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March 30, 2024

Our reference: DDMI Incident number 1000650260

Your reference: GNWT Spill 2024061

Dear Mr. Heron,

Subject: Follow-up to GNWT Spill report 2024061

Summary:

On March 1st, at approximately 10:30pm, a shotcrete accelerator tote of MasterRoc SA 160 with 1,000L capacity was punctured in the process of attempting to mitigate a slow leak from the tote. An underground Integrated Toolcarrier (IT) operator and spotter were in the process of moving shotcrete accelerant totes from Bay 1 of the North Mine Dry to underground for permanent storage when they noticed a tote was leaking indoors. The IT operator moved the tote outside, then attempted to flip the tote on its side to stop the leak. In the process, the operator punctured the tote with the IT forks. This caused 950L of the tote contents to spill outside the North Mine Dry.

All contaminated material was taken to the Waste Transfer Area and will be shipped offsite.



Figure 1 Spill 2024061 Location indicated by the red dot.



Figure 2 Spill at time of occurrence, 1 March



Figure 3 Area scraped clear of contaminated material.

Immediate Action:

Following the incident Underground Operators scraped up the spilled material, all contaminated material was placed in metal drums, taken to the Waste Transfer Area, and will be shipped offsite to an appropriate disposal facility.

Follow-up Actions:

Discussed incident and reviewed spill response procedures with Underground crews in the following days.

In process of developing training program to deliver to all Supervisors on correct approach to spill reporting and response.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above noted spill, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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