

Mine/Quarry Name	File #	Operator	Activity Type	Region	Activity Date
Mt Isa - Ore Handling And Fill	2893	Mount Isa Mines Ltd	Investigation	Northern	13/01/2013

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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.***

I arrived on site at approximately 7.40 PM having been on site some hours earlier during the rescue of an operator who had fallen into the discharge pass below T63 Crusher.

I met up with Mr Matt O'Neill MICO Infrastructure Manager. We went underground to 20 Level where Mr O'Neill spoke briefly to the night shift crew in the cribroom. We then drove down to 31E to the T63 Crusher Chamber arriving there the same time as the Surveyor.

We went into the crusher area. We climbed down into the area underneath the crusher where the incident had occurred. We were unable to go near the edge of the pass as we did not have fall arrest equipment. I was also not able to identify what could have been an appropriate anchor point. Hinges were evident at the edge of the pass but we could not see the door/barrier that had been lowered as a floor. That was what had dropped causing the accident and was now below the edge. There were slings, shackles and a cumalong on the floor but it was not known whether these were from the work being done prior or part of the rescue operation. A tail from the explosives bomb was hanging down from above. We also went up top to look into the crusher.

The climatic conditions in the whole area was hot if you were not directly in front of the vent line. We did not have any instruments to take any temperature readings however I believe that the conditions were such that persons should not have been working there for any great length of time.

I released the scene back to the mine. I asked Mr O'Neill for copies of the statements taken by the persons working in the area at the time to assist my understanding of what had happened and to keep me informed on the investigation progress.

We then returned to the surface and I left the mine just after 10 PM.

**Phillip Casey  
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