### **INCIDENT ALERT**

LOCATION:CementALERT STATUS:NormalACTIVITY:Maintenance & HousekeepingDATE ISSUED:07/07/10SUB ACTIVITY:N/AINCIDENT No:00268

# Cigarette Lighter

### **ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS**

A contractor undertaking hot work in the cooler area during the cement plant shut down narrowly escaped serious injury when a plastic cigarette lighter released lighter fluid and gas; and was ignited by the hot material.

The cigarette lighter had been taken onto site in the contractor™s top pocket and hot spatter entered his pocket, both melting the lighter and igniting the flammable gas when it was released.

The contractor was undertaking hot work on a chute and was wearing gauntlets, overalls and a balaclava over his head and face. He sustained minor burns to his chin, and after treatment was able to continue to work.

## **ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES**

### **LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN**

In order to prevent any similar incidents arising in future, it is essential that:

- Smoking is restricted to designated areas,
- No smoking materials are taken on the person into ATEX Zones (explosive atmosphere zones),
- No smoking materials are carried on the person when undertaking hot work.

(see additional pdf for further details)

# **LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES**