FLASH - FATAL ACCIDENT

Person trapped between a forklift and an immobilized cherry picker

Description

A foreman was trapped between a forklift truck and a cherry picker, when he was attempting with others to tow the cherry picker, immobilized on a bump, with the forklift

Consequences

He received severe injury to his chest and was certified dead later in the hospital.

Causes of the accident

Direct Causes

 The deceased was positioned between the cherry picker immobilized against an obstacle and the forklift truck that moved forward (Life-Saving-Rule not respected)

Root Causes

- The cherry picker was parked in the tunnel at a location obstructing the traffic (unplanned/unexpected event)
- The persons involved did not apply a stop in the management of the unplanned/unexpected event

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Prevention measures

- Ensure Life-Saving-Rules are known, understood and respected at all times
- Organize dedicated campaigns/trainings/focus on the proper way to safely manage unplanned / unexpected event
- Ensure that obstacles on tunnel roads (cables protections, etc.) are designed to fit the various plants present at site
- Step up site control on the operation of cherry pickers
- Establish guidelines for towing operations of specific construction plants and procure the necessary equipment





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This FATAL ACCIDENT and our SAFETY CULTURE

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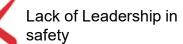
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Intervention request made to the plant team

Decision to proceed without waiting for the plant team

- Team not familiar with this type of activity
- No procedure/risk assessment to cover the activity
- Improvisation with equipment and accessories available in the area
- Activity not stopped despite several unsuccessful attempts





- STOP not applied neither by the victim nor by his co-workers
- The foreman did not conduct any risk assessment
- Poor management of unforeseen situation, nor validation of the solution
- Life Saving Rule not respected



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