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## Jusuf VRBIC

### Findings and Recommendations

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*The Mines Regulation Act 1964*

Findings and recommendations of reviewers and mining warden following an inquiry into fatal injuries received by Jusuf Vrbic at at No 6 draw point N-S Twelve ore body, Cracow mine on 13 march 1991 warden's court of Queensland Rockhampton 6 august 1991

Before: Mr F W Windridge esquire Warden

#### Reviewers:

- MR K G BUCKLAND
- MR G B CHALMERS
- MR P DOLAN
- MR W J GORMLY

#### To assist:

MR R WHITE, inspector of mines.

#### Appearances:

- MR A MIHALJ for next of kin
- MR D PAPPIN, district workers' representative
- MR A HERBERT appearing for Cracow Mining Venture and registered mine manager
- MR D K BODDICE appearing for Costain Australia Limited and its employees

**Witnesses examined:** refer transcript and [schedule "a"](#)

**Exhibits tendered:** refer transcript and [schedule "b"](#)

**Findings:** refer transcript and [schedule "c"](#)

**Recommendations:** refer transcript and [schedule "d"](#)

**Report of mining warden:** refer transcript and [schedule "e"](#)

#### Schedule "A" Witnesses examined:

- MR D PAPPIN, district workers' representative
- MR HERBERT appearing for the owner of the mine and for the mine manager
- MR D K BODDICE appearing on behalf of the contractor, Costain Australia Limited and its

employees

**Schedule "B" List of Exhibits**

No of Exhibit	Nature of Exhibit
1	Statement - R D Sheehan
2	Post Mortem Report
3	Statements taken by R D Sheehan
4	Statement - J J Lindley
5	Photographs
6	Tube (Returned to Senior Inspector, Rockhampton)
7	Statement - D B Legg
8	Photographs
9	Statement - A L Gillies
10	Statement - T Mihalj
10(a)	Curriculum Vitae - T Mihalj
11	Photographs
12	Statement - D G Foyster
12(a)	Resume - D G Foyster
13	Site Engagement Notification
14	Report and Drawing - A Mitchell
15	Document - Process for bring down hang ups

**Schedule "C" Findings:**

We find -

Name of deceased: Jusuf Vrbic

Date of death: 13 march 1991

Location of death: No 6 N-S Twelve ore body, Cracow mine

**Nature of accident:**

The deceased received fatal injuries when the muck in a draw point which had hung up collapsed and buried him while he was placing an explosive charge. In failing to observe industry standard practices, and ignoring his own extensive experience, the deceased exposed himself to grave danger when he entered the draw point beyond the protection of the brow, climbed a ladder, and attempted to place an explosive charge in the hang up. At this point, the hang up let go. It is unknown why the deceased, with his considerable experience, ignored basic safety rules and common sense, in attempting to set the charge in this manner.

**Cause of accident:**

1(a) Cerebral contusion

Skull fracture

2 Right Haema-thorax and lung contusion

**Schedule "D" Recommendations:**

The recommendations of the reviewers are as follows:

A general induction for all employees should include class-room instruction and assessment to ensure all inductees have an adequate grasp of safe working practices as outlined in the company handbook. This should precede the general underground induction carried out on the job.

In addition, each employee who has responsibility for carrying out the procedures covered by the approved schemes shall receive specific and detailed instructions on the procedures outlined in these schemes.

Supervisors should ensure that adequate equipment and materials to complete procedures as outlined in the company handbook and relevant approved schemes are available in close proximity to the work site and checked on a regular basis.

That refresher training be undertaken on selected topics from the company's handbook at regular intervals in work groups on the job.

We note that there is now an approved method of dealing with hang ups and ore passes in place at the mine.

**Schedule "E" Report of the Warden:**

I would indicate that as warden, I concur with the findings of the reviewers.

The inquiry is closed.

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