Occupational Safety and Health Administration 420 Madison Ave Suite 600 Toledo, OH 43604

Phone: 419-259-7542 Fax: 419-259-6355



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC and its successors 115 Bently Ct Findlay, OH 45840

Inspection Site: 115 Bently Ct. Findlay, OH 45840

Inspection Number: 936050

Inspection Date(s): 08/26/2013 - 09/18/2013

Issuance Date: 02/10/2014

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. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or** you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

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.

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 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. <u>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.</u>

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. You can also make your payment electronically on www.pay.gov. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on OSHA Penalty Payment Form. The direct link is:

https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334.

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$50,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

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

Notification of Corrective Action – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide *abatement certification* to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that *abatement documentation* is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

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.

Inspection Activity Data – 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 these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. 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.

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on
02/10/2014. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 420
Madison Ave, Suite 600, Toledo, OH 43604 on at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 936050

Company Name: Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC Inspection Site: 115 Bently Ct., Findlay, OH 45840

Issuance Date: 02/10/2014

List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 420 Madison Ave, Suite 600, Toledo, OH 43604

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NOTE: 29 USC 666(g) whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC

Inspection Site: 115 Bently Ct., Findlay, OH 45840

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

29 CFR 1910.137(b)(2)(viii): Electrical protective equipment was not subjected to periodic electrical tests in accordance with Tables I-5 and I-6:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 12, 2013, the employer did not ensure that G.B. Industries electrical protective rubber gloves, used by maintenance employees during electrical troubleshooting and replacement of a fuse in the electrical panel 1P (Type LX 2353, Serial # PRPFP231217-06), were tested at least once every six months. Employees were exposed to 480 volts electrical hazards.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about September 2, 2013, the employer did not ensure that Salisbury electrical protective rubber gloves, used by the maintenance employees during installation of the hand dryer's breaker in the electrical panel, were tested at least once every six months. Employees were exposed to 480 volts electrical hazards.

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, or written records.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

02/20/2014

Proposed Penalty:

\$4,500.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC

Inspection Site: 115 Bently Ct., Findlay, OH 45840

Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i): Procedures were not developed, documented and utilized for the control of potentially hazardous energy when employees were engaged in activities covered by this section:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 26, 2013, the employer failed to develop machine-specific energy control procedures to control hazardous energy of Aquaflex Printing Press # 1 (Serial # PRPFP24943-99). Employees did not isolate all energy sources in order to control hazards associated with rotating parts of the machine while performing activities such as, but not limited to, changing dies and cleaning Anilox rollers. Employees were exposed to amputation hazards.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 26, 2013, the employer failed to develop machine-specific energy control procedures to control hazardous energy of the Bridgeport milling machine (Model F-7347-00-248, Serial # 1-18-0171) located in the facility's maintenance department. Employees did not isolate the electrical energy source in order to control hazards associated with rotating parts of the machine while performing activities such as, but not limited to, changing drill bits. Employees were exposed to injury from unexpected start-up and energy release.

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, or written records.

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\$6,300.00

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Company Name: Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i): The employer did not provide training to ensure that the purpose and function of the energy control program were understood by employees and that the knowledge and skills required for the safe application, usage, and removal of the energy controls were acquired by employees:

A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 26, 2013, the employer failed to properly train employees to lockout/tagout Aquaflex Printing Press # 1 (Serial # PRPFP24943-99) before employees conducted activities such as, but not limited to, changing dies and cleaning Anilox rollers. Employees were exposed to amputation hazards due to the lack of control of all hazardous energy sources prior to conducting work.

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, or written records.

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Company Name: Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC

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Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(1): One or more methods of machine guarding was not provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 26, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that one or more methods of machine guarding were provided to protect employees from nip point hazards that were created by the rotating rollers of Aquaflex Printing Press # 1 (Serial # PRPFP24943-99). Employees were at risk of injury when working in immediate proximity to the rotating rollers.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 26, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that the Grizzly milling & drilling machine (Model G1006, Serial # 3519), located in the facility's maintenance department, was properly guarded in order to prevent employees from inadvertently being caught by the rotating chuck during the machine's operation.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 12, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that the Bridgeport milling machine (Model F-7347-00-248, Serial # 1-18-0171), located in the facility's maintenance department, was properly guarded in order to prevent employees from inadvertently being caught by the rotating chuck during the machine's operation.

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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, or written records.

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Company Name: Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC

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Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.333(a)(1): Live parts to which an employee may be exposed were not de-energized before the employee worked on or was near to them:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 12, 2013, 2013, the employer did not ensure that electrical panel 1P (Type LX 2353, Serial # PRPFP231217-06) was disconnected from all electric energy sources when maintenance employees replaced a fuse in the panel. The employee was exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about September 2, 2013, the employer did not ensure that the electrical panel, located in maintenance department, was disconnected from all electric energy sources when maintenance employees installed the hand dryer's breaker in the panel. The employee was exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards.

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, or written records.

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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 or illness.

Citation 2 Item 1 a Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1910.332(b)(1): Employees were not trained in and familiar with the safety-related work practices required by 1910.331 through 1910.335 that pertained to their respective job assignments:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 12, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that maintenance employees were provided with training on electrical safety-related work practices such as, but not limited to, arc flash/blast hazards and protective equipment for the hands, head, and body to protect against electrical hazards while working on or near energized or potentially energized electrical parts. Employees were exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards while conducting electrical troubleshooting and replacing fuses in the energized electrical panel 1P (Type LX 2353, Serial # PRPFP231217-06) without locking the panel out and without proper electrical personal protective equipment.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about September 2, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that maintenance employees were provided with training on electrical safety-related work practices such as, but not limited to, arc flash/blast hazards and protective equipment for the hands, head, and body to protect against electrical hazards while working on or near energized or potentially energized electrical parts. Employees were exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards while installing the hand dryer's breaker in the energized electrical panel without locking the panel out and without proper electrical personal protective equipment.

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ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Proposed Penalty:

\$63,000.00

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Citation 2 Item 1 b Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1910.333(c)(2): The employer did not ensure that only qualified persons were working on energized circuits and that qualified persons were familiar with the proper use of special precautionary techniques, personal protective equipment, insulating and shielding materials, and insulated tools:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 12, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that maintenance employees, who conducted electrical troubleshooting and replaced a fuse in the energized electrical panel 1P (Type LX 2353, Serial # PRPFP231217-06), were qualified to work on electric circuit parts or equipment that have not been de-energized. Employees were exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about September 2, 2013, the employer failed to ensure that maintenance employees, who installed the hand dryer's breaker in the energized electrical panel, were qualified to work on electric circuit parts or equipment that have not been de-energized. Employees were exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards.

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, or written records.

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Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1910.335(a)(1)(i): Employees working in areas where there were potential electrical hazards were not provided with electrical protective equipment that was appropriate for the specific parts of the body that needed to be protected and for the work being performed:

- A) Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about August 12, 2013, the employer did not ensure that maintenance employees, who conducted electrical troubleshooting and replaced a fuse in the energized electrical panel 1P (Type LX 2353, Serial # PRPFP231217-06), were provided with electrical personal protective equipment for the hands, head, and body. Employees were exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards.
- Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC, located at 115 Bentley Ct., Findlay, OH 45840: On or about September 2, 2013, the employer did not ensure that maintenance employees, who installed the hand dryer's breaker in the energized electrical panel, were provided with electrical personal protective equipment for the hands, head, and body. Employees were exposed to 480 volt electrical hazards.

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, or written records.

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02/20/2014 \$63,000.00

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Pressed Paperboard Technologies, LLC

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number

936050

Citation 1, Serious

\$29,700.00

Citation 2, Willful

\$126,000.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES

\$155,700.00

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. You can also make your payment electronically on www.pay.gov. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on OSHA Penalty Payment Form. The direct link is https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334. You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$50,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

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If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

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 one percent (1%). 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.

<u>Delinquent Charges</u>: 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.

Kimberly Nelson

Area Director