

Work Resumes on Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan

(August 10, 2016) Saskatoon – Construction at the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan's job site resumes today, August 10, 2016. The site was shutdown following a fatality on July 21 that claimed the life of Eric Ndayishimiye, who was working as an on-site labourer.

"We conducted a comprehensive safety review and have the support of the Saskatoon Health Region to restart," said Colin Anderson, Vice President, Buildings, Graham, the project General Contractor. "This safety review is part of a broader return to work plan for the site. We are confident we are ready to safely resume work," added Anderson.

The return to work plan includes elements such as a detailed review of Safe Work Procedures, Job Hazard Assessments, Group Risk Assessments, as well as a reorientation of all site workers.

Mr. Ndayishimiye died when a construction lift fell on him. Since the incident, this type of lift has been taken out of service at this site and at all Graham construction projects.

"This was a real tragedy for everyone involved," said Anderson. "In addition to the investigation Graham has been in regular contact with the Ndayishimiye family to support them through this difficult time. As well, impacted workers have been provided access to counselling, should they request or require it."

Representatives from Graham are not available for interviews. Please contact Selly Principio-George if you require additional information.

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