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DGMS Safety Alert: 10/2024

Dhanbad, dated 13.05.2024

SUBJECT: Fatal Accident Due to Collapse of High Bench Section Claims Four Lives in an Opencast Stone Mine

1.	Name of Mine	:	Pahara Stone Mine (Gata No. 1939 Khand No. 01)		
2.	Name of Owner	:	Shri Dhanraj Singh		
	District	:	Mahoba		
	State	:	Uttar Pradesh		
3.	Mineral	:	Stone		
4.	Date and time of accident	:	12.03.2024 at about 12:30 PM		
5.	Place of accident	:	At the toe of the north eastern side high bench of the mine		
6.	Killed		04 persons		
		Name:	Designation	Age	Experience
		Shri Rammilan Kushwaha	Driller	38 Yrs	Nil
		Shri Ramphool Ahirwar	Driller	32 Yrs	Nil
		Shri Premchand Kushwaha	Driller	19 Yrs	Nil
		Shri Kuldeep Raikwar urf Pyarelal	Driller	20 Yrs	Nil
7.	Seriously Injured	:	Nil		
8.	Brief Cause	:	While four persons were deployed at the bed of a quarry in an opencast stone mine, which had a 73 m high bench towards the north-eastern side, a side measuring about 33 m (length) by 53 m (height) by 5 m to 6 m (thickness) suddenly separated from the north-eastern side high bench at a height of about 20 m from the floor of the quarry. This collapse resulted in the deaths of four persons, almost instantly.		

9. Photos showing the accident:



Best Practices:

1. Provide training to crane operators to ensure proper and safe operation.
2. Conduct periodic brake tests on the crane by a competent person.
3. Do not skip any scheduled maintenance and thoroughly inspect the crane before deployment in the mine by a competent person.
4. Do not commence crane operations unless under proper supervision.
5. Ensure that all operators of HEMM in the mine strictly follow their respective SOPs.
6. Conduct regular safety awareness classes to refresh personnel on the safe operation of HEMM.

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