

# MEN AND MATERIALS DRIFT INCIDENT

## INCIDENT

Two material supply pods due to be despatched from the surface to underground slid off a flat-top and travelled 200 metres down the 'Men and Materials' drift.

## CIRCUMSTANCES

Two material supply pods full of ventilation tubes were loaded onto a flat-top and attached to the Men and Materials drift winding system dollycar.

The operator drove the dollycar with the loaded flat-top to the top of the drift from the shunting yard. The operator then drove the dollycar to the portal entrance before stopping to tie off ventilation tubes. On stopping, the pods slid off the flat-top and proceeded to slide 200 metres down the drift causing considerable damage before coming to rest.

## INVESTIGATION

Procedures to chain the pods to the flat-top were not followed.

## RECOMMENDATION(S)

There is a need for a risk review of the hazard controls applicable to this event.

The following recommendation is made:

As reliance on 'soft' procedural barriers will not always be effective, the system of work relating to the transport of materials to underground workings by way of the drift winder system should be reviewed, to determine whether additional hard barriers can be implemented.

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