

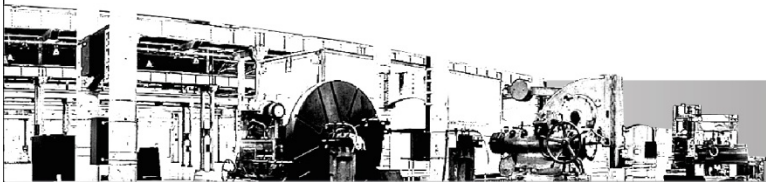


Inquest into a Truck - Industry Death



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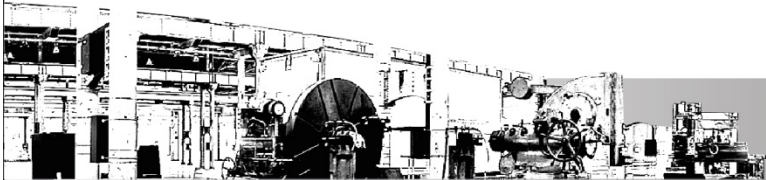
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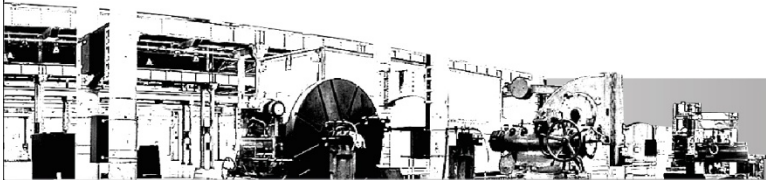


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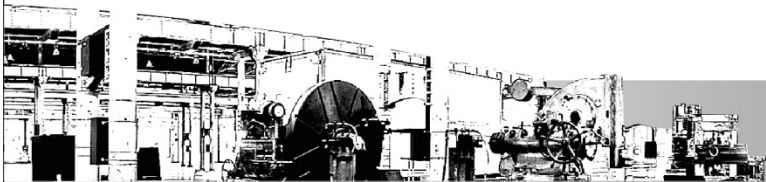
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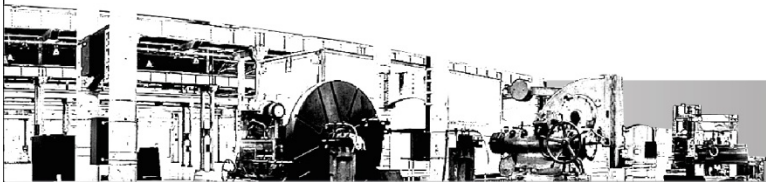
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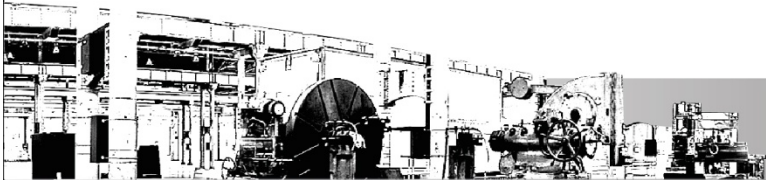


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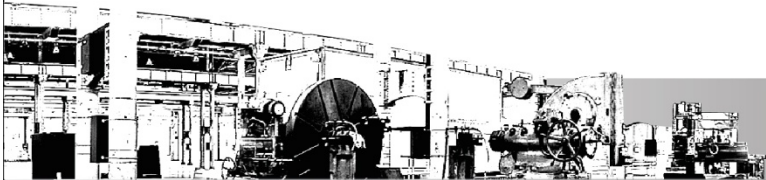
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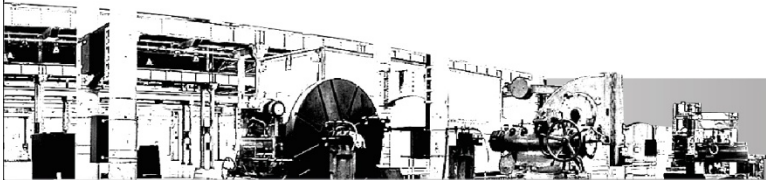


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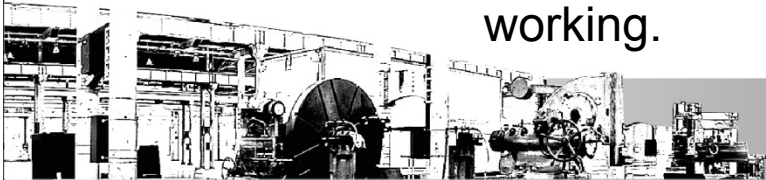
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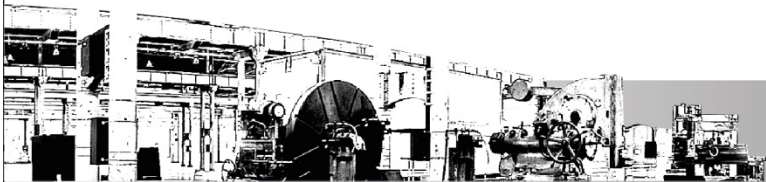
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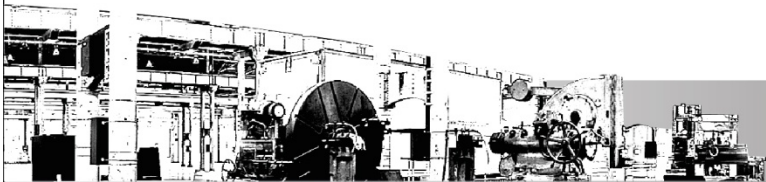


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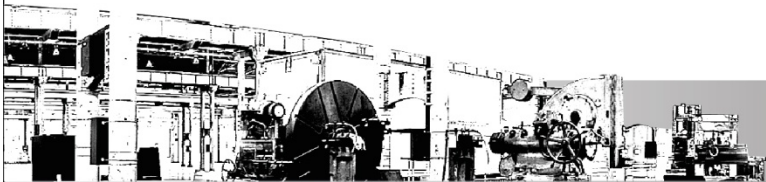
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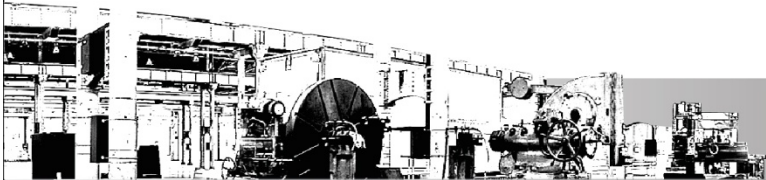


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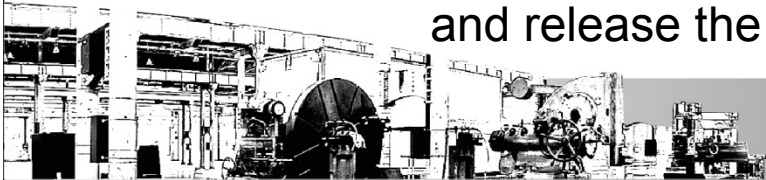
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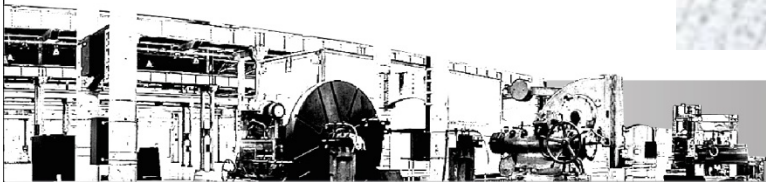
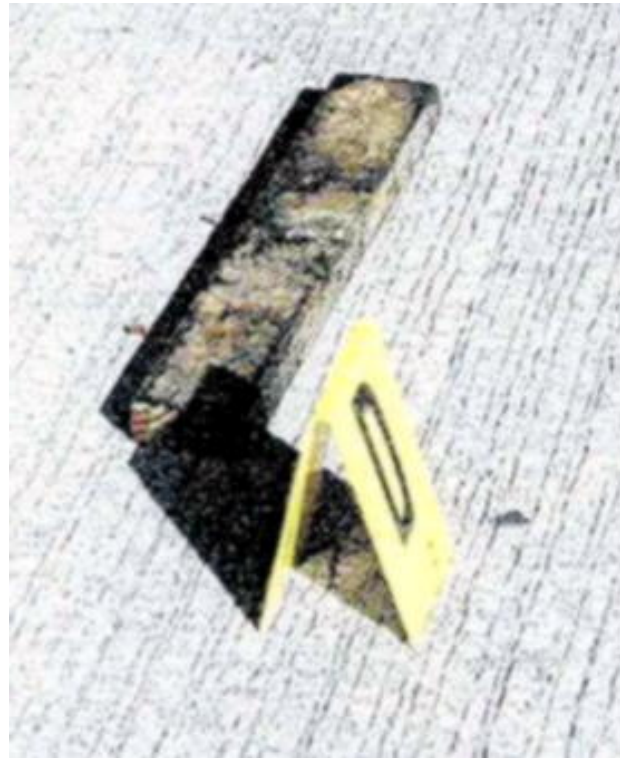
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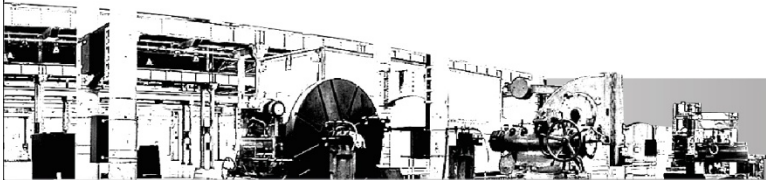


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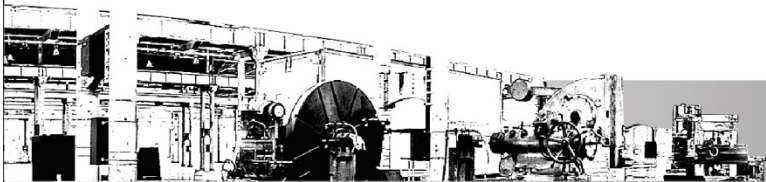
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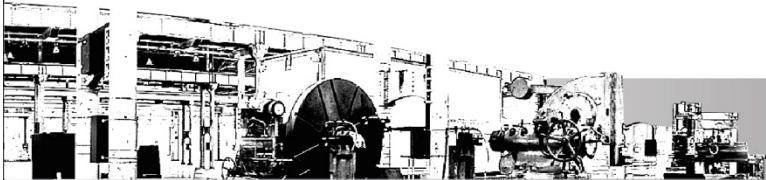


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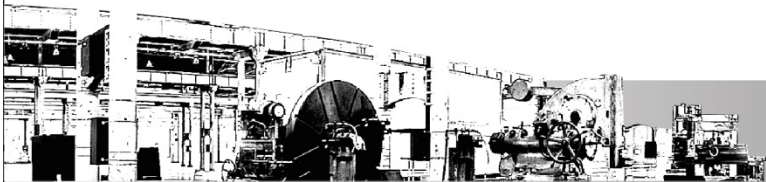
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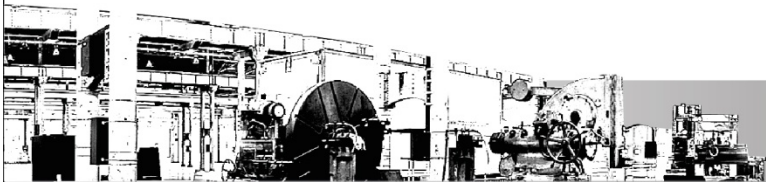
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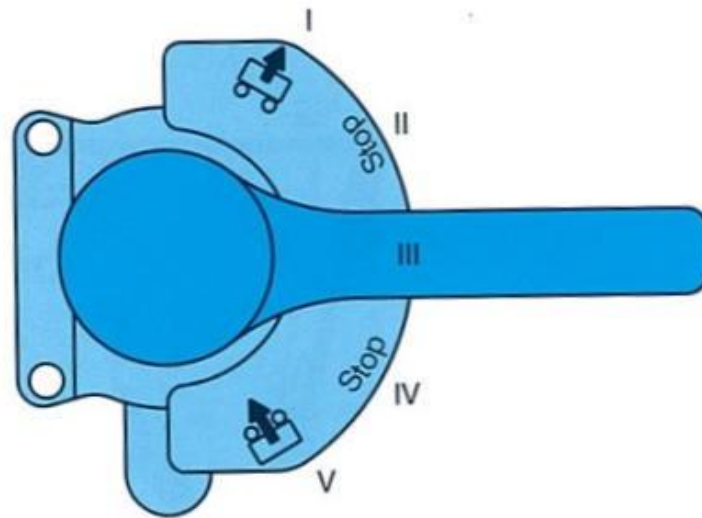
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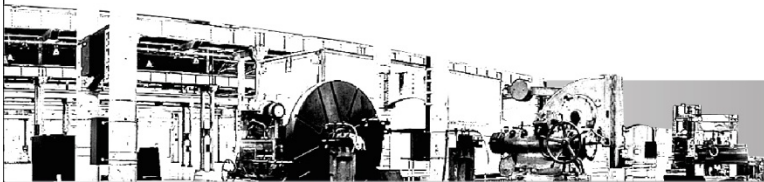
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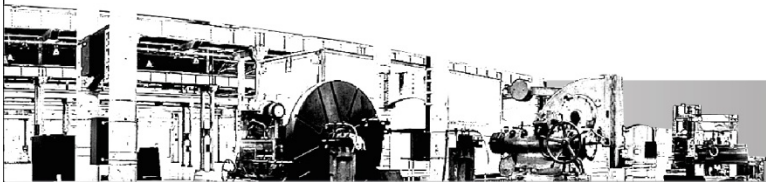


- I Raise
- II Stop
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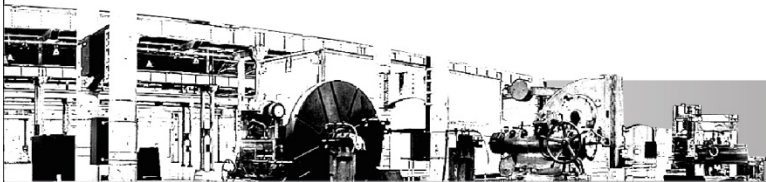
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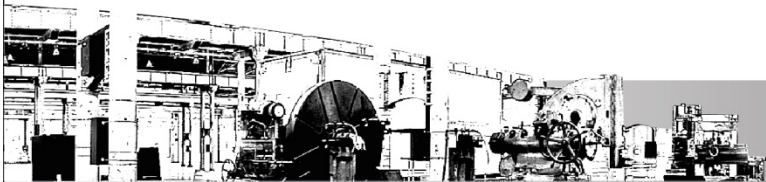


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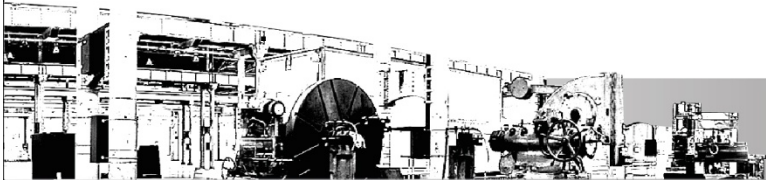
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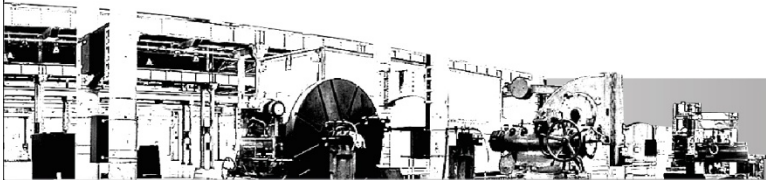
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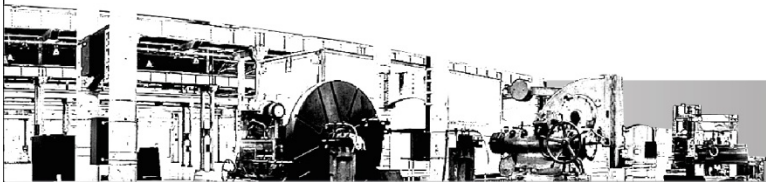
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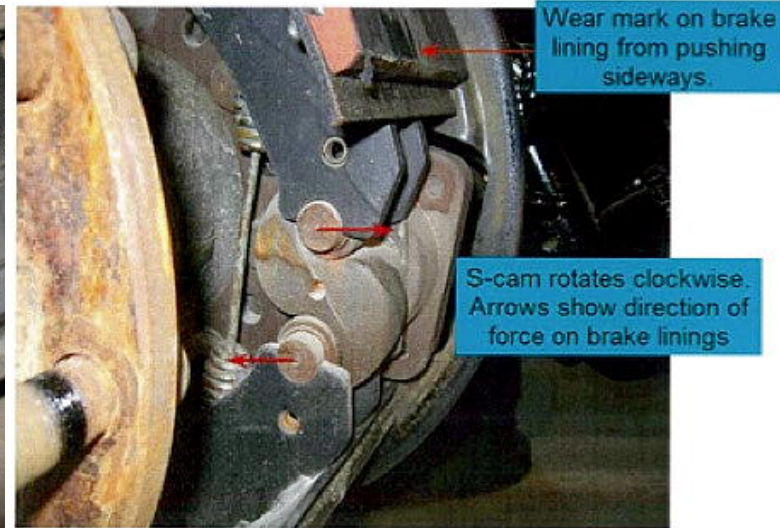
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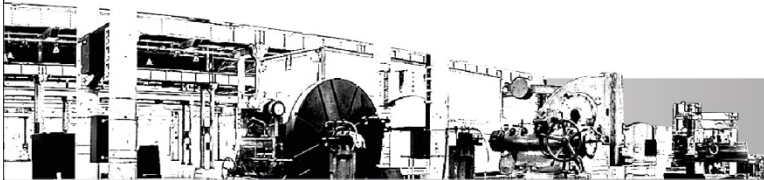


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It was later found that the tip-truck brakes were defective



S-cam fitted to Subject vehicle



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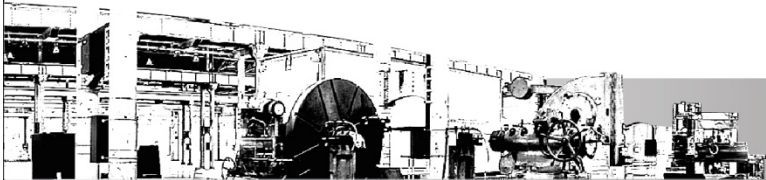
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Another driver in the tip-truck fleet. The dead driver's best mate.



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The spare parts supplier to the tip-truck operator.

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