BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	**Railhead**	**ARTICLE YEAR**	**2013**
ACTIVITY:	**Access & Egress & Working at Height**	**COMPANY:**	**Lafarge Tarmac**
SUB ACTIVITY:	**N/A**	**COMPANY LOCATION:**	**Mountsorrel Quarry, Barrow Railhead**
BEST PRACTICE No:	**BP878**	**COMPANY TEL:**	**07803 95 3658**
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	**United Kingdom**		

TITLE

Access and egress improvements for the railhead track selector chute for loading bins

ARTICLE

DESCRIPTION

A track selector chute is used to load the final product bins that load the railway wagons at Mountsorrel Quarry. The chute is critical to the process and requires weekly internal inspections and maintenance. To acess or egress operators were required to climb over the top of the chute, which was 5 feet high. Inside the chute they were exposed to the risk of falling 25 feet into the bins.

A new chute was built with side access doors allowing direct access from the walkways and a drop in platform designed that is placed into the bottom of the chute to prevent falling into the bins. Further improvements were made to the guarding on the walkway and the isolation procedures for the chute were enhanced.

BENEFITS

- Safe access and egress to chute and risk of falling from height removed
- Operators more confident and see commitment to improving standards
- Reduced delays and downtime
- This solution is transferable to other similar sites

ARTICLE IMAGES