Colombia

2 dead in 7-storey lift fall

Two construction workers died in a 7-storey fall on Sunday when a lift they were in malfunctioned and fell down the shaft of a building under construction in the Altos de Riomar district of North Barranquilla. 25th February 2013

USA

Worker dies in fall into sugar hopper

A Pennsylvanian worker has died after falling into a sugar hopper at the CSC Sugar Plant in the Falls suburb of Philadelphia, colleagues noticed him missing during his shift on Monday and it was speculated that he may have been trapped in the container for an hour. 26th February 2013

Belgium

Worker falls into acid vat

A worker was admitted to the burns unit of the Angleur Hospital after falling into a vat of acid at the Hydrometal factory in Engis, Liege. Colleagues responded quickly to his plight and lowered a ladder into the vat to help him escape, he also showered promptly at the factory prior to transfer to hospital. 27th February 2013