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FALL PROTECTION POLICY

POLICY:

Workers who are required to perform work on elevated surfaces are to be protected from falling. Therefore an effective program is in place to assess and control all fall issues in the workplace as described in sections of the Industrial Establishment section of the Act:

13 (guardrails), **18** (fixed access ladders), **52** (using a crane or lift truck to raise or lower workers), **73** (portable ladders), **79** (training in p.p.e. required) and **85** (exposure to a fall of 3meters or more)

PROCEDURES:

Section 13 (R. 851) – Guardrails:

- All platforms and stairways have been fitted with railings, mid-rails (as required) and toe-plates (as required).
- Areas where these were needed: Catwalk in the mill, catwalk on Planer Cyclone, Tarping Station, all levels of the Dry Kiln, all sets of stairs with a height of 107cm above the surrounding work area.
- All of these locate in each section of the plant are inspected on a regular basis when that area is inspected as part of the JHSC monthly inspection.

Section 18 (R. 851) – Fixed Access Ladders:

- A fixed access ladder is located on the Planer Cyclone.
- The ladder is equipped with a safety cage that extends to the top
- At the top of the ladder is a platform with railings
- The worker is also equipped with a lanyard and harness that is used when he/she leaves the caged ladder and goes onto the platform.
- The Cyclone has a ring attached to the cyclone for the worker to attach the lanyard to when leaving the platform.

Section 52 (R. 851) – Cranes and lift-trucks:

- No crane is used in the workplace to lift or lower a worker.
- The Loaders are usually used if needed to raise a worker to a point for working, such as the outside sawdust chain at the rear of the Sawmill. When a loader is used in a manner like this, section 52 (a), (iii) applies. The worker must be attached to the bucket and the boom must be secured in such a way as to prevent its decent in the event of a hydraulic failure.

Section 73 (R.851) – Portable Ladders

- Portable ladders shall be inspected on a regular basis when performing workplace inspections.
- They shall be in condition outlined in this section:
 - A) Free from broken or loose members or other faults.
 - B) Have non-slip feet
 - C) Be placed on firm footing
- Where it may be placed to exceed six metres in length and is not securely fastened, or may be endangered by traffic, will be held in place by one or more workers while being used, and when not securely fastened, be inclined so that the horizontal distance from the top support to the foot of the ladder is not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ and not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the length of the ladder.

Section 79 (R.851) – Training in the use of PPE

- Where the worker is in a position to require a harness and lanyard or a harness and belt, the worker is to be trained in the proper set up and use of them by a competent person, prior to their beginning work.
- All harnesses, belts and lanyards are to be inspected on a regular basis when inspecting the planer (lanyard and harness for the cyclone), when inspecting the grading-shed (tarping station has two lanyards and two belts).

Section 85 (R.851) – Over 3 metres

- Where a worker is exposed to a fall of 3 metres or higher a fall arrest or fall prevention system is required.
- Frequently truck loads are required to be tarped and are over 3 metres in height; therefore a tarping station has been setup on the side of the Grading-shed and is inspected on a regular basis along with the Grading-shed.
- Workers using this station are required to have been trained in the SOP for that station by a competent person prior to using it.
- They are to be attached by a lanyard to the cable on the station which prevents the worker from accessing the far side of the load, therefore preventing a fall from happening.