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# BAM Nuttall Fined Â£700,000 Following Dumper Fatality

## Description

In a sobering case that underscores the critical importance of workplace safety, BAM Nuttall has been fined Â£700,000 after a tragic accident at a power station site. The incident occurred on October 28, 2016, at Blackhillock Substation in Keith. John Cameron, an employee, was engaged in replacing a blade on work equipment beside a roadway when he was struck by a six-tonne dumper. The collision resulted in severe pelvic injuries, which ultimately proved fatal.

The gravity of the situation became clearer during the investigation conducted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The inquiry revealed that BAM Nuttall had significantly neglected its duty to assess and manage the risks associated with equipment maintenance. The company's failure was not just in the oversight of safety procedures but also in the absence of a clearly defined system to ensure worker safety in potentially hazardous areas.

The HSE's findings highlighted a critical lapse in the company's safety protocols. BAM Nuttall had not established a proper system of work for the maintenance tasks, including identifying safe zones for such activities and ensuring the segregation of personnel from moving vehicles. This oversight was a direct factor leading to the accident.

BAM Nuttall Limited, headquartered in Camberley, Surrey, admitted guilt to these safety violations. The court's decision to impose a Â£700,000 fine reflects the seriousness of the breaches and the profound impact of the incident on both the victim's family and the industry's safety standards.

Following the court proceedings, HSE inspector Penny Falconer commented on the case. "This tragic incident," Falconer said, "resulted in the unnecessary death of an employee. It's a stark reminder of the necessity for employers to proactively identify and mitigate risks. A comprehensive and safe system of work could have prevented this devastating outcome."

This case serves as a crucial reminder for all companies: effective risk assessment and the implementation of robust safety systems are not optional but essential. Ensuring that all procedures are in place to protect workers can prevent such preventable tragedies and safeguard lives.

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