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INCIDENT NOTICE

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INCIDENT TITLE: Anfo Truck Explosion

DATE POSTED	REFERENCE	SOURCE
29 November 2022	IN 22-03	MAXAM
INCIDENT OUTLINE		
When did it happen?	Thursday, January 20th, around noon.	
Who experienced it?	Arthanns Transportation Company,contracted by MAXAM Ghana.	
Where did it happen?	Apiatse, Bogoso-Bawdie road, Prestea Huni Valley municipality (Ghana).	
What material was involved?	ANFO bags, transported by truck.	
What happened?	<p>A traffic accident during explosive transport, followed by fire and resulting in an explosion.</p> <p>Last Thursday, 20th January 2022, around noon, a class 1 authorized truck belonging to ARTHANNS Transport Company, transporting ANFO bags from MAXAM Plant in Tarkwa to Chirano mine, suffered a collision with a motorcycle</p>	
Why did it happen – theory?	<p>According to the preliminary information, as a result of the collision, the motorcycle ran under the truck initiating a fire.</p> <p>The fire intensity and quick propagation caused the explosion of ANFO bags on the truck (400 ANFO bags of 25 kg, delivered from Tarkwa Plant to Chirano Mine).</p>	
What was the impact?	<p>Despite that the driver and the escort raised the alarm warning the people to run away from the burning truck, it has been reported that the explosion caused 14 casualties and 59 injured persons.</p> <p>The explosion also caused serious material damages in the affected area.</p> <p>An investigation is being conducted by Police and Ghanaian Authorities. MAXAM is also cooperating with the Authorities to provide with any assistance required during the investigations. More information will be gathered when the investigation is completed.</p>	
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