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FATAL ACCIDENT AT AMD CENTRAL BASIN PLANT

On 05 February 2020 Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) announced that there had been a fatal accident at one of the Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Treatment Plants under its management, the AMD Central Basin.

“TCTA is saddened to report that one of the contracted employees at the AMD Central Basin was fatally wounded earlier today”; said Johann Claassens, Executive Manager: Project Management and Implementation.

The contracted operator of the site, Proxa, informed TCTA of a fatal health and safety incident that took place during the cleaning of a reactor unit at the Central Basin AMD Treatment Plant earlier in the day.

The circumstances surrounding the event are under investigation. Information available at this stage indicates that a mobile crane being used in the servicing reactor units toppled over, resulting in a fatality.

Claassens added; “TCTA would like to convey its most sincere condolences to the family of the deceased”. The family of the deceased has been informed about the unfortunate accident.

The TCTA project team, Department of Labour and the South African National Police Services are on site to investigate the incident. “TCTA and the on-site operator will work closely with both organisations to ascertain the cause and the circumstances that surround the incident”; said Claassens.

The AMD Central Basin is one of three basins (AMD treatment plants) managed by the TCTA, of which the others are AMD Eastern and AMD Western Basins. This is the first time that TCTA has encountered an incident of this nature in all the three plants.

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