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MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON DEATH OF MINE WORKER

I offer my deepest sympathies to the family, friends and workmates of the 28-year-old man who tragically lost his life yesterday, following an accident in the Cadia Ridgeway underground gold mine near Orange.

The man had been working as a machine operator for the past four years.

A Police investigation is underway and officers from the Division of Resources and Energy Mine Safety Inspectorate and WorkCover are assisting with the investigation into the incident.