STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEEDINGS

Administrative Cause No.: DOL-0621-001322
Underlying/State Agency Action No.: BSR Docket # 21-02, Inspection #318127834
Ultimate Authority: the IOSHA Board of Safety Review

Issued: October 4, 2021

Department of Labor
Complainant,
v.
Heidtman Steel
Respondent.

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES
AND SUBMISSION TO THE IOSHA BOARD OF SAFETY REVIEW

On September 28, 2021 the above-mentioned Parties filed an Agreed Entry with the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings ("OALP"). The Parties request is not final and is subject to review by the IOSHA Board of Safety Review.

Thus, the OALP refers the attached filing to the IOSHA Board of Safety Review for review and final action. Parties to this proceeding may direct questions regarding the status of review by the IOSHA Board of Safety Review to: ctrusty@dol.in.gov.

SO ORDERED: October 4, 2021

/S/ Dan Vaughn
Hon. Dan Vaughn
Administrative Law Judge

Distributed to Parties:
Department of Labor –served by Counsel Tony Hardman by E-Mail at JoHardman@dol.IN.gov
Heidtman Steel – Respondent and served by Representative Melissa Ebel by U.S. Postal Mail at P.O. Box 10032, Toledo, OH 43699
IOSHA Board of Safety – Ultimate Authority and served by E-mail at boardofsafetyreview@dol.in.gov
STATE OF INDIANA  )  
COUNTY OF MARION  )

BEFORE THE INDIANA OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEEDINGS,
SUBJECT TO THE ULTIMATE
AUTHORITY OF THE IOSHA BOARD OF
SAFETY REVIEW

IN THE MATTER OF:  )  
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Complainant,  )
 v.  )
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AND ITS SUCCESSORS,
Respondent.  )

OALP CASE NO. DOL-0621-001322
BSR DOCKET NO. 21-012

FILED OCTOBER 4, 2021

AGREED ENTRY

The parties to the above-captioned proceeding, the Commissioner of the Indiana
Department of Labor (hereinafter “Complainant”) and Heidtman Steel (hereinafter
“Respondent”), through their duly authorized representatives, desiring to enter into this Agreed
Entry as final settlement of this matter, do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

PART I.

1. From December 23, 2020, through May 3, 2021, authorized employees of the Indiana
Department of Labor conducted an inspection at the Respondent’s worksite located at 4400 Co.
Rd. 59, Butler, IN 46721.

2. On May 26, 2021, Complainant issued a Safety Order and Notification of Penalty
(hereinafter “Safety Order”) resulting from Indiana Department of Labor Inspection No.
318127834 and alleging that Respondent had violated the Indiana Occupational Safety and
Health Act (IC 22-8-1.1 et seq.) or the standards or rules thereunder. The Safety Order is
attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein.

Agreed Entry
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3. On or about June 18, 2021, Respondent duly and timely petitioned for review of the Safety Order.

PART II.

4. The Safety Order consists of Safety Order 1, Item Nos. 1 and 2.

5. Safety Order 1, Item 1 alleges a “Serious” violation of I.C. 22-8-1.1-2 for employee exposure to struck-by hazards while operating a crane and pressing the wrong button on the remote and assesses a penalty of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000).

6. Safety Order 1, Item 2 alleges a “Serious” violation of 29 CFR 1910.184(c)(9) and assesses a penalty of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000).

7. The total assessed penalty for Safety Order 1 is Fourteen Thousand Dollars ($14,000).

PART III.

8. The Safety Order is hereby amended as follows.

9. Safety Order 1, Item 1 is re-classified to “Non-Serious,” but the penalty is upheld.

10. Safety Order 1, Item 2 is deleted in its entirety.

11. The AGREED total penalty for all violations and all subparts thereunder, subject to this Agreed Entry, is Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000).

12. Respondent further agrees to the following:

   a. Respondent has retrained all employees who use a crane in proper use of the remote and provided Complainant with documentation.

   b. Respondent is hiring a new safety manager and will provide Complainant with the job posting within thirty (30) days of the execution of this agreed entry.

   c. Respondent will make all crane remotes the same type for all its cranes and assure all employees are trained on its use within sixty (60) days of the execution.
of this agreed entry.

d. Respondent will add a device to each of its cranes that will sense and not allow a load to be lifted if it is “off center.” This will be completed one (1) year from the execution of this agreed entry.

13. It is understood and agreed by the Respondent and Complainant that this Agreed Entry and attachments will constitute a final, enforceable OSHA Safety Order(s) and penalties for the purposes of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (“Act”).

14. Respondent confirms Complainant’s right to re-inspect its workplaces, in accordance with the Act, and to verify abatement of the alleged violations.

15. If not already identified in the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty as completed during the inspection, all abatement, including any enhanced abatement identified and agreed upon herein, must still be completed in a timely manner and certified to IOSHA by completing a Letter of Abatement, State Form 44425, and sending the form, along with any supporting documentation and photographs, to IOSHA by any of the means listed in the box in the upper right portion of the form.

16. Respondent hereby withdraws its petition for review previously filed in this matter.

PART IV.

17. Nothing contained in this Agreed Entry shall be construed to affect Complainant’s interpretation of the Act or any standard or regulation enforced pursuant thereto or the applicable classification thereof.

18. 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 the Respondent shall be deemed an admission by
Respondent 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 amicably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

19. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreed Entry does not affect the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, or provisions of this Agreed Entry.

20. Respondent, upon full execution of this Agreed Entry, will post this Agreed Entry for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer, pursuant to Board of Safety Review Rules of Procedure, 615 IAC 1-2-18(b)(3)(C).

AGREED this 28 day of September 2021.

HEIDTMAN STEEL

By: [Signature]

Printed: David Cooley

Title: Corporate EHS Director

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

By: [Signature]

Jameson Berry,
Director of General Industry,
IOSHA

Approved as to Form:

By: [Signature]

Lynn Vuketic Luther
Counsel for Respondent

By: [Signature]

J. Anthony Hardman,
Counsel for Complainant
Indiana Department of Labor
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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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).

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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)
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**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 and proof of abatement must be sent to the email address: AbatementGl@dol.in.gov unless:

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2. The abatement period is extended by the granting of a petition for modification of abatement date.

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(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.

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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 and sent to the email address AbatementGl@dol.in.gov. 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 via email at AbatementGl@dol.in.gov, 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 penalty.

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Heidtman Steel
Inspection Site: 4400 County Road 59, Butler, IN 46721

Safety Order 01 Item 001
Type of Violation: Serious

IC 22-8-1.1 Section 2: The employer did not establish and maintain conditions of work which were reasonably safe and healthful for employees, and free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to struck-by hazards and crush injuries:

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

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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. You may also make a payment online at https://payingov.com/dol/. Your account number is your inspection number.

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

Jameson Berry
Director of General Industry

5/26/2021
Date