Preliminary Report of Accident

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



PR001 11/16/2023

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification 06 - Fall of Face, Rib, Pillar or Highwall	3. Date/Time of Accident 11/13/2023 1:15 PM	4. Date/Time of Death 11/13/2023 1:15 PM	5. Fatal Case No FAI-6972949-1
Mine Information a) Mining Company Name: b) Mine Name: c) Parent of Mining Company:	KaMin LLC Wrens Plant IMin Partners			
7. Mine Location Information a) City WRENS		8. Mine ID Num State 09-00143	nber	9. Union
10. Primary Mineral Mined Kaolin/Ball Clay Mining		11. Number of Employees a) Total b) Undergrour	nd c) Open Pit/Quarr	y d) Mill/Prep Plant e) Other
12. Contractor Name Piedmont Mining, LLC			13. Contractor Union No	14. Contractor ID Number B2884
15. Contractor Address a) City McIntyre	b) County	c) State GA	d) Zip Code 31054	
16. Number of Contractor Emplo a) Total	byees b) Underground 0	c) Open Pit/Quarry 12	d) Mill/P r 0	rep Plant e) Other
17. Number of Persons in Mine a) Mine Employees b)	at Time of Accident Contractor Employees 12	18. Number of Persons Unaccou a) Mine Employees	inted for b) Contractor Employees 0	
19. Accident Location 03 - Open Pit				20. Mining Height Feet Inches
21. Nonfatal Injuries	22. Fatal Injuries			
23. Victims Information				
a) First Name James	a) MI a) Last Name H Hightower	b) Age c) Regular Job Title 54 Excavator Operator	d) Activity at Time of Acc	cident Employee Contractor Employee
			lunch break	
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