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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-60 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: November 15, 2011

Date of Death: November 15, 2011

Operator: Tata Chemicals (Soda Ash) Partners

Mine: Tata Chemicals Mill

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry.

[REDACTED], a 60 year old stores handler, had finished his lunch and was operating a fork truck. Witnesses observed the deceased lean back in the seat. He appeared to be having a seizure. He was removed from the fork truck and CPR was administered until the ambulance arrived. [REDACTED] was transported to the local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction. He had a prior history of heart problems. [REDACTED] was performing his normal tasks on the day of his death. The toxicology screen was negative. An autopsy was not performed.

Based on the findings of the death certificate the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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