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Acme Corrugated Box Co. Achieves Safety Milestone

Heidi Morrison, Human Resources Manager for Hatboro, Pennsylvania based Acme Corrugated Box Co., Inc., announced that the company has reached a formidable safety milestone. In August 2016, Acme logged a record 990,000 hours worked without a Lost Time Accident. This is equal to 985 days or two-and-three-quarter years without an injury that requires more than a light duty recommendation. David Platt, Chief Financial Officer, is the point person for Acme’s participation in a wholly owned insurance Captive. Platt credits the Captive for its impressive emphasis on safety. Acme joins a very select group of North American businesses that place safety as “priority one.” It is no accident that Acme has developed such a fine record. Acme has been recognized by the Captive for its focus on safety and the infrequency of its claim history. Since 2006, Acme has elevated its safety monitoring programs, clearly demonstrating a heightened awareness for running a safe shop.

“Safety is not just important for staff members, it’s also a smart business practice,” said Floyd Bennett, Plant Corrugator Superintendent.

“There is no question why we have attained this goal,” said Kevin Landman, Acme’s Plant Manager. “We have a full program focused on maintaining a safety compliant workplace — monthly safety meetings, daily

safety huddles for our production crews, safety drawings and a focus on individual behavior. We make it very clear that safety is a management priority.”

Keeping the facility safe is not only an operations responsibility but is also an obligation of the Maintenance Department. Jeremy Cohen, Plant

Engineer, spends considerable time working with the Maintenance staff on issues that, if left unresolved, might pose a danger to the personnel involved. From orientation through time spent on the floor, all staff members are trained to report any issues, which may pose a hazard to them or their co-workers, to their supervisors. “It is a part of our culture to resolve safety issues immediately,” said Cohen. “Safety is a top-of-the-mind necessity

and as such, must be approached with a degree of seriousness and focus.”

John Kochie, Acme’s General Manager, said, “Being a safe workplace is just good business. We want everyone who works here to work safely. We want them to return to their families the same way they reported to work that day.”

Bob Cohen, Acme’s President, is understandably proud of this considerable achievement. His goal is to keep the staff at Acme safe and productive. “There was a time when safety wasn’t the priority it is now,” said Cohen. “That won’t ever be the case again.”



The first and second shift supervisors at Acme Corrugated Box were part of the team that achieved a record 990,000 hours worked without a Lost Time Accident.