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Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Thomson Plastics, Inc.
and its successors
P.O. Box 1258
Thomson, GA 30824

Inspection Number: 315741868
Inspection Date(s): 02/07/2012-02/09/2012
Issuance Date: 07/16/2012

Inspection Site:
130 Quality Drive N.W.
Thomson, GA 30824

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer. The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.

Penalty Payment - Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982). Make your check or money order payable to "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 4 Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest - You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.

Notification of Corrective Action - For each violation which you do not contest, you are required by 29 CFR 1903.19 to submit an Abatement Certification to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. The certification must be sent by you within 10 calendar days of the abatement date indicated on the citation. For **Willful and Repeat** violations, documents (examples: photos, copies of receipts, training records, etc.) demonstrating that abatement is complete must accompany the certification.

Where the citation is classified as **Serious** and the citations state that the abatement documentation is required, documents such as those described above are required to be submitted along with the abatement certificate. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item.

All Abatement verification documents must contain the following information: 1) Your name and address; 2) the inspection number (found on front page); 3) the citation and the citation item number(s) to which the submission relates; 4) a statement that the information is accurate; 5) the signature of the employer or employer's authorized representative; 6) the date the hazard was corrected; 7) a brief statement of how the hazard was corrected; and 8) a statement that affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

The Law also requires a copy of all abatement verification documents, required by 29 CFR 1903.19 to be sent to OSHA, also be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place.

You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at WWW.OSHA.GOV. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.



IN THE EVENT THAT YOU REQUEST AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE
PLEASE FILL OUT AND POST THIS NOTICE

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 07/16/2012. The conference will be held at the OSHA office located at 2183 Northlake Parkway, Building 7, Suite 110, Tucker, GA, 30084 on _____ at _____. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to deficiencies on the Simon Scissors lift:

On or about 2/7/12, in the production area, employees were exposed to fall hazards while using the Simon Scissors lift as the employer had not corrected deficiencies and items in need of repair prior to permitting employees to use the lift. Deficiencies included: employees were exposed to fall hazards while using the Simon Scissors lift in that the lower guardrail chains were broken and had not been replaced.

One method of abatement would be to follow ANSI/SIA A92.6 - 2006, Section 6.4.3 Repair guidelines and when the aerial platform is damaged or in need of repair, all malfunctions and problems identified shall be corrected before the aerial platform is returned to service.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	08/09/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 4400.00

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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.24(b): Fixed stairs were not provided for access from one structure level to another where operations necessitated travel regularly, daily, or at each shift:

On or about 2/7/12, employees were exposed to fall hazards at Press 116 as a means of access was not provided at the gray hopper platform. Employees were climbing the ladder of a nearby platform and climbing over guardrails to access the gray platform.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(c), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	08/09/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 6600.00

Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.157(g)(2): The educational program to familiarize employees with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and the hazards involved with incipient stage fire fighting was not provided to all employees upon initial employment, and at least annually thereafter:

On or about 2/7/12, at the Thompson facility, employees were expected to use and were directed to use fire extinguishers on incipient level fires but were not provided fire extinguisher training on an at least annual basis.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(c), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	08/09/2012
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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury resulting from an accident.

Citation 1 Item 4a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.253(b)(4)(iii): Oxygen cylinders in storage were not separated from fuel gas cylinders or combustible materials (especially oil or grease), a minimum distance of 20 feet (6.1 m) or by a noncombustible barrier at least 5 feet (1.5 m) high having a fire resistance rating of at least one-half hour:

On or about 2/7/12, in the production area outside the tooling area, employees were exposed to fire and struck by hazards as Oxygen and Acetylene compressed gas tanks were stored together and were not separated.

No abatement certification or documentation is required for this item.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated	Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty	\$ 4400.00

Citation 1 Item 4b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.253(b)(2)(ii): Assigned storage spaces were not located where cylinders would not be knocked over or damaged by passing or falling objects or subject to tampering by unauthorized persons:

On or about 2/7/2012, in the production area outside the tooling area, employees were exposed to struck by hazards as Oxygen, Acetylene and Nitrogen compressed gas tanks were stored unsecured in an area where forklift, articulating boom lift and foot traffic all occur.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(c), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET).

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Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Repeat

29 CFR 1910.23 (c)(1): Standard guardrails were not provided for every open-sided floor or platform 4 feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level.

On or about 2/7/10, in the production area employees were exposed to various levels of fall hazards at the hopper platforms in the production areas as the platforms that were provided were not equipped with guardrails on all sides of the platform. Instances include:

- A - Press #111 platform - fall hazard 7'2"
- B - Press #114 platform - fall hazard 10'8"
- C - Press #112 platform - fall hazard 7' plastic chain as guardrail
- D - Press #115 platform - fall hazard 7 1/2'
- E - Press #116 platform - fall hazard 11' @ upper platform & 55" @ lower platform where a midrail is missing
- F - Large Grinding Platform - Missing top guardrail - 6' fall hazards

Thomson Plastics, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this OSHA standard 1910.23(c)(1) on 4/2/2010, contained in OSHA inspection 312531882, citation 1, item 1. The final order for this citation was 4/26/2010.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	08/09/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 33000.00

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Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: Repeat

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i): The employer did not conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the requirement of this standard were being followed:

On or about 2/7/12, the employer created specific written LOTO procedures in 2010; however the employer has not performed a periodic inspection of those procedures since their creation and has not included a review for each authorized employee at the facility.

Thomson Plastics, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this OSHA standard, 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i) on 4/2/2010, OSHA inspection 312531882, citation 1, item 4a. The final order for this citation was 4/26/2010.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	08/09/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 38500.00

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Company Name: Thomson Plastics, Inc.
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Citation 2 Item 3 Type of Violation: Repeat

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A): Each authorized employee did not receive training in the recognition of applicable hazardous energy sources, the type and magnitude of the energy available in the workplace, and the methods and means necessary for energy isolation and control:

On or about 2/7/12, at the Thomson facility, authorized employees are exposed to unexpected start up hazards, as the employer has directed employees, including tooling employees, to depress the E-stop button and hang a tag on the E-stop button and then open interlocked doors on the equipment as a means of protection while working in the hazard areas of equipment. Authorized employees were not being trained in the company's specific written LOTO procedures and instead were provided a review of the general LOTO program.

Thomson Plastics, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this OSHA standard, 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A) on 4/2/2010, OSHA inspection 312531882, citation 1, item 4b. The final order for this citation was 4/26/2010.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated	08/30/2012
Proposed Penalty	\$ 38500.00

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Citation 3 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Other**

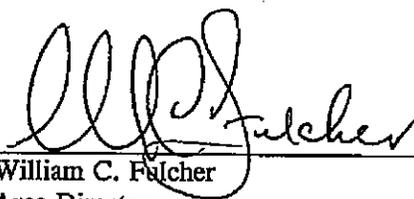
29 CFR 1910.303(b)(1)(iv): Electric equipment was not free from recognized hazards that are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees, in that the safety of the electrical insulation was not ensured:

A - On or about 2/7/2012, in the tooling shop, employees were exposed to electrical shock hazards as employees used an electrical extension cord that was damaged and exposed inner wiring to power hand held equipment.

B - On or about 2/7/2012, on the Simon scissors lift, employees were exposed to electrical shock hazards as employees used the lift and the power cords on the lift were damaged and exposed inner wiring.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(c), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the **CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET**).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	08/09/2012
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00



William C. Fulcher
Area Director

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INVOICE/ DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Thomson Plastics, Inc.
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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 315741868

Citation 1, Serious	= \$ 19800.00
Citation 2, Repeat	= \$ 110000.00
Citation 3, Other	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES	= \$ 129800.00

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to:
"DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Interest. Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is 4%. Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

Delinquent Charges. A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

Administrative Costs. Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.



William C. Fletcher
Area Director

07/16/2012

Date