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Both employees were suspended pending an investigation and regrettably were both subsequently dismissed for gross misconduct. After all their efforts to ensure that isolation procedures were robust, the company had no other choice, if everyone is to kept safe.

## **Key Findings:**

- The employee who entered the hopper was in a rush to leave site for personal reasons.
- Both employees involved were very experienced and fully aware of the Permit to Work and isolation procedures on site.
- There were contractors repairing the press conveyor under a Permit to Work and isolation. As a result, the employees felt they were safe to clean the hopper without personally isolating or getting a Permit.

## **LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN**

How this could have been avoided:

- The employees should have followed the essential safety procedures, rather than allow their urgency to leave site for personal reasons to affect their behaviour.
- The second observing employee could have stepped in to prevent his colleague entering the hopper without a permit to work.

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