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SAFETY ACTION ALERT

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Learning from incidents

TOPICS: DISMANTLING / TEMPORARY STABILITY / WORK METHOD STATEMENTS / DEVIATIONS

WHAT HAPPENED?

A fatal accident occurred while a workshop building was being dismantled. Two workers were using a mobile elevating work platform to work on the upper parts of the building. During dismantling, part of the remaining structure became unstable. Several components toppled and one struck the work platform basket. One person was killed and another seriously injured.

A work method statement (WMS) was available. However, the investigation found that the dismantling sequence, the required safeguards and the response to changes or uncertainty were not defined clearly enough in all respects.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR SAFETY?

- Temporary stability: Dismantling continuously changes how a structure carries loads and remains braced. Every intermediate stage must be safe. The WMS must clearly define which components may be removed, when they may be removed and which safeguards must remain in place.
- The WMS must be communicated in a way that reflects the complexity of the work, for example daily and based on current site conditions.
- The WMS must be practical: General instructions such as “ensure stability” may not be enough for complex or high-risk work. It must clearly describe the sequence, safeguards, responsibilities, hold points and stop criteria.
- Changes and uncertainty: Stop work if actual conditions differ from the plan or if anything is unclear. Clarify and approve the next steps before work resumes.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Everyone on site / in the yard / at the production facility – ask yourself:

- Have I discussed the WMS in detail with my supervisor?
- Do I understand the work sequence and know which safeguards are required at each stage?
- What will I do if actual conditions no longer match the WMS or if I am unsure?

Team leaders / project managers / site managers / location managers / leaders on site visits – ask yourself:

- Are WMSs for high-risk work specific enough for the work to be carried out safely?
- Are critical intermediate stages, safeguards and responsibilities clearly defined?
- Are WMSs communicated and discussed often enough and in sufficient detail?
- After changes, interruptions or uncertainty, is the work reassessed before it resumes?

ACT NOW!

→ Discuss this Safety Action Alert with your teams. Review dismantling and demolition work in particular, as well as other activities where safe conditions can change as work progresses. ←

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75 min before the accident



After the collapse



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