SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Commissioner of Labor (hereinafter referred to as "Commissioner") and *Ragle Inc*, (hereinafter referred to as "Employer") hereby agree as follows:

The Commissioner amends the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty, IOSHA Inspection No. 317457372 issued to the Employer on March 13, 2015 in the following manner.

SAFETY ORDER 01:

Item 1 & Item 9a & b: Upheld; GROUP, penalty reduced to \$1,875.00, abatement has been modified or verified until April 13, 2015.

Item 2: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$562.50, abatement has been modified or verified until April 13, 2015

Item 3: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$562.50.

Item 4: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 937.50.

Item 5 & Item 6: Upheld; *GROUP*, penalty reduced to \$ 937.50.

Item 7: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 937.50.

Item 8: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 1,875.00.

Item 10 & Item 11: Upheld; *GROUP*, penalty reduced to \$ 1,875.00.

In exchange, The Employer agrees:

- 1. Retrain all employee(s) who have a safety responsible in a limited scope Construction Trenching and Excavation, PPE and Rigging safety course with in thirty (30) days of signed Settlement Agreement.
- 2. Provide retraining to Competent Person / Supervisors in Trenching and Rigging within thirty (30) days of Settlement Agreement.
- 3. When completed with training the Employer shall provide an agenda and the class sign in sheet to IDOL.

Respondent understands that a request must be made in writing to IOSHA for a Petition for Modification of Abatement prior to the above abatement date if abatement cannot be met by the respective dates and an extension is required.

Except for the above specified amendments all other provisions of Safety Order Number 317457372 are retained intact.

9562,50 The TOTAL AGREED PENALTY is \$ 9,563,008

THE EMPLOYER IS SATISFIED WITH THE AMENDMENTS STATED ABOVE AND ACCORDINGLY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO FILE A NOTICE OF CONTEST OF THE SAFETY ORDER(S) AND NOTIFICATION(S) OF PENALTY AS AMENDED AND AGREES TO WITHDRAW ANY PREVIOUSLY FILED NOTICES OF CONTEST IN THIS MATTER.

Upon full execution of this Settlement Agreement the Employer will post this Agreement for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer.

The total AGREED PENALTY is due and payable on within fifteen (15) working days from the Employer's execution of this Agreement. The Employer further agrees that if the AGREED PENALTY is not paid within fifteen working days from the Employer's execution of this Agreement, that the full amount of the penalty initially assessed against the Employer in the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty which are the subject of this Agreement is due and payable immediately. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA". Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on your remittance. Please send payments to the following address:

Indiana Department of Labor 402 West Washington Street – Room W195 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty are, and shall be, herein a final and enforceable Order of the Board of Safety Review.

Except for this agreement, and matters arising out of this agreement and any other subsequent IOSHA proceedings between the parties, none of the foregoing agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken by Employer shall be deemed an admission by Employer of the allegations contained within the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty. The agreements, statements, findings and actions taken herein are made in order to compromise and settle this matter economically and amigably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

Ragle Inc

Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Date: 3/13/15

CONSTRUCTION OF LABOR

Title

Date:

te: 5/13/20

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration 402 West Washington St - Room W195 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: 317-232-1979 FAX: (317)233-3790



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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

To:

Ragle Inc P O Box 444

Newburgh, IN 47629

Inspection Site:

2127 Cass Avenue Evansville, IN 47710 **Inspection Number:** 317457372

CSHO ID: N2988 Optional Report No.: 02315

Inspection Date(s): 8/25/2014 - 11/5/2014

Issuance Date: 12/22/2014

The violation(s) described in this Safety Order 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.

An inspection of your place of employment has revealed conditions which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (Indiana Code Chapter 22-8-1.1) or the standards or rules adopted thereunder. Accordingly, enclosed please find safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty describing such violation(s) with references to applicable standards, rules, or provisions of the statute and stating the amount of any penalty(ies).

Informal Conference - Please be advised that it may be possible to informally settle any potential dispute without initiating the more elaborate proceedings brought on by a petition for review. Prior to filing a petition for review, you may request an informal conference concerning any of the results of the inspection (safety orders, penalties, abatement dates, etc.) by contacting the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA, preferably by telephone, in a prompt manner. Please be advised that a request for an informal conference cannot extend the fifteen working day period for filing a petition for review. Informal conferences frequently resolve any possible disputes, and therefore you are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Because of the limited time period and in order to facilitate scheduling, any requests for an informal conference should be made promptly upon your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Right to Contest - You are hereby also notified that you are entitled to seek administrative review of the safety order(s), penalty(ies), or both by filing a written petition for review at the above address postmarked within fifteen working days of your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. ("Working days" means Mondays through Fridays, but does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays under a state statute or days on which the Indiana Department of Labor's offices are closed during regular business hours). If you do not file such a petition for review (contest), the safety order(s)

and penalty(ies) shall be deemed final orders of the Board of Safety Review and not subject to review by any court or agency. The issuance of a safety order does not constitute a finding that a violation has occurred unless no petition for review is filed, or if a petition for review (contest) is filed, it must contain a statement of its basis and should reference the above inspection number. Upon receipt of your petition for review, we will affirm, amend or dismiss the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we affirm, your petition for review will be granted (unless it was not timely) and the dispute will be certified by the Board of Safety Review for further proceedings. The Board of Safety Review is an independent agency appointed by the governor with authority to conduct hearings and to issue decisions concerning disputed safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we amend the safety order(s) or notification(s) of penalty, your petition for review shall be deemed moot. However, you will then be given an opportunity to file a petition for review concerning the amended safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Please be advised that an employee or representative of employees may file a petition for review to contest the reasonableness of the time stated in the safety order(s) for the abatement of any violation.

Posting - Upon receipt of any safety order(s) you are required to post such safety order(s), or a copy thereof, unedited, at or near each place an alleged violation referred to in the safety order(s) occurred. However, if your operations are such that it is not practicable to post the safety order(s) at or near each place of alleged violation, such safety order(s) shall be posted, unedited, in a prominent place where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. For example, if you are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed, the safety order(s) may be posted at the location from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. You must take steps to ensure that the safety order is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material. Posting shall be until the violation is abated, or for three working days, whichever is longer.

Penalties - Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Abatement does not constitute payment of penalties.

Abatement - The conditions cited in the safety order(s) must be corrected (abated) on or before the date shown for each item on the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty unless:

- (1) You file a petition for review concerning the violation, in which case the full abatement period shall commence from the issuance of a final decision by the Board of Safety Review or the courts which requires compliance with the safety order; or
- (2) The abatement period is extended by the granting of a petition for modification of abatement date.

PMAs - The petition for modification of abatement date is a manner in which you may seek additional time to correct (abate) a violation without having to file a petition for review concerning the safety order, or after the expiration of the time period to file such a petition for review when it becomes apparent that you need extra time to abate the violation. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be in writing and shall include the following information:

(1) All steps you have taken, and the dates of such actions, in an effort to achieve compliance

during the prescribed abatement period.

- (2) The specific additional abatement time necessary in order to achieve compliance.
- (3) The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.
- (4) All available interim steps being taken to safeguard employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.
- (5) A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted, and if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, and a certification of the date upon which such posting and service was made.

A petition for modification of abatement date shall be filed with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA no later than the close of the next working day following the date on which abatement was originally required. A later-filed petition shall be accompanied by the employer's statement of exceptional circumstances explaining the delay. A copy of such petition shall be posted in a conspicuous place where all affected employees will have notice thereof or near such location where the violation occurred. The petition shall remain posted until the time period for the filing of a petition for review of the Commissioner's granting or denying the petition expires. Where affected employees are represented by an authorized representative, said representative shall be served a copy of such petition.

Notification of Corrective Action - Correction of the alleged violations which have an abatement period of thirty (30) days or less should be reported in writing to us promptly upon correction. A "Letter of Abatement" form and an "Abatement Photographs" worksheet are enclosed for your assistance in providing adequate documentation of abatement. Reports of corrections should show specific corrective action on each alleged violation and the date of such action. On alleged violations with abatement periods of more than thirty (30) days, a written progress report should be submitted, detailing what has been done, what remains to be done, and the time needed to fully abate each such violation. When the alleged violation is fully abated, we should be so advised. Timely correction of an alleged violation does not affect the initial proposed penalty.

Followup Inspections - Please be advised that a followup inspection may be made for the purpose of ascertaining that you have posted the safety order(s) and corrected the alleged violations. Failure to correct an alleged violation may result in additional penalties for each day that the violation has not been corrected.

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 Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above.

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 Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above within fifteen (15) working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) or receipt by the employer of this safety order and benalty.								
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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been schedule	ed with IOSHA t	o discuss the safety	order(s) issued on
12/22/2014. The conference will be held at	the IOSHA office	e located at 402 West	t Washington Street,
Room W195, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on _	a	it	Employees and/or
representatives of employees have a right to a	attend an informal	conference.	
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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection Number: 317457372

Inspection Date(s): 8/25/2014 - 11/5/2014

Issuance Date: 12/22/2014 **CSHO ID:** N2988

Optional Report No.: 02315

Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

-Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 001

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.20(b)(2): Inspections of the job site, materials, and equipment were not made by a competent person designated by the employer:

Cass Ave Sewer Project/ Intersection of 2200 Cass Avenue and 1700 Alvord Blvd---------- On or about 08/22/14 the employers competent person on site, failed to identify existing and predictable hazards and/or take the necessary measures to correct hazards where employees were working in a 9 foot 10 inch deep trench/excavation with no-means of cave-in protection, no means of egress, working outside of a trench box, no ID tags on wire rope slings, and working under the bucket of an excavator with no hard hat.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated:

2/11/2015 \$1,750.00

Proposed Penalty:

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710 **Inspection Site:**

Safety Order 01 Item 002

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.21(b)(2): The employer did not instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his/her environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to illness or injury:

Cass Ave Sewer Project - Intersection of 2200 Cass Ave and 1700 Alvord Blvd ----- On or about August 22, 2014 employees were not instructed in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions applicable to their work environment such as but not limited to trenching and (PPE) personal protective equipment.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated:

2/11/2015

Proposed Penalty:

\$1,750.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 003

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.95(a): Personal protective equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE) for eyes, face, head, and extremities, protective clothing, respirator devices, and protective shields, and barriers, was not provided, used, or maintained:

Job Site Koch Avenue and Cass Ave ------ On September 16, 2014 a respirator was not used by an employee who was cutting a 12 inch diameter concrete sewer/storm pipe.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection

\$750.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 004

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.100(a): Employees working in areas where there was a possible danger of head injury from impact, or falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock and burns, were not protected by protective helmets:

Excavation/Trench ----- On August 21, 2014 one employee working in an unprotected excavation/trench, approximately 10 to 12 feet deep or deeper was working under the bucket of an excavator was not wearing a protective helmet.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$1,250.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 005

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.251(a)(1): Rigging equipment for material handling was not inspected prior to use on each shift and as necessary during its use to ensure that it was safe:

Job site----- On or about August 25, 2014 rigging equipment for material handling (lifting lug wire rope slings and choker cable) used to lift 36 inch diameter sections of concrete pipe was not inspected prior to each use on each shift and as necessary during its use to ensure that it was safe.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$1,750.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 006 T

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.251(c)(16): Wire rope slings were not marked with permanently affixed, legible identification markings stating size, rated capacity or the name and trademark of the manufacturer:

Job site ----- On or about August 25, 2014 a "Tea Cup "Lifting Lug Sling that has a 3/4 inch diameter wire rope sling 5 foot 1 inch long, and a 3/4 inch diameter Sliding choker wire rope sling with a traveling hook approximately 16 feet long did not have identification tags attached to the wire rope slings.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$1,750.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 007 Ty

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.651(c)(2): A stairway, ladder, ramp or other safe means of egress was not located in trench excavations that were 4 feet (1.22m) or more in depth so as to require no more than 25 feet (7.62m) of lateral travel for employees:

Trench ----- On 08/21/14 no ladder, ramp, or other acceptable means of egress was provided for the employee working in the ten (10) foot or deeper trench.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$2,500.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 008

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.651(e): Employee(s) were not prohibited to be underneath loads handled by lifting or digging equipment:

Excavation/Trench ------ On 08/21/14 employees were not prevented from working underneath the load of an excavator bucket which is being used as a crane to lower a section of a sewer or sanitary sewer pipe down into a trench or excavation.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$2,500.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

Safety Order 01 Item 009a Ty

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.651(k)(1): Daily inspections of excavations, the adjacent areas, and protective systems were not made by a competent person for evidence of a situation that could have resulted in possible cave-ins, indications of failure of protective systems, hazardous atmospheres, or other hazardous conditions:

Excavation/Trench at 2200 Cass Ave & Alvord Blvd. ----- On August 22, 2014 and before the competent person did not inspect the excavation / trench 9 foot 10 inch deep, 14 feet long, and 13 feet wide as needed throughout the shift.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$2,500.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc.

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 009b Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.651(k)(2): Where the competent person found evidence of a situation that could result in possible cave-in, indications of failure of protective systems, hazardous atmospheres, or other hazardous conditions, exposed employee(s) was/were not removed from the hazardous area until the necessary precautions have been taken to ensure their safety.

Excavation/Trench ------ On or about August 22, 2014, the competent person failed to perform the duties as required, in that he did not correct conditions, and did not prevent employees from being exposed to, or cause them to be removed from, the hazard of a cave-in, in a trench / excavation 10 feet 1 inch deep

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$0.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 010 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.652(a)(1): Each employee in an excavation was not protected from cave-ins by an adequate protective system designed in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.652(c). The employer had not complied with the provisions of 29 CFR 1926.652(b)(1)(i) in that the excavation was sloped at an angle steeper that one and one-half horizontal to one vertical (34 degrees measured from the horizontal):

Trench ------ On 08/25/14 no cave-in protection was provided for an employee working approximately 10 foot deep in a trench that has vertical sides.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated:

Corrected During Inspection

Proposed Penalty: \$2,500.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Ragle Inc

Inspection Site: 2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Safety Order 01 Item 011

Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.652(g)(1)(iii): Employees were not protected from the hazard of cave-ins when entering or exiting the area protected by shields:

Excavation/Trench ------ On August 21, 2014 and before, an employee working in a 10 to 12 foot deep excavation/trench approximately 8 feet wide and approximately 12 feet long was not protected from cave-ins when entering or exiting the trench shield being used.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection

/ \$2*[*500.00

Director of Construction Safety

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration 402 West Washington St - Room W195 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317)232-1979 FAX: (317)233-3790



INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name:

Ragle Inc

Inspection Site:

2127 Cass Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Issuance Date:

12/22/2014

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 317457372

Safety Order 1, Serious

=\$21,500.00

TOTAL PENALTIES

= \$21,500.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA". Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

IOSHA 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.

Corrective action, taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty.

A work sheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed capy of this work sheet should be posted at the worksite with the safety order(s).

Jerry W. Kander

Director of Construction Safety

Date