

Mine Name	File No.	Operator	Activity Type	Region	Activity Date
George Fisher Mine	2782	Mount Isa Mines Ltd	Inspection	Northern	26/06/2012

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Mine Record Entry

This report forms part of the Mine Record under s59 of the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999. It must be placed in the Mine Record and displayed on Safety Notice Boards.

Note that inspection or audit activities conducted by the Mines Inspectorate are based upon sample techniques. It remains the primary responsibility of Mine Personnel to identify hazards, and risks associated with Operations and ensure those risks are at an acceptable level.

Today I attended site to inspect the camp facilities located at George Fisher and how the contractor is integrated into Xstrata operations. I was met and accompanied on the inspection by Mr Peter Finney (Facilities Superintendent). I inspected the camp in general and the sewerage plant for the facility.

During the inspection I noted that a number of concrete blocks were located on concrete footpaths requiring residents and workers to step off the footpaths. I was informed that they had been installed to anchor the buildings and mitigate any movement that might have been caused by cyclone Yasi. It was noted that these particular buildings were not otherwise tied down. On discussion with Mr Finney and later with Mr Mick Davis (ESS Manager) it was revealed that a worker had sustained a significant injury 19/4/12 walking around the blocks. The worker rolled her ankle badly on the concrete footpath edge while carrying linen.

Two months later the worker was still on restricted duties but no substantial (elimination/substitution/engineering) action had been taken to address the hazard. I sighted the incident investigation by ESS and noted that only administrative controls had been implemented. Further discussion revealed that Osborn Lane had been engaged to look at whether the blocks could be moved off the paths but no date of when this might happen could be supplied at the time of inspection. Since the inspection advice was received that Osborn Lane has completed the inspection of the blocks and advised that they can be relocated from the pathways.

The sewerage plant was found in a generally sound condition. Only a few minor issues were observed - no green light on the safety shower, Hazchem signage on the wrong structure and the access ladder damaged through use (rungs were sagging).

I sighted the use of the Pass system in the camp office but noted that some of "A" days involved non-safety related improvements, for example "Cost codes assigned for CoreStaff." All staff should be aware that Pass system is only for safety topics and not general business function improvements. Mr Davis was able to demonstrate the incident reporting access to the contractor portal in the Xstrata system.

I enquired as to whether either ESS or their predecessor Sodexho had been audited via the Xstrata contract audit process. At the time Mr Finney was not able to confirm either way however I was later informed that neither contractor had been audited and that it was now

scheduled to be completed in the next few months.

I met Mr Mal King (Xstrata Maintenance Supervisor) who was able to confirm that a number of incidents at the camp had been reported and captured in BSafe. It was noted however that the injury of the worker on 19/4/12 was still only registered as a Level 1 (first aid) and not a level 2 (restricted work injury).

<u>Number</u>	<u>Substandard Condition or Practice</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1	Sewerage plant items At the time of inspections a number of minor issues were observed including no green light on the safety shower, Hazchem for flammables signage on the wrong structure and the access ladder damaged through use (rungs were sagging). Ensure that these items are addressed and brought up to site standards. Refer section 100, 108, 56 and 39 of the Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulations 2001.	20/07/2012

Please provide a written status report on each SCP together with the actions taken to address each item by their due dates

Damian Lee
Inspector of Mines
Northern Region



RE Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways.msg

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LEE Damian

From: pfinney@xstratazinc.com.au
Sent: Monday, 23 July 2012 7:11 AM
To: Lee Damian
Subject: RE: Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways

Hi Damian,

Yes all now complete.

Regards
Peter

From: Lee Damian [<mailto:Damian.Lee@dnrm.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 11:50 AM
To: Finney, Peter (Mount Isa - Zinc)
Subject: RE: Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways

Hi Peter

Can you please confirm whether the maintenance items for the STP have been completed.

Thanks
Damian

From: pfinney@xstratazinc.com.au [<mailto:pfinney@xstratazinc.com.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2012 5:17 PM
To: Lee Damian
Subject: RE: Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways

Hi Damian,

Confirm the blocks have been relocated, the only outstanding action from the visit are the repairs to the STP steps which are programmed to be completed by the end of the week.

Thanks
Peter

From: Finney, Peter (Mount Isa - Zinc)
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:58 PM
To: 'Lee Damian'
Subject: RE: Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways

Hi Damian,

The program has pushed out a little, the contractor will be on site early next week and work finished by Wednesday latest.

I'll let you know as soon as it is complete.

Regards
Peter

From: Lee Damian [<mailto:Damian.Lee@dnrm.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 9:37 AM
To: Finney, Peter (Mount Isa - Zinc)
Subject: RE: Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways

Hi Peter.

Just a quick email. Still on schedule with the blocks below?

Kind regards
Damian

From: pfinney@xstratazinc.com.au [<mailto:pfinney@xstratazinc.com.au>]
Sent: Monday, 2 July 2012 3:10 PM
To: Lee Damian
Subject: Relocation of Concrete Tiedown Blocks from Village Pathways

Hi Damian,

As discussed Osborne Lane have inspected and advise that the blocks can be relocated, we anticipate to have this carried out within the proposed 2 week timeframe.

I will confirm once completed.

Regards

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