

Preliminary Report of Accident

U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration



PR001 01/26/2021

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification 17 - Machinery		3. Date/Time of Accident 01/16/2021 8:00 PM		4. Date/Time of Death 01/16/2021 9:15 PM		5. Fatal Case No 6828311-1	
6. Mine Information									
a) Mining Company Name:		Teck Alaska Inc							
b) Mine Name:		Red Dog Operations							
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Teck Resources Limited							
7. Mine Location Information					8. Mine ID Number		9. Union		
a) City Anchorage		b) County Northwest Arctic		c) State AK		50-01545		No	
10. Primary Mineral Mined Lead-Zinc Ore Mining, N.E.C.				11. Number of Employees		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other	
				a) Total 251		b) Underground		c) Open Pit/Quarry 113	
						d) Mill/Prep Plant 99		e) Other 39	
12. Contractor Name						13. Contractor Union		14. Contractor ID Number	
15. Contractor Address									
a) City		b) County			c) State			d) Zip Code	
16. Number of Contractor Employees									
a) Total		b) Underground			c) Open Pit/Quarry			d) Mill/Prep Plant	
								e) Other	
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for				
a) Mine Employees		b) Contractor Employees			a) Mine Employees		b) Contractor Employees		
35					0				
19. Accident Location 03 - Open Pit								20. Mining Height 25 Feet Inches	
21. Nonfatal Injuries		22. Fatal Injuries 1							
23. Victims Information									
Dustin Thomas									
a) First Name	a) MI	a) Last Name	b) Age	c) Regular Job Title	d) Activity at Time of Accident			Employee	
Dustin		Thomas	47	Driller/Blaster	Drilling			Mine Employee	
24. Mining Experience									
a) Total Experience		b) Experience at the Mine			c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident			d) Experience with Contractor	
7 Years 32 Weeks 0 Days		7 Years 32 Weeks 0 Days			2 Years 41 Weeks 1 Days			0 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days	
25. Autopsy Performed		If Yes, Location							
Yes		Anchorage, AK							
26. Mine Telephone No. (907) 754-5116									
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) Two drillers were preparing to lower the mast on a surface bench drill to stow it before moving. The victim placed a j-wrench on the hammer bit to remove it and the drill turned, pinning the victim's right leg between the j-wrench and the mast. The other driller reversed the rotation, freeing the victim. Medics transported the victim to the site clinic, but he succumbed to his injuries. <i>The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determination regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.</i>									
28. Equipment Manufacturer Atlas Copco					29. Model DML HP 900				
30. District M7000 - Vacaville District					32. Field Office M7861 - Anchorage AK Field Office			33. Event Number 6828311	
34. Accident Investigator									
First Name		MI	Last Name						
Mathew		S	Johnson						
35. MSHA Person Notified									
First Name		MI	Last Name			Date/Time Notified			
Bart			Wrobel			01/16/2021 10:34 PM			
36. Type of Report		37. Name of Preparer			Date Prepared				
Initial		Full Name Robert C Wood			01/17/2021				
38. Reason for Amendment									