

Matrans mourns employee loss after fall



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The employees of the Rotterdam lashing company Matrans are very defeated, the day after they lost a colleague in a fatal accident. The 25-year-old from Rotterdam fell down 15 meters through a manhole and died on the spot.

"We got to know and appreciate our colleague as an enthusiastic colleague with a warm heart for the work. In him we lose a very valued colleague," the company writes in a message to the staff.

"Let's pay attention to each other and support each other to cope with this large and unexpected loss," said Matrans's management.

The company reports that the Social Affairs and Employment Inspectorate is investigating the cause of the accident. The man was busy lashing containers on a Panamanian ship in the port of Rotterdam when he fell.

It was more than nine years ago that a lashing company had a serious accident in the port and died. The 22-year-old employee also fell through a hole. That happened in September 2010. He died as a result of a serious brain injury in April 2011.