



on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN AMICHI APPARELS LTD.

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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 an inspection of Amichi Apparels Ltd. on 1st July 2014 and found a number of problems that could cause serious harm to workers. The Accord has asked Amichi Apparels Ltd. to make changes to eliminate these risks. Unfortunately, Amichi Apparels Ltd. has failed to:

- Install fire doors. This could result in workers becoming stuck on the higher floors of the building if there is a fire incident.
- Submit fire alarm design and there is no action has been taken to Install Fire Alarm system. This could result in workers not being warned that there is a fire.
- Install a fire sprinkler system. This could result in not discharging water when there is a fire incident.
- Submit a detailed analysis report of the building and fix any problems with the building structure. This could result unauthorised heavy load on the floor and injuries to the workers.
- Safely install and maintain electrical equipment and fix up electrical wiring. This could create serious electrical hazard at any moment in the factory which might lead to fire incidents.

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

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

If workers choose not to work at Amichi Apparels Ltd. because of these safety risks, or if Amichi Apparels Ltd. 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
- Mr. Brad Loewen, Mobile No. 01781-900956

The Industrial Bangladesh Council:

- Mr. Roy Ramesh Chandra, Mobile No. 01819-223014
- Mr. Amirul Haque Amin, Mobile No. 01731-201302
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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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