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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 13th March 2013

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

With reference to the Harlequin Mine and the new Sir Major decline, I ask:

- 1. Will the Minister table the mine record book and notifiable incidents under the Safety Regulation System (SRS) for the past months of January and February 2014, in respect of the Harlequin Mine and its new Sir Major decline?
- 2. If no to (1), why not?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- 1. Yes- I table the requested information.
- 2. Not applicable

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Record Book Name

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Operator

CENTRAL MOBSEMAN GOLD CORP

Date

16/01/2014 Type of Inspection OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Inspectorate

KALGOORLIE

Inspector

MCCAULEY, Greg

COPY OF RECORD BOOK ENTRY

I have today attended site in relation to concerns that have been raised with the Department regarding:

- Site personnel initiating explosives without the required licencing; and A)
- B) Capability of the site emergency reponse following recent reduction in employee numbers.

Discussion regarding these issues occurred with Acting Registered Manager Nigel Driscoll and OHS Manager Andy French. In their company, the Bullen Offices and gas testing facilities were inspected, emergency response facilities were also Inspected. Site documentation and records were viewed to establish complaince with legislation.

- 1. It has been confirmed that explosives have been initiated on site in a manner that contravenes relevant legislation. Improvement Notice IC 18111 has been issued relating to this.
- Emergency response capability has been found to be compliant with MS & I 2. Reg 4.33.
- Please ensure that gas monitoring equipment which is within current 3. calibration is vallable for use during underground re-entry. 3 Gas testing units sighted were found to be due for calibration on 18-1-14.

Greg McCauley Inspector of Mines - OSH 16-01-2014

SURFACE

	For Safety Reasons	Following an Acoldent	For Safety Reasons	Following an Accident
Number of Items of Equipment Stood Down	0	0	0	0
Number of Occasions a Portion of a Mine was Closed	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Record Book Name

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Operator

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Date

17/02/2014

Type of Inspection SAFETY - GENERAL

Inspector

Inspectorate KALGOORLIE MCCAULEY, Grea

COPY OF RECORD BOOK ENTRY

Date: 17 February 2014 at 1200 hours

Re: Incident involving fatality of worker due to collapse of hanging wall at 203 East Drive at "Major" underground mine

Special Inspector of Mines Mike McKay, Jan De Lange and Greg McCauley resumed the investigation into the above incident. This follows our inspection of the scene of the accident on 16 February 2014.

- 1. Following a meeting at 0830 hours today, we resolved that the following information is to be furnished by the mine as soon as practicable.
 - 1. Training and induction documentation for the deceased.
 - Name, address and contact information for the deceased and next of kin. inclusive of:
 - Any formal certification and/or verification of competency in the activities being conducted at the time of the accident.
 - Details of education and qualifications
 - Contract of employment and/or notice of engagement by the mine
 - Payslips leading up to the date of the incident
 - Work history prior to joining Norseman Gold, if known to the mine
 - Roster arrangement and timesheets, including any overtime on the current swing, including any conditions placed on night or weekend operations.
 - Details of underground management and supervision relating to planned or unplanned weekend activity.
 - 5. Any work procedures for the tasks being conducted at the time of the accident.
 - Any permit-to-work documentation issued for the tasks being 6. performed.
 - Any explanation and/or evidence of tag-on procedures conducted on the day of the accident.
 - Any work plans for the job in hand.
 - 9. Any shift plans and pre-start inspections
 - 10. Any form of job hazard analysis (JHA) or take-5 risk assessments In relation to the work being performed at the time of the incident.
 - 11. Copy of the incident log.
 - 12. Details of statutory appointees, including registered manager (RM), s44, etc
 - 13. Supervisory structure, with names and positions reporting to RM.
 - 14. Plans of work area and survey as detailed in record-book entries

of 16 February 2014.

- 15. Ground Control Management Plan for the Major decline
- 16. All appropriate support standards for the Major decline,
- The risk assessment conducted prior to mining the Major decline operation
- 18. All quality control pull tests results and related planning schedules for the installed support elements in the Major Decline since commencing the mining of the Major portal
- 19. The mine planning policy and procedure
- 20. Most recent geotechnical inspection of the 203 East drive
- 21. Results of geotechnical mapping of the 203 East Drive
- 22. Underground mines currently being operated by Norseman Gold
- 23. Details of auditing procedure used pursuant to the prohibition notice issued by inspector Jan De Lange on 16 February 2014
- 24. Brief description and identification of contractors engaged at Norseman Gold sites
- 25. Details of written hazard and rock noise reports by employees or management in relation to ground support or underground work procedures at Norseman Gold sites over the last 6 months.
- 26. Details of site emergency response structure, personnel, availability, and how this is applied to weekend operations. Please include details of those emergency response personnel involved in response to the accident on 15-02-2014
- 27. Copies of all incident reports relating to activities in the Major decline over the past 12 months
- 28. The re-entry procedures, policies and standards
- 29, The drill-hole pattern for the face of a shantyback drive, specifically applied to the 203 East drive
- 2. We gratefully acknowledge that Andy French supplied a list of persons who might be able to assist with our inquiries over 17 and 18 February and we request that these persons be on standby for interviews on these days. We will provide notice of at least 2 hours where any person is not on site at the mine.
- We require that the rock bolts that fell with the rock collapse be kept and made available to the inspectors as soon as practicable, and only after the site has been deemed to be safe enough for retrieval.

The investigation is ongoing and we anticipate working further with Central Norseman as information becomes available.

Mike McKay - Special Inspector of Mines - (Mech. Eng.), Investigation Services, Strategic Policy Div. Jan De Lange - Special Inspector of Mines - (Geotechnical Engineer), Resources Safety Div.

Greg McCauley - Special Inspector of Mines - OSH, Resources Safety Div.

Department of Mines and Petroleum, Government of Western Australia

SURFACE

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Number of Items of Equipment Stood Down	0	0	0	0
Number of Occasions a Portion of a Mine was Closed	0	0	0	. 0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Record Book Name CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Operator

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Date

18/02/2014

Type of Inspection ACCIDENT / INCIDENT

Inspectorate Inspector KALGOORLIE MCCAULEY, Greg

COPY OF RECORD BOOK ENTRY

Date: 18 February 2014 at 1500 hours

Re: incident involving fatality of worker due to collapse of hanging wall at 203 East Drive at "Major" underground mine

Special Inspector of Mines Mike McKay, Jan De Lange and Greg McCauley resumed the investigation into the above incident. This follows our inspection of the scene of the accident on 16 February 2014 and our subsequent inquiries conducted on 17 and 18 February.

- (1) We record the fact that formal recorded interviews have been conducted with the following personnel:
 - 1. Brian Micke, Registered Manager
 - 2. Craig Oatridge, Plant Operator (Bogger)
 - 3. Henry Alex, Mine Surveyor
 - Shane Eviston, Electrician
 - 5. Des Okena, Scraper Driver
 - 6. Phillip Jossie, Mine Engineer
 - 7. Dan McMillan, Electrician
 - 8. Michael Honman, Truck Driver Norseman Concrete (CNGM Shift Supervisor prior to January 2014 and involved in site emergency response activities on the day)
 - 9. Nigel Driscoll, Harlequin (Major Decline) Underground Manager / Foreman.
- (2) Information obtained during interviews conducted today raised concerns relating to the absence of quality-control testing of the ground support in the Majors decline in the Harlequin Mine.

 Prohibition Notice PC2086 has been issued in relation to this and also extends to the verification of the integrity of the ground support

- in the Bullen Mine. It is our understanding that no test has been performed in the Bullen Mine since early 2013.
- (3) The scene of the accident at 203 East in the Major mine must remain undisturbed, together with the material that was removed from the fall during the recovery.
- (4) The site is not released, pending the outcome of the prohibition notice in force as issued by Inspector Jan De Lange on 16 February 2014.

The investigation is ongoing and we anticipate working further with Central Norseman Gold in following up regarding the later prohibition notice issued by Inspector Jan De Lange on 18 February 2014.

We anticipate that we will continue with the on-site investigation as soon as the bulk of the information requested on 17 February comes to hand.

Mike McKay - Special Inspector of Mines - Mechanical Engineer and Lead Technical Investigator Investigation Services Branch Strategic Policy Division

Jan De Lange - Special Inspector of Mines - Geotechnical Engineer Resources Safety Division

Greg McCauley - Special Inspector of Mines - OSH Resources Safety Division

Department of Mines and Petroleum, Government of Western Australia

SURFACE

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TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Record Book Name CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Operator

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP 21/02/2014 Type of Inspection ACCIDENT / INCIDENT

Date Inspectorate

KALGOORLIE

Inspector

MCCAULEY, Greg

COPY OF RECORD BOOK ENTRY

Inspector of Mines - Geotechnical Jan De Lange and Inspector of Mines - OSH Greg McCauley have today attended the Norseman Operations in relation to a fatal accident that occurred on 15-02-2014. A meeting was held with CNGM Registered Manager Brian Mickle In the company of G.E.M.S. CEO Oliver Glockner (WA Grade 1 Authorised Mine Surveyor, Certificate #1101).

Discussion related to Prohibition Notices PC2085 and PC2087. In Addition. concerns raised with the Department subsequently have been raised with Brian Mickie:

- 1. Salt build-up in the St Pats Emergency Egress Shaft is claimed to restrict the operation of this equipment. Brian Mickie has stated that this was an issue in February 2013 but has since been addressed. Periodic use of water is applied to remove salt build-up. Exposure is limited to weekly pump inspections in the area and no production or development activity is occurring that would require use of this equipment according to Mr Brian Mickie.
- 2. It was claimed that Emergency Phone #45 was not operable. The Emergency #45 was found to be operational at time of our site visit and is in addition to a site Mobile Number in use #0419 043 991.
- 3. Concerns regarding the Secondary Egress in the Bullen Mine 9 Level stope are unable to be assessed due to restrictions placed on area access by Prohibition Notices. These notices also ensure any current exposure does not exist. Compliance with the requirements of SMIR r.10.10 and r10.11 need to be verified in relation to the 9 Level stope.

Following our enquiries you are required to provide documented evidence that supports the effective and reliable operation of both Bullen West and St Pats Emergency Egress. A copy of the Bullen 9 Level Stope survey plan is also required that confirms 2nd Egress available records of the crane used in conjunction with the Emergency Egress are also required that confirm compliance with Registration, Certification and Operator Competency,

During discussions held in the office relating to the requirements to lift the Prohibition Notice PC 2087 the following is understood:

- The presented pull fast results was for tests conducted on previously installed units that are fitted with pull rings and units that were installed following the Prohibition Notice PC 2087.
- Those units that were installed following the Prohibition Notice PC 2087 was specifically for the purpose to conduct pull tests in order to obtain

some results.

- These results did not differentiate between previously installed units and those that were installed for the purpose to verify compliance as per Prohibition Notice PC 2087.

That the FS 47 support units previously installed by the jumbo generally complies to the requirements of the site - "did not yield at 10t".

- Split set units that were installed in the 203 ore drive east do not complete to the sites requirements - "Slip at 4t".

 A total of 13, FS 33 units, installed by the airleg mines were tested, of which 5 did not complied to the requirements of the site - was stated to be at 6t pull out.

The site could not respond to some of the questions revised relating to

the tests conducted in the 9 Level Bullen area.

Based on the discussions and evidence provided the Prohibition Notice PC 2087, is not being lifted at this point in time. Site is still expected to comply to all requirements as per Prohibition Notice PC 2087.

The site to take note of the following:

That the methodology to install new support elements with pull rings for the purpose of conducting pull tests in order to verify the integrity and effectiveness of an already installed support system is questionable. It is requested that the site examine this practice in more details so as to provide the DMP evidence that such a practice is acceptable.

The scene of the accident is not released and to remain un-disturbed.

The accident investigation remains on-going.

I have received a copy of Item 20 requested in the Record Book Entry made on the 17/2/2014.

Jan De Lange Special Inspector of Mines Geotechnical Engineer 21/2/2014

Greg McCauley Special Inspector of Mines - OSH 21/02/2014

SURFACE

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TOTAL	0	0	0	0	

Record Book Name

RMO HARLEQUIN DECLINE (CNGC)
CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORP

Operator Date

16/02/2014

Type of Inspection SAFETY - GENERAL

Inspectorate

KALGOORLIE

Inspector

MCCAULEY, Greg

COPY OF RECORD BOOK ENTRY

On Sunday 16 February 2014 Inspector of Mines - Geotechnical Jan De Lange, Special Inspector of Mines - Investigations Mike McKay, and Inspector jof Mines - OSH Greg McCauley attended the mine site to investigate a reported fatal accident in the underground operations of the Harlequin Mine.

A preliminary meeting occurred with Central Norseman Gold Mine Registered Manager Brian Mickie, OHS Manager Andy French, and Underground Manager / Foreman Nigel Driscoll. During this meeting a risk assessment was conducted to assess the hazards associated with accessing the accident scene. In addition, there was a discussion of the plan for the investigative activities to be conducted on Monday and Tuesday 17 and 18 February.

In the company of Nigel Driscoll and Andy French, the insepctors attended the majors decline 203 East scene of the accident. The area was assessed and photographs taken, with particular attention to the ground support conditions along that drive.

Pursuant to Section 81(1)(b) the accident scene is not to be disturbed until further notice.

Prohibition Notice PC2085 has been issued relating to a fall of ground in the 203 east.

We require the existing ground support in the 203 east to be upgraded to allow safe access to the scene of the accident by a competent Surveyor. once safe entry to the 203 drive has been established we require;

- a three dimensional laser scan of the 203 East drive
- a detailed annotated plan of accident site inclusive of all prominent features
- a two dimensional in-scale plan view of the 203 east drive
- an in-scale cross sectional view at the widest point of the fall

These documents are required pursuant to section 21(1)(g) of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994.

The investigation remains ongoing at this juncture.

Mike McKay Special Inspector of Mines

Jan De Lange Inspector of Mines -

Greg McCauley Inspector of Mines - OSH

Geotechnical

SURFACE

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Number of Occasions a Portion of a Mine was Closed	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	o	0	0	0

Safety Regulation System

Injury | Area: Mining Notifications

REFERENCE ID: IN-592-159879 | Status: QA Required

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD | Central Norseman Gold | Fowlie, Malcolm Wayne

Expand/Collapse All | Print Reporting Details Information As required under s. 76 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and r. 3.41 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995. Company Details Company*: 000842 - CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD Site*: SG0002005 - Central Norseman Gold Form Completed By Surname: FRENCH Given Name(s): ANDREW ex50816 Position: Safety Manager Phone: 9039 9800 Mobile: 0400001401 Fax: 9039 9803 Email: Afrench@ngold.com.au Injured Person Personal Details Surname*: Fowlie Given Name(s)*: Malcolm Wayne Gender*: Male DOB": 04/01/1055 HSN: Unmatched 😉 Matched Personal Details Surname*: Given Name(s)*: Gender*: DOB": HSN: Employment Employee Status: Company Employee Occupation*: Underground Diesel Crew Employment Type*: Full Time On Day of Injury Time Shift Started*: 08:00 Time Shift Due to Finish*: 18:00 **Accident Details** Accident Details Date of Accident*: 15/02/2014 Time of Accident*: Unknown Reason Unknown: Worker was alone at the time of the occurrence. Belleved to be between 0800 and 0820 Recurrence of Previous Injury*: No

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Other information Information						
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Safety Regulation System

Notifiable Incident | Area: Mining Notifications

REFERENCE ID: OC-105-159859 | Status: Finalisation Required

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD | Central Norseman Gold | 15/02/2014

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Reporting Details

Information

As required under ss. 76, 78 and 79 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and r. 6.36 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995.

Company Details

Company*: 000842 • CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD

Sile*: SG0002005 - Central Norseman Gold

Mine Site Name: Harlequin - Major Decline HV1 pit

Form Completed By-

Surname: FRENCH Given Name(s): ANDREW ex50815

Position: Safety Manager

Phone: 9039 9800

Mobile: 0400001401

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Type, Date & Time

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Yes	Legislation	Description
	s.76 (2)(a)	1 . Serious or appears to be serious injury (including fatality).
	s.78 (3)(a)	2 . Extensive subsidence, settlement or fall of ground or any major collapse.
	s.78 (3)(a)	3 . Earth movement caused by seismic event,
	s.78 (3)(b)	1. Outbreak of fire above or below ground,
	s.78 (3)(c)	5. Breakage of a rope, cable, chain or other gear by which persons are raised or lowered.
	s.78 (3)(d)	6 - Inrush of water,
	s.78 (3)(e)	7. Dust ignition below ground.
	s.78 (3)(e)	8. Presence or outburst of potentially harmful or asphyxiant gas.
	s.78 (3)(f)	9. Accidental, delayed or fast ignition or detonation of explosives.
	s.78 (3)(g)	10. Explosion or bursting of compressed air receivers, boilers or pressure vessels.
	s.78 (3)(h)	11. Electric shock or burn or dangerous occurrence involving electricity.
	s.78 (3)(i)	12. Poisoning or exposure to toxic gas or fumes where persons are affected.
	s.78 (3)(j)	13. Loss of control, failure of braking or steering of heavy earth moving equipment.
	s.79	14 . Potentially serious occurrence.
	r.6.36	15. Incidents affecting registered plant.

Incident Date and Time

Date of Incident*: 15/02/2014

Time of incident': Unknown

Reason Unknown*: Worker was alone at the time of the occurrence, Believed to be between 0800 and 0820 Location & Activity Specifics Location Specifics Location of Incident*: Underground Detailed Location on Site*: 203 East drive in the Major Decline development GPS Co-ordinates: Activity Specifics Activity*: Operations Description & Impact ,Description Incident Description*: A worker was tasked with bogging out blasted rock from the face of the 203

East drive. The shot had been fired the previous day at the end of shift. The shift boss inspected the drive at approximately 0730 and discussed the task with the worker prior to commencing the task. The shift boss left to set up another job. He returned at approximately 0820 to find the bogger Idling in the drive approximately 16 metres from the face. Approximately 6 metres of the hanging wall on the RHS of the drive had collapsed between the bogger and the face. The bodger operator could not be located. An emergency was and the face. The bogger operator could not be located. An emergency was declared and personnel assembled to commence moving the fall of ground on the assumption that the worker was buried beneath. The worker was found deceased at approximately 1330hrs. Impact No. of Injured Persons / Fatalities*: 1 Summary for Industry Awareness To support the Government's commitment to safety transparency, on submission of your Notifiable Incident Report Form, the essence of what is reported in the Summary for Industry Awareness will be publicly available via the Department of Mines and Petroleum website. Please provide a generic summary of the reported incident. Summary*: A fall of ground engulfed an underground worker resulting in the death of the worker Injury / Fatality Details injury / Fatality Details Person Injury / Fatality Details Reference ID Surname Given Hame(s) Gender DOB

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38 Butterfly Crescent Norseman					
Occupation:					
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