

Haul Truck Accident

INCIDENT:

A loaded Terex haul truck was travelling downhill along an access road when the driver lost control of the truck whilst under descent and came into contact with the safety berm before capsizing.

Initial investigation revealed no injuries were sustained. Driver alcohol and drug testing returned negative readings.



Photos of accident site and vehicle involved

Learnings: We have repeat of such incidents across our mines where contributing factors include: operator error, incorrect gear selection, poor road conditions, operator fatigue and poor mechanical condition of the truck. To avoid repeat of such incidents, the following observations are to be reinforced.

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS:

- Incompetency of truck operator – ongoing awareness and refresher training
- Unsafe road condition – ongoing road maintenance
- Unsafe haul truck mechanical condition – improve maintenance on aging fleets
- Inadequate operator behavior monitoring & supervision – install operating monitoring systems to monitor operator behavior.

NOTE: *This safety alert may be displayed at conspicuous places within the project area and the information widely disseminated amongst all concerned.*