

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

VANCOT LIMITED

**PLOT 18-20, SECTOR 3, KEPZ, NORTH PATENGA
EPZ THANA, CHITTAGONG**

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

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SUMMARY

Vancot Apparel Limited was surveyed for fire safety on 6/10/2014 by Hughes Associates, Inc. This summary identifies the major deficiencies that were identified during the inspection.

The purpose of this survey was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide recommendations for remediation based on applicable standards specified by the Accord. The scope of this initial fire safety inspection was limited to the review and identification of major fire safety issues. The inspection did not include identification of minor deficiencies, which will be further addressed as part of follow-up inspections.

Table 1 summarizes the major fire safety issues identified during the inspection. Recommendations have been provided to address each issue.

An implementation schedule shall be developed by the factory to remediate each of the findings. The specific timing of improvements, including any requested extensions due to design / installation constraints, shall be submitted to the Accord for approval.

Table 1. Findings And Recommendations

No .	Category	Findin g	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	The boiler, and transformer rooms are not separated by fire-rated construction that is openings, non-rated doors, penetration on ground floor south side of the factory.	Separate the boiler and transformer rooms by a minimum 2-hr fire-rated construction. Seal and/or protected all openings to maintain the required fire separations	Within 3 months





F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Areas used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction on ground and first floors.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.	Within 3 months
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas and other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction.	Provide minimum 1.5-hr fire rated doors and seal all unprotected openings to separate the exit stairs from work areas and other building spaces on all floor levels. Ensure that the fire doors are self-closing and positive latching and that they are provided with fire exit (panic) hardware where serving production floors. If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system.	Within 3 months
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F-4	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in the fire-rated floor/ceiling assemblies.	Provide a minimum 2-hr fire-rated shaft to separate the utility risers from each floor level. Seal all penetrations and openings in floor/ceiling assemblies to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-5	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in exit stair enclosures.	Seal all penetrations and openings in exit stair enclosure walls to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-6	Egress	Egress doors / gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and exit discharge on all floors. Except for first floor east exit stairs, gates/doors were open and unlocked during inspection.	Remove locking features from all egress doors / gates. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Immediate
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F-7	Egress	Storage was located in the egress path on first and ground floors.	Keep egress paths and stairs clear of storage.	Immediate
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F-8	Egress	Storage was located in the exit stair. On north and south stairs	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
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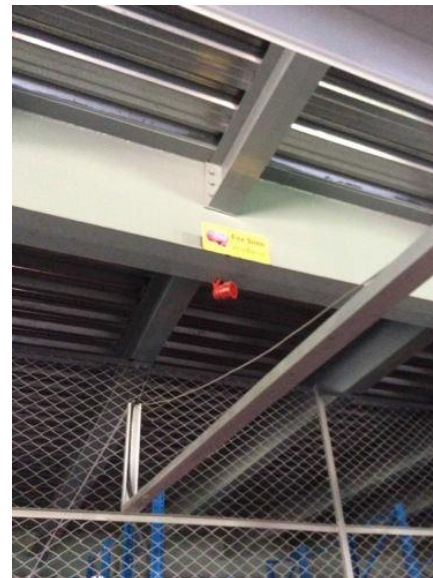


F-9	Egress	Collapsible gates / sliding doors and roll down doors are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress route and exit discharge on all floors.	Replace all gates / sliding doors along the means of egress with side-hinged, swinging egress doors. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Within 1 month
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F-10	Fire Protection	The fire alarm system is antiquated, not a listed system, and does not provide alarm and notification features consistent with acceptable standards.	Replace the fire alarm system with a new, listed addressable fire alarm system in accordance with NFPA 72.	Design within 4 months, install within 9 months
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F-11	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the fire alarm system is not in accordance with NFPA 72.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 3 months
F-12	Fire Protection	The building is equipped with single-station smoke alarms. Smoke alarm activation sounds only a local alarm and does not provide automatic fire alarm notification of occupants.	Remove single-station smoke alarms. Provide automatic smoke detection throughout the building in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 6 months
F-13	Egress Lighting	Exit sign not provided in egress paths on ground and first floors.	Provide exit signs above all exits to the exterior and all doors to the exit stairs. Provide additional exit signs along egress paths with directional arrows.	Within 1 month

F-14	Egress Lighting	Exit signage not working and not connected to IPS or normal electricity supply ground and first floors.	Regularly inspect all exit signage and replace/install lights as needed to illuminate signs.	Within 1 month
F-15	Egress Lighting	Emergency lighting did not function in test mode not connected to IPS or normal electricity supply on ground and first floor.	Regularly test the emergency lighting system on each floor and replace/repair lights as needed.	Within 1 month
F-16	Egress Lighting	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the emergency lighting system is not in accordance with ACCORD standards	Inspect, test and maintain the emergency lighting system in accordance with The ACCORD standard. Keep written records on-site.	Within 3 months
F-17	Egress Lighting	Based on the number and location of emergency lights observed, adequate illumination levels are not anticipated along egress routes on all floors.	Test the emergency lighting system on each floor and provide additional emergency fixtures to provide adequate illumination along the means of egress. Provide a minimum illumination of 10 lux at the floor level within exit stairs and exit discharge paths and minimum 2.5 lux along exit access aisles.	Within 3 months