

## **SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN ARION DRESSES LIMITED**

Address: Adhunik Chalk Super Market (3rd floor), Chalk bazar, Chittagong  
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The Accord is a legal agreement between international garment brands and unions that represent workers. The purpose of the Accord is to protect the safety of garment workers by inspecting factory buildings, identifying risks to worker safety, and making sure that factory owners eliminate these risks by renovating and repairing the buildings.

The Accord has conducted three inspections of Arion Dresses Limited in the period 20 – 28 May 2014 and found a number of problems that could cause serious harm to workers. The Accord has asked Arion Dresses Limited to make changes to eliminate these risks. Unfortunately, Arion Dresses Limited has failed to:

- Remove locking features or render them inoperable from the egress doors/gates. This could result in workers being locked in the factory during a fire or another emergency.
- Remove collapsible gates/sliding doors/rolling shutters. This could be an obstacle for workers during evacuation in case of fire incident or another emergency.
- Install a fire alarm system. This could result in workers not being warned that there is a fire.
- Complete fire separation in the relevant areas. This could result in workers becoming stuck on the higher floors of the building if there is a fire.
- Safely install and maintain electrical equipment and fix up electrical wiring. This could create serious electrical hazards in the factory which might lead to fire incidents.

The Accord has made many efforts to get the owners of Arion Dresses Limited to fix these safety hazards, so that workers will be safe, but the owners have refused to do so.

As a result, Arion Dresses Limited is unsafe for workers. Because of this, the brands that have signed the Accord will no longer do business with Arion Dresses Limited and will no longer place any orders at the factory. The Accord wants to make sure that all workers at Arion Dresses Limited are aware that the building is not safe.

If workers choose not to work at Arion Dresses Limited because of these safety risks, or if Arion Dresses Limited closes, the brands that have signed the Accord will make an effort to help workers find jobs at nearby factories that are safe. There is no guarantee that a job will be available, but the brands will try to assist.

For information, workers can contact:

The Accord:

- Mr. Rob Wayss, Mobile No. 01755-583744
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Also, the government of Bangladesh has established a helpline for RMG workers at: 0800-4455000. There is no charge for calling this number.

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