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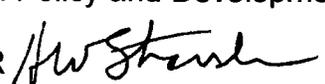


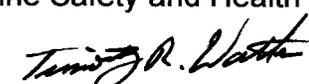
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MEMORANDUM FOR NEAL H. MERRIFIELD
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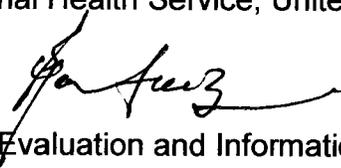
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-58-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: December 03,
2014

Date of Death: December 04, 2014

Operator: Unimin Corporation

Mine: Unimin Red Hill IOTA

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED] a 55-year old second floor operator, collapsed to the floor while leaving the dryer room at the end of his shift. Co-workers found [REDACTED] unconscious after receiving no response from him by radio. [REDACTED] was transported to a local hospital where he died several hours later.

The certificate of death and the autopsy report state that the immediate cause of death was acute myocardial infarction as a consequence of coronary artery stenosis due to atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. The certificate of death indicates that the manner of death was natural.

Based on these findings, committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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