

THE CHALLENGE ON CLAIM HANDLING IN TIANJIN EXPLOSION LOSSES



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TIANJIN EXPLOSION



- Overview Of The Explosion
- Our Preparation Before Entering the Loss Site
- Site Survey
- Key Disputes
- Environmental Restoration





OVERVIEW OF THE EXPLOSION

Location





Location





Explosion

Preparation

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Disputes

- Explosion Center
- Seal Off Area

Casualties



165 persons died



- ≥99 firefighters
- ➤11 police officers
- ▶55 others, including residents living nearby

798 persons injured



- ≥58 persons were severely injured
- >740 persons were slightly injured

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Property damage



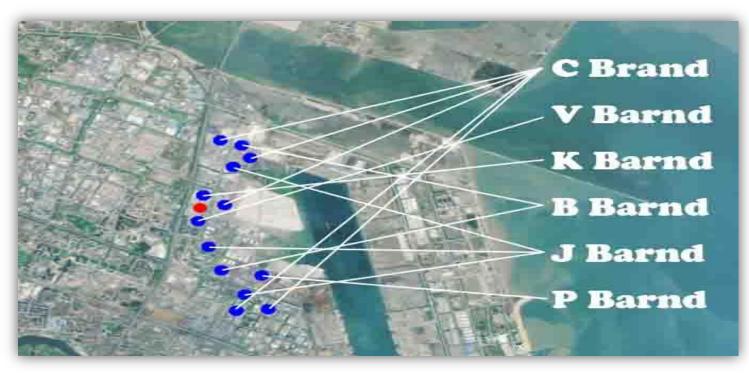


- **Explosion**
- Preparation
- Site Survey
- Disputes
- Restoration

- Explosion Center (39° 02'22.98"N, 117° 44'11.64"E)
- Vehicle Storages (12,428 brand new vehicles)
- Buildings (304 buildings)
- Container Yard (7,533 containers)



Vehicle STORAGE



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What's your guess on total value of damaged vehicles

A. EUR 1 billion

C. EUR 3 billion

B. EUR 2 billion

D. EUR 5 billion

Vehicle STORAGE





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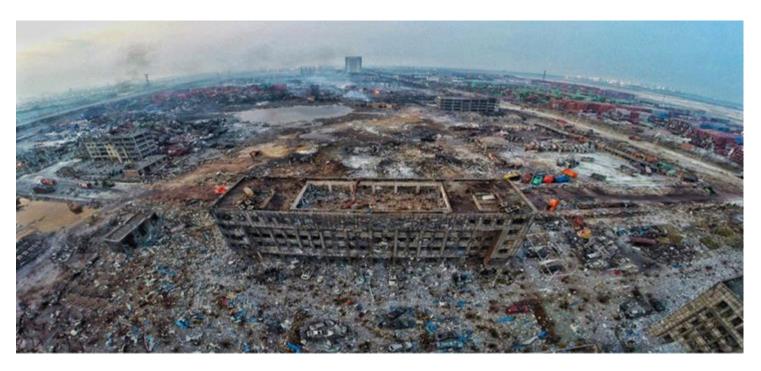
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BUILDINGS – WITHIN 1 KM





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BUILDINGS – FROM 1 KM TO 3 KM





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Containers







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Question



Can you guess the content of sodium cyanide

- A. 540.5 ton
- B. B. 680.5 ton
- C. 730.5 ton
- D. D. 810.5 ton

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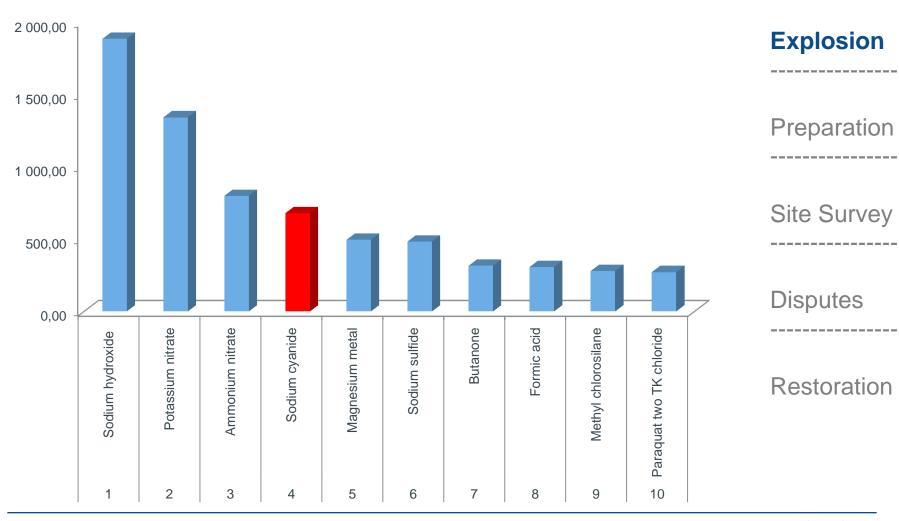
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TOP ten DG cargo in Ruihai









OUR PREPARATION BEFORE ENTERING THE LOSS SITE

SET UP COMMAND CENTER





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Disputes

- Explosion Center (EC)
- 1.0 km from Seal Off Area stand by 8/14
- 50 km from Seal Off Area 8/15 to 8/17
- 3.0 km from Seal Off Area 8/17 to Christmas eve





Seal Off Area

Other Area



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Prepare ACTION PLAN



- Collect site information from public media
- Collect site information by surveyors at local
- Collect insurance information from insurers & insureds
- Using unmanned aerial vehicle
- Mark all the information on a map



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SITE SURVEY

Before action



- Set up observation post
- Reference with the army's protective device
- Use small animals, e.g. birds, rats, as warning device
- Set up shift system



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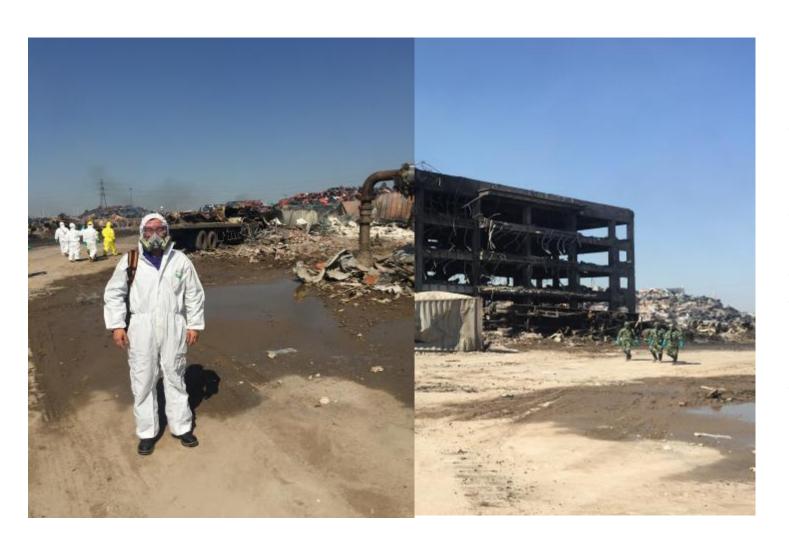
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In action





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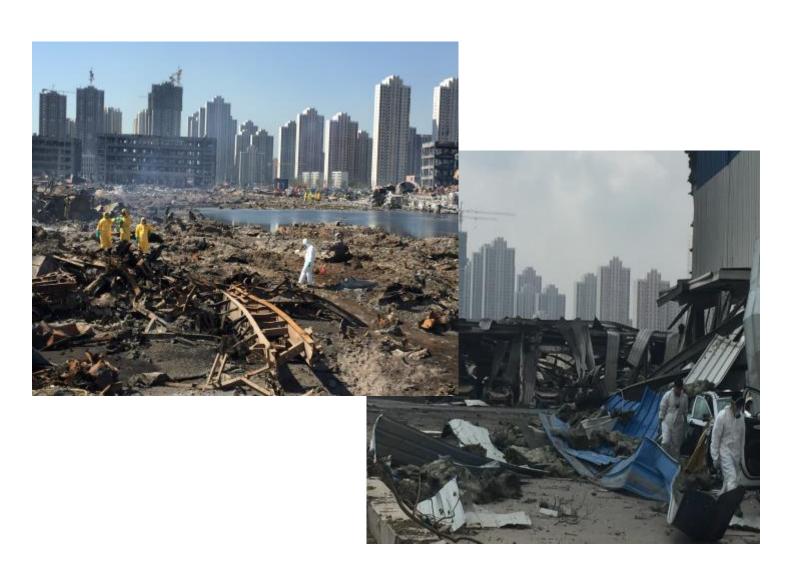
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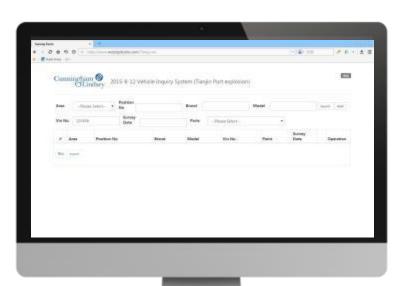
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Later stage



- Before entering, took samples for analysis
- Choose the suitable protective device
- Organize joint survey with the relevant party
- Design a standard inspection sheet
- Set up online data base



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Other TIPS



- Vehicles with opening, e.g. broken window
- Unguarded compound
- Strict control of personnel to get into vehicles
- Strict control on starting the engine



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KEY DISPUTES

CHALLENGE



- How to verify the loss
- Salvage issue
- Insurance Concurrence
- Depreciation
- Tax
- Subrogation
- China Insurance Regulatory Commission

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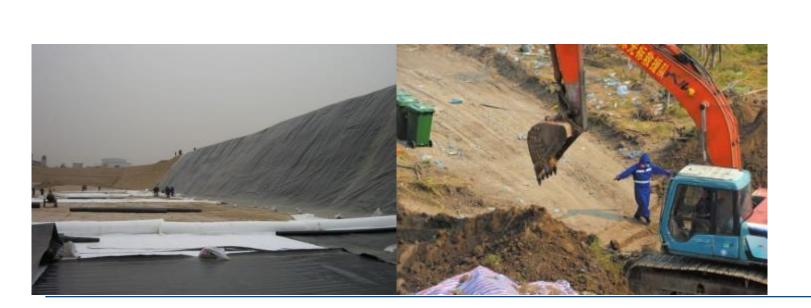
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RESTORATION



- Treatment of water contamination
- Treatment of soil contamination
- Treatment of air contamination



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Conclusion





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None of us wish such disaster will happen again

But we do wish that the lesson we learned from this painful experience will be a help to generations to come.



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THANK YOU!!!