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Sanford Statement re Death of Steffan Stewart and the Findings of the Timaru District Court

Sanford accepts the decision by the Judge in the Timaru District Court today in relation to the death of Steffan Stewart. We know that no legal decision and no amount of money will ever make up for the shock and trauma of the loss suffered by Steffan's whanau. He was a much-loved son, brother, grandson and friend. Steffan is deeply missed by his crewmates on the San Granit, where he is remembered every day with his name on a plaque displayed on the vessel. We know Steffan really enjoyed being at sea and it is tragic that that is where he lost his life.

We are deeply sorry about what happened, and Sanford accepts responsibility for the tragedy. Since Steffan's death Sanford has undertaken a comprehensive refit of the San Granit and has made extensive changes to the machine guarding on board.

We know that every one of our staff and contractors is part of a family and a community and when harm happens at work, that harm reverberates far beyond the workplace. We think every day about what we can do to make Sanford a safer place for our people, so they can go home safely to their families and communities.

Today we are thinking of Steffan's Mum and all his immediate and wider family.

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