



## SERIOUS INJURY ANNOUNCEMENT

# LOST TIME INJURY

Date of injury: 27.08.04                      Time: ± 02:30  
Department: Metallurgy.                      Section: Plant  
Location: Crushing Plant - Scalping screen.

### DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (WHO, WHAT, HOW)

Three workers entered the partially choked discharge chute of a scalping screen and positioned a ladder via an access point between the conveyor and the bottom of the chute. One employee held the ladder in position and the second person climbed on it with a pick to remove build-up material on the side of the chute. The third employee was positioned on the locked out conveyor belt surface, holding a torch that provided the illumination inside the chute. Whilst the cleaning activity was in progress, starting from the top, the build-up became dislodged and trapped the employee holding the ladder and the employee holding the torch.

### Injuries

The employee holding the torch on the locked out conveyor surface, sustained a fracture to his right lower leg.

### Immediate Causes

Allowing employees to enter the confined space with potential for material to slip.  
Failure to follow procedure.  
Poor illumination.  
Unsafe design.  
Lack of Risk assessments.

### PREVENTIVE ACTION

Pending Results of a Full Investigation.

