

### SAFETY ALERT

Department: George Fisher Mine – Services Department

Location: South Paste Plant

Incident Date: 27/04/2020

Incident Time: 0359hrs

Incident Number: INC-0158376

Safety Alert Title: Paste Plant Operator climbed onto a structure without fall protection.

Fatal Hazard: 2. Working at Height

For "Other" describe: N/A

Process Safety Management related Yes  No

The incident involved:  Employee  Contractor

### Brief Description

Whilst viewing previous shift's video footage in relation to a separate incident, it was discovered that an operator had climbed onto a structural beam without any fall protection to conduct cleaning of the Plant Tailings Storage Bin (Hopper).

Upon reviewing additional footage from the previous 24 hours, it was also discovered that another operator had also stood in a different section of structure without fall protection, whilst performing the same task of clearing blockages in the hopper.



### Key Learnings

1. Changes to the working environment need to be managed through a formal process to ensure the inherent risk remains at an acceptable level.
2. Tasks that do not have an approved procedure or Safe Work Instruction require a risk assessment to be completed before commencing. This is to ensure all hazards are identified and appropriate controls are put in place.

### Corrective and Preventative Actions

1. Review engineering options and implement an appropriate control to bring down hung up material in the tailings hopper at the South Paste Plant.
2. Conduct Task Analysis Risk Assessments and implement appropriate administration control for operating paste plants.
3. Conduct a Safety Stop with all mining and maintenance crew members to review and discuss incidents and Life Saving Behaviours, in regards recognising work at height tasks with implementation of appropriate controls.

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