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Dear BPSU members

Please see the attached communication from Safex International that was distributed to all their distributors in other countries.

This accident that happened in the WANO factory emphasises again the potential danger that accompanies the use of black powder and the BPSU wants to press it upon our members to always take the greatest of care when handling or using any black powder.

Kind regards

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INCIDENT NOTICE

(Kindly direct all correspondence to the Secretary General)

INCIDENT TITLE: 28 Feb 2013: Germany – Blackpowder coming machine initiation

DATE POSTED 14 March 2013	REFERENCE IN04-13	SOURCE Member
INCIDENT OUTLINE		
When did it happen?	Thursday, 28 February 2013	
Who experienced it?	Wano Schwarzpulver (Subsidiary of Maxam)	
Where did it happen?	Blackpowder plant, Kunigunde, Germany	
What material was involved?	100 - 150 kg of blackpowder.	
What happened?	An initiation occurred in the corning machine of the black powder production line. The authorities have placed a moratorium on further information until they have completed their investigation.	
Why did it happen – theory?	An investigation is being conducted by a team of experts who will consider all possible causes. More information will be provided when the investigation is finalized.	
What was the impact?	The employee suffered serious burns (70% of his body). Unfortunately, after two weeks in hospital, he passed away as a result of his injuries. The soft wall of the building was blown out and the corning machine was damaged.	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosure	None
Subsequent report	An Investigation Report will be issued in due course

COMMENT

Value of incident	Until we receive more information about the incident and its causes, it is of statistical value only at this stage.
Observations	SAFEX extends its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased as well as to the management of Wano Schwarzpulver.
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