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The Zululand Observer's sister newspaper, the Newcastle Advertiser, reported the incident at the steel manufacturing company which claimed the life of Reinier Dippenaar, a 33-year-old semi-skilled boilermaker.

Gracious Maswarganyi, Manager - Corporate Social Responsibility and Communications for ArcelorMittal South Africa, said in his statement, 'It is with great sadness that ArcelorMittal South Africa confirms that a contractor, working at the Newcastle Plant, sustained fatal head injuries on Sunday, 10 August.

‘Dippenaar, who was employed at Yandisa Tony's Construction, sustained fatal head injuries when he was removing a redundant 150mm diameter pipeline situated approximately 350mm above another pipeline.

‘He leaves behind a young son. All relevant authorities have been informed and investigations are underway. The Department of Labour has also inspected the area and cleared it for operations to continue.’