

SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN M. S. DYEING, PRINTING & FINISHING LTD

(Address: Plot No # B-237 -252 , B-260-273, Bscic Industrial Estate, EnayetNagar, Fatullah, Narayanganj)

On 24th July 2018 M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd was made ineligible for business with Accord Companies and the Accord stopped monitoring the safety remediation at the factory.

The Accord is a legal agreement between international garment brands and unions that represent workers. The purpose of the Accord is to protect the safety of garment workers by inspecting factory buildings, identifying risks to worker safety, and making sure that factory owners eliminate these risks by renovating and repairing the buildings.

The Accord inspected M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd for fire, electrical and structural safety on 19th January 2017 and found a number of problems that could cause serious harm to workers. The Accord has asked M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd to make changes to eliminate these risks. Unfortunately, M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd has failed to:

- Remove locking features or render them inoperable from the egress doors/gates. This could result in workers being locked in the factory during a fire or another emergency.
- Remove collapsible gates/sliding door/rolling shutters. This could result in workers being locked in the factory during a fire or another emergency
- Remove storage in the egress path and exit stairs. This could be an obstacle for workers during evacuation in case of fire incident or another emergency.
- Fix the problems with the building structure. This could result in the failure of the structure and injuries to workers.
- Safely install and maintain electrical equipment and fix up electrical wiring. This could create serious electrical hazards in the factory which might lead to fire incidents.

The Accord has made many efforts to get the owners of M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd to fix these safety hazards, so that workers will be safe, but the owners have refused to do so.

As a result, M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd is unsafe for workers. Because of this, the brands that have signed the Accord will no longer do business with M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd and all factories part of the same RMG Group. The Accord wants to make sure that all workers at M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd. are aware that the building is not safe.

The following factories are part of the same RMG Group as M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd, which means that Accord companies will not place orders at these factories and these factories are not covered (anymore) under the Accord:

- Navy Fashion
- Navy Hosiery

If workers choose not to work at M. S. Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Ltd. or at the above listed factories because of the described situation, or if these factories close, the brands that have signed the Accord

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will make an effort to help workers find jobs at nearby factories that are safe. There is no guarantee that a job will be available, but the brands will try to assist.

For information, workers can contact:

The Accord:

- Mr. Rob Wayss, Mobile No. 01755-583744
- Mr. Kawsar Akil, Mobile No. 01766-695909

The Industrial Bangladesh Council:

- Mr. Roy Ramesh Chandra, Mobile No. 01819-223014
- Mr. Amirul Haque Amin, Mobile No. 01731-201302
- Mr. Salauddin Shapon, Mobile No. 01915-707755

Also, the government of Bangladesh has established a helpline for RMG workers at: 0800-4455000. There is no charge for calling this number.

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The Accord on Building and Fire Safety in Bangladesh