

# Chief Executive's Report to the Commission – 15 Jan 2008

Annex 1

## Annex to the Chief Executive's Report: January 2008

### Management

- The Board met on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and considered the monthly finance and staffing report, discussed proposals for business planning for the next three financial years, and examined the Business Case for Universal Work Recording.
- The Board also received updates on a scoping study to consider remodelling the COMAH Operational Regime and reviewed the revised guidance to enforcing authorities under Section 18 Health and Safety at Work etc. Act.

### Operations

- 20 fatalities were reported to HSE between 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December. Brief details are given in Annex 2.
- Significant prosecutions in December included:
  - Anthony Broderick, a self employed property developer was fined £17,500 and ordered to pay £9,500 costs following death of an employee who was crushed when a wall that was struck by an excavator collapsed.
  - Sandor Alexander was fined £1,250 and ordered to pay £4,651 costs after pleading guilty to two charges relating to his failure to carry out an annual safety check of a gas flue at a property he owned.
  - Maghull Construction Company Ltd was fined £3,000 and ordered to pay £1,908 costs after pleading guilty of non compliance with the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

### Myth of the Month

- Safety Experts' New year resolution is to make the life of business people as miserable as possible.

### FOI Requests

- There were 366 Freedom of Information requests made to HSE in December.

### Consultations

- HSE published the results of its consultation that will shape the future policy on the advice given to Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) when they consider planning applications close to large scale petrol storage facilities.

### Events and Campaigns and publications

- HSE, in conjunction with the Coventry and Warwickshire Safety Group and Local Authorities, held two seminars on Workplace Transport to help reduce the number of accidents involving forklift trucks, cranes, vans and lorries.
- HSC's 2007 Simplification Plan was launched at the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) think tank event.

### Parliamentary Business

- There were 16 PQs in December.

## FATALITIES REPORTED TO HSE DURING DECEMBER

These initial notifications are not validated in that investigation has not as yet confirmed that all the deaths were work related

AGE	REGION/INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY SECTOR	DESCRIPTION
N/A	Dorset	Construction	Fell through skylight
N/A	Cumbria	Agriculture	Run over by tractor
76	Sheffield	Motor Vehicle Repair	Crushed and dragged by the bus
44	Worcester	Construction	Died from carbon monoxide
42	Kent	Construction	Dumper driven by DP went over the edge
58	London	Construction	Fell approx 4m from a ladder
42	Essex	Construction	Appears DP was into contact with unprotected live cable
49	Staffs	Construction/ road works	Collided with traffic vehicle when he drove into road works area
84	Lancs	Agriculture	DP fell onto the floor
64	Northampton	Agriculture	Fell t.6m through a plastic skylight
62	Cheshire	Services	Drowned whilst taking a bath
57	Somerset	Farming	Run over by the tractor
60	West Bromwich	N/A	Ran behind the path of a reversing vehicle when he stumbled and was run over
51	Flintshire	Waste Recycling	Walked around excavator and was trapped by one of the tracks of the vehicle
34	Oxford	Services	Unconscious in shower and attempts at CPR were unsuccessful
64	Bolton	Housing	Fell approx 15ft from a ladder
50	Sunderland	Waste Recycling	DP was ran over by a loading shovel
89	Telford	Services	Fell from bed and suffered haematoma
49	London	Police Service	DP died outside his flat while he was been arrested
58	Peterhead	Transport	DP found with head injuries inside bulk trailer unit