

# 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

# This FATAL ACCIDENT and our SAFETY CULTURE

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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



✗ Lack of Leadership in safety

- 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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