

Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd

On 7 December 2011, a transport truck driver delivering steel mesh for use at an underground coal mine was crushed between the mesh that had slipped from the unloading machine and his truck.

Alleged contravention

Section 8(2) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000* (OHS Act).

Summary of undertaking

Activities Donaldson Coal will undertake include:

- Conduct a review of current industry practices, risk assessments and safe work procedures associated with packaging, dispatch, transport and unloading of mesh.
- Consult with mesh supplier, transport company and NSW underground coal and major underground metalliferous mines to identify hazards and safety improvements.
- Develop an risk-based tool for packaging, dispatch, transport and unloading of mesh, which can be used to generate a site-specific standard/safe system of work document.
- Develop a generic safe system of work for packaging, loading transportation and unloading of mesh.
- Communicate outcomes of undertaking to mines in NSW as well as to mesh suppliers and delivery companies.

This undertaking has a total expenditure of \$376,500.

Reasons for accepting the undertaking

- The proposed undertaking meets the requirements of the department's WHS undertakings policy and guidelines.
- The proposed undertaking goes beyond compliance and was assessed as being appropriate for consideration of an undertaking.
- The exceptional circumstances case put forward by Donaldson Coal was considered to have merit. One or more, but not all, of the factors put forward were accepted as constituting exceptional circumstances.
- The proposed undertaking demonstrates benefits to the workplace, transport industry, mining industry and community.

Date accepted 13 May 2015