SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Commissioner of Labor (here in after referred to as "Commissioner") and the R and R Excavating Inc, herein after referred to as "Employer") hereby agree as follows:

The Commissioner amends the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty, IOSHA Inspection No. 317063311 issued to the Employer on February 28, 2014 in the following manner.

SAFETY ORDER 01:

Item 1: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$675.00, abatement has been verified on December 13, 2013.

Item 2: **DELETE**; penalty reduced to \$ 0.00.

Item 3: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$3,150.00, abatement has been verified on December 13, 2013.

Item 4a: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$3,150.00, abatement has been verified on December 13, 2013.

Item 4b: **DELETE**; penalty reduced to \$ 0.00.

Item 5: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$3,150.00, abatement has been verified on December 13, 2013.

Employer 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.

In exchange, The Employer agrees:

1. Provide IDOL with any additional rule changes to your Safety and Health programs as previously agreed to within sixty (60) days upon receipt of said changes. IDOL acknowledges that said abatement has been.

Except for the above specified amendments all other provisions of Safety Order Number 317063311 are retained intact.

The TOTAL AGREED PENALTY is \$ 10,125.00

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.

The Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty are <u>as modified</u>, and shall be, herein a final and enforceable Order of the Board of Safety Review.

Except for this <u>IOSHA</u> agreement, and <u>IOSHA</u> matters arising out of this <u>IOSHA</u> 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 <u>IOSHA</u> matter economically and amicably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

R and R Excavating Inc	COMMISSIONED OF LABOR
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Date: 3/6/2014	Date: 3/6/10/4

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

To:

R and R Excavating Inc.,

and its successors 2010 Went St

Attn: Frank Wruble Mishawaka. IN 46545

Inspection Site:

B21 Lot Bulla & Twyckenham Dr Fatality South Bend, IN 46556 **Inspection Number:**

317063311

Inspection Date(s):

11/22/2013 - 01/29/2014

Issuance Date:

02/05/2014

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 <u>postmarked</u> 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 penalty.

If you wish additional information, you may direct such requests to us at the address or telephone number stated above.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with IOSHA to discuss the safety order(s) issued
on 02/05/2014. The conference will be held at the IOSHA office located at 402 West
Washington Street, Room W195, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend
an informal conference.

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection

317063311

Number:

Inspection Dates:

11/22/2013

01/29/2014

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02/05/2014



Company Name:

R and R Excavating Inc.

Inspection Site:

B21 Lot Bulla & Twyckenham Dr, Fatality, South Bend, IN 46556

Safety Order 1 Item 1 Type of Violation:

Serious

29CFR 1910.266(d)(1)(iv): The employer did not provide at no cost to the employee, and/or assure that each employee who operated a chain saw wore ballistic nylon leg protection or other leg protection which the employer had demonstrated provides equivalent protection.

South west corner Lot B21 ---- On or before, September 22, 2013, the employer did not provide protective leg wear to be employee designated to use the chain saw.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/04/2014

Proposed Penalty:

\$3,500.00

<u>Safety Order 1 Item 2</u> Type of Violation:

Serious

29CFR 1910.266(d)(6)(i): Employees were not spaced and duties of each employee were not organized so that the actions of one employee would not create a hazard for any other employee.

Jobsite ---- On or before, November 22, 2013, when employees were felling trees the duties of each employee were not organized so the employees were not prevented from entering into other area that would create a hazards such as but not limited to employee walking into area were tress was being fell.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/25/2014

Proposed Penalty:

\$3,500.00

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Safety Order 1 Item 3 Type of Violation:

Serious

1910.266(d)(7)(i): Hand signals or audible contact, such as, but not limited to, whistles, horns, or radios, were not utilized whenever noise, distance, restricted visibility, or other factors prevented clear understanding of normal voice communication.

Jobsite ---- On or before, November 22, 2013, employees were not provided with and/or did not use audible contact, such as but not limited to whistles, horns, or radios, whenever noise restricted visibility, or other factors prevented clear understanding of no voice communication between employee that would alert an employee that another employee was entering their work zone.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/04/2014

Proposed Penalty:

\$3,500.00

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

Safety Order 1 Item 4a Type of Violation:

Serious

29CFR 1910.266(i)(1): The employer did not instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and regulations applicable to their work environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to injury.

Jobsite ---- On or before, November 21, 2013, employees performing logging operations were exposed to hazards such as but not limited to felling trees, work area, communication, and chain saws, had not been instructed in the regulations applicable to their work or recognizing hazards related to such.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/25/2014

Proposed Penalty:

\$3,500.00

Safety Order 1 Item 4b Type of Violation:

Serious

29CFR 1910.266(i)(7)(i): The employer did not ensure that each employee, including supervisors, had received CPR and First-aid training meeting at least the requirments specified in Appendix B:

Jobsite ---- On or before, November 22, 2013, employees doing logging operation had not received First-aid and CPR training meeting at least the requirements specified in Appendix B such as but not limited to, the definition of first aid, legal issues of applying first aid, basic anatomy, CPR, application of dressings/slings, treatment of fractures/strains/sprains, immobilization of injured persons, handling and transporting of injured persons, and treatment of bits/stings and contact with poisonous plants or animals.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/25/2014

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Safety Order 1 Item 5 Type of Violation:

Proposed Penalty:

Serious

29CFR 1910.266(h)(1)(v): employee approached a mechanical felling operation closer than two tree lengths of the tree being felled without operator acknowledging that it was safe to do so.

South west corner of lot B21 —— On or before, November 22, 2013, employee approached a mechanical felling operation and was not two tree lengths away of the tree being felled and approached with out the operator acknowledge that it was safe, resulting in the tree being fell striking the employee and causing death.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/25/2014

\$3,500.00

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Director of Construction Safety Compliance

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration 402 West Washington Street Room W195

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2751

Phone: 317/232-1979 Fax: 317/233-8509



INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number

317063311

Safety Order 01, Serious

\$17,500.00

Total Proposed Penalties

\$17,500.00

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". Visit https://payingov.com/dol/ to make payment with a debit/credit card. 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 copy of this work sheet should be posted at the worksite with the safety order(s).

Terry W Lander

Director of Construction Safety Compliance

Date