

STATEMENT - MARCUS CREIGHTON

17:30 Received phone call from Greg Sefton. He said a significant amount of water was now in F hdg and he was unable to get to the site to inspect. He warned me that a lot of water will be heading your way.

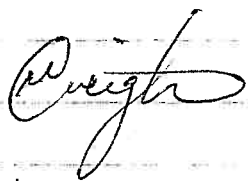
I immediately went to inspect B heading to see if the water ingress had increased. I passed Kenny Spring who was on a loader in the travel road heading back towards where the guys were working on the miner. I told Kenny to go immediately go to the miner and warn the 2 tradesman and TA that an unknown increase in water ingress was predicted and they need to get off that machine immediately and get out of B hdg.

I continued to B hdg to inspect, when I got there, I heard a deafening roar coming from outbye so I yelled out to the men on the miner (100mts inbye) to get out - there's a wall of water coming your way. I quickly ran from the intersection back into the cut through. I then turned around to see a wall of water between 0.5 to 1mt deep washing vent tubes down the road and moving the $\frac{1}{3}$ full mesh pod with it.

I then ran from B50 to B51 via D hdg to see if the men got off the miner before the ~~water~~ water hit.

I arrived at B51 to see that all men on

the miner were accounted for. I instructed all men to go to the cribroom except Kenny Spring. Kenny and I went down to 53E where Terry Prince and Aaron Diamond were hanging two pumps that were already submerged. I informed Terry and Aaron about what had happened and we all went back to B51 to see if we could pull the miner out of there. Water was still gushing around the miner and out of the throat and was flowing atleast 12 inches deep. I noticed that the airflow in 51 c/t had dropped from 1.5 m/s to 0.4 m/s. I led the men back to the cribroom to inform Greg Sefton of our situation. The other guys who were already in the cribroom informed me that the evacuation siren had sounded. I phoned control to let them know we were all accounted for and we were taking diesels back to higher ground and dropping power to the section and then withdrawing to the surface.



MARCUS CREIGHTON 20/1/11

CLINT STREET

JOINT STATEMENT.

GEOFF BAILEY.

RAYMOND BOSEL.

ALL 3 MEN HEARD SCREAMING COMING FROM KENNY SPRING IN SICIT B-C; CLINT AND GEOFF WERE WORKING IN THE SHOVEL AND RAYMOND WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MINER. ALL 3 MEN LEFT THEIR POSITIONS TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON AND ONLY SECONDS LATER A WALL OF WATER SWAMPED THE MINER AND CONTINUED DOWN B HOG.

THE DEPUTY CAME AROUND THE CORNER AND INSTRUCTED US TO GO BACK TO THE CRIBROOM AND WAIT FOR THE REST OF US TO RETURN.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

- CMS WAS FACING INBYE AND WAS LOCATED 5MTS OUTBYE OF B51.
- THE MINER WAS FLITTED TO B51 TO CHANGE THE CLA WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IN THE CUT THROUGH DUE TO ALL THE CABLES, PUMPOUT LINES AND TUBE LINE, PREVENTING THE HEADS FROM BEING RAISED TO THE ROOF AND ISOLATED USING COLLARS.
- FLIGHT CHAIN GUIDE WAS REPLACED FIRST AND AS A RESULT, THANKFULLY NO MEN WERE BEHIND THE MINER AT THE TIME OF THE INRUSH.

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STATEMENT - KENNY SPRING.

I was returning from boat end in loader when approached by deputy at 49a D HQG that we have had an crush and I was to ~~with~~ withdraw men from face.

I parked up loader at 49a D-E and ran down D HQG 51CT and headed towards CM in B HQG. Began yelling "Run, water's coming" on approach to CM. The 2 men working on CM got up from working ~~on~~ in shovel to see what I was yelling ~~up~~ at.

Men at mine retreated ~~to~~ to 51CT B-C. Seconds after men withdrawn from CM a wall of water (shovel height) breached CM and continued to flow down B HQG.

Deputy then met us at 51CT C-B to check men were safe. He instructed men to go to cribroom while myself & deputy go and get remaining 2 men at 53 CT manning pumps.

~~Made contact with remaining men at pumps and went back to cribroom to check all men accounted for.~~

Went back to CM to see if ~~we could~~ water had receded and could salvage equipment. Water continued to run past CM about 300mm

in front of cm and water was still shovel
height behind cm and flowing through
throat of cm.

Proceeded to crib room with deputy & men
from pumps to ensure all were accounted
for.

KENNY SPRING.

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20/1/11 @ 2100