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Manager Killed In Bulk Fertilizer Discharge

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Blueoceana Company has learned from colleagues in Spain, that a managerial employee associated with the discharge of a fertilizer cargo from a vessel at Bilbao port has died yesterday evening as a result of injuries suffered in an entrapment accident earlier in the day. Our understanding is that the manager was caught up within the operation's conveyor belt machinery.

It has been related to us, that the operator of the unloading appliance noticed something irregular in the discharge process and called a halt to all activities. The entrapped manager was immediately found in a location approximately 50 feet aloft, and the facility's emergency action plan was put into motion. After extraction by a local fire company the injured worker was airlifted to hospital, where surgical intervention was unsuccessful.

We understand that the deceased, 34 year-old manager was an employee of **Toro y Betolaza**, a firm providing a host of port-related services (including stevedoring services). Here's a link: [Toro y Betolaza](#)

The local port safety committee is currently convened, and will seek to learn facts as to cause and future prevention.



Above: The injured manager being extracted from the conveyor's machinery