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Executive Director & Acting Chief Safety Inspector  
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Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

Date: 05/02/2017

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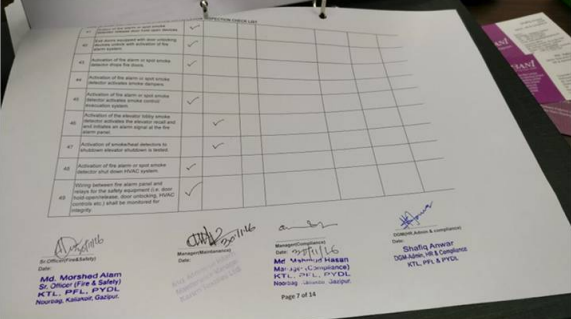
## Fire SaFety FoL low up inSpection

<b>Factory Name</b>	KARIM TEXTILES LIMITED		
<b>Address</b>	Noorbag, Kaliakoir, Gazipur		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	04/05/2014		
<b>Date Report Received</b>	19/June/14		
<b>Date of 4th Follow-up</b>	31/July/16	<b>Date of 5th Follow-up</b>	09/October/16
<b>Date of 6th Follow-up</b>	08/December/16	<b>Date of 7th Follow-up</b>	22/December/16
<b>Inspected by</b>	NUSRAT HOSSAIN TRISHA		

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1	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in exit stairs enclosures.	Seal all penetrations and openings in exit stair enclosure walls to maintain the fire separation.	Within 03 months	<p>On 09/10/2016: Some penetrations have been found at exit stair enclosures during follow up inspection.</p> <p>On 08/12/2016: IT room on ground floor has opening in exit stair-2 enclosure. Non-rated PVC pipe crossing was seen on 6th floor in exit stair-1 enclosure.</p> <p>On 22/12/2016: Corrected. Sealed.</p>	17/05/2016	Corrected	 
2	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas, and other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction.	<p>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</p>	Within 03 months	<p>On 08/12/2016: In progress. Factory has installed fire door with door holder devices interfaced (reported by factory) with FACP. Some door coordinators did not work properly for double leaf doors. Also passive part of some fire doors were seen open without door closer, door coordinator and door holder device. An electrical panel was seen on 8th floor in exit stair-2. Also fire doors on 10th floor does not swing in the direction of travel. Exit stair-2 discharge on ground floor is not separated with rated construction from surrounding occupancy- Washing &amp; dying section, IT room, office space etc.</p> <p>On 22/12/2016: Corrected. Fire separation work has been completed.</p>	14/06/2016	Corrected	 

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3	Areas used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction. 6th and ground floor store rooms.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Where separate storage rooms are not feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.4m and maximum area of 23m2 - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m and maximum area of 93m2 Separate areas of unenclosed combustible storage by a minimum clear distance of 3m.	Within 03 months	On 09/10/2016: Storage area without fire separation has been found besides dining on 7th floor and cutting floor.  On 08/12/2016: In process storage on 5th floor in new extension building that is open to production space in main building, neither met dimension for fire separation nor was fire separated.  On 22/12/2016: Corrected. Defined storage area has been maintained & sprinkler system was found active & proper.	12/06/2016	Corrected	
4	Common path of egress travel exceeds 30 m. 6th floor and ground floor store rooms.	Reconfigure the egress arrangement to reduce the maximum common path of travel to not more than 30 m.	Within 03 months	On 09/10/2016: Corrected. On 08/12/2016: Issue was corrected before. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	30/05/2014	Corrected	
5	Collapsible gates / sliding doors are provided at building exits, and exit stairs. Sliding gates at many egress stairs.	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 03 months	On 09/10/2016: Corrected. Noncompliant door or gate has not been found during follow up inspection. On 08/12/2016: Corrected. Non-compliant door or gate was not seen during follow-up inspection. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	15/12/2014	Corrected	

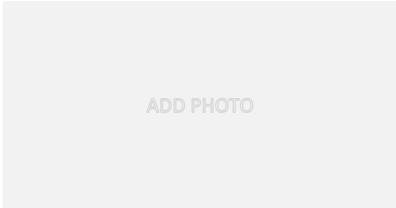
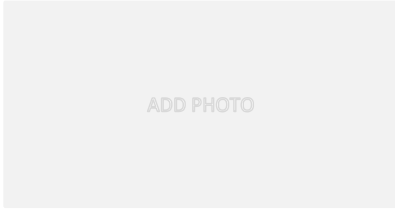
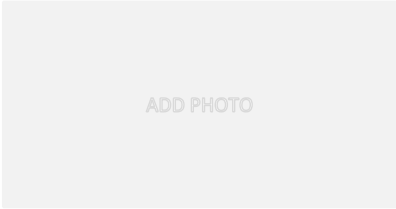
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6	Egress doors / gates with locking features are provided at building exits, and exit stairs. Pad locks on doors were unlocked and open at time of inspection.	Remove locking features from all egress doors/gates. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Within 03 months	On 09/10/2016: Corrected. Locking feature has not been found during follow up inspection. On 08/12/2016: Corrected. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	18/08/2014	Corrected	
7	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	On 08/12/2016: Factory reported that they have completed installation of fire alarm system system including interfacing and sent notification to ACCORD for testing & commissioning of the system. However, detectors and notification device were not seen in utility section. Also factory deviated from approved drawing by ACCORD- did not put detection devices where sprinkler was provided. During inspection original approval copy was not seen on site which is a primary condition for drawing approval. On 22/12/2016: Corrected. The fire alarm system has been checked & verified.	10/06/2016	Corrected	




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8	The high-rise building has an occupied floor greater than 23m (75 ft) and is not provided with automatic sprinkler protection. The large occupant loads, heavy fuel loading, and anticipated extended egress times warrant sprinkler protection.	Provide automatic sprinkler protection throughout the building in accordance with NFPA 13.	Design within 6 months install within 12 months	<p>On 08/12/2016: Factory reported that they have completed installation of sprinkler system and sent notification to ACCORD for testing &amp; commissioning of the system. During inspection original approval copy was not seen on site which is a primary condition for drawing approval. Factory shall provide 2-hour rated fire separated for fire pump room with unobstructed rated access.</p> <p>On 22/12/2016: Corrected. The sprinkler system has been checked &amp; verified.</p>	31/07/2016	Corrected	 
9	Inspection, testing, and maintenance records for the fire alarm system were not available.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 03 months	<p>On 09/10/2016: Corrected. The factory has maintained the checklist for the existing fire alarm system. It is required to update the checklist as per new installed system.</p> <p>On 08/12/2016: Corrected.</p> <p>On 22/12/2016: Corrected</p>	17/03/2016	Corrected	








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16	New Finding: Based on the number and location of emergency lights observed, adequate illumination levels are not anticipated along egress routes.	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 month	On 09/10/2016: Corrected. On 08/12/2016: Corrected. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	08/02/2016	Corrected	 ADD PHOTO
17	New Finding: Storage in Exit Stair	Storage was located in the exit stair.	Immediately	On 31-07-16: Corrected. Storage has not been observed in exit stair during inspection. On 08/12/2016: Corrected. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	10/02/2016	Corrected	 ADD PHOTO
18	New Finding: Unsealed elevator shafts are located in the exit stair case.	Provide a minimum 2-hr fire-rated shaft to separate the utility risers from each floor level and seal all penetrations in floor/ceiling assemblies to maintain the fire separation	Within 1 months	On 08/12/2016: Factory has separated elevator shaft except for ground and 10th floor. However, some special fire doors did not have label on door accessories. Door coordinator for some of the installed double leaf fire doors did not work properly. On 22/12/2016: Partially done. In 9th floor with sample area, elevator shaft was found open.	14/06/2016	In Progress	 ADD PHOTO

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19	New Finding: The width of egress aisles is less than 36-in.	Provide minimum aisle widths of 36-in.	Within 3 months	On 09/10/2016: The width of egress aisles is less than 36-inch has been found at 6th floor cutting section and several floors at iron & finishing area. On 08/12/2016: No action has been taken yet. Found same as previous follow-up. On 22/12/2016: Corrected.	31/10/2016	Corrected	
20	New Finding (5th follow up): There were multiple emergency lights and exit signage that has not sufficient "Emergency Backup Power" for each floor.	Provide emergency backup power for the emergency lightings and exit signage.	Immediate	On 09/10/2016: New Finding On 08/12/2016: No action has been taken yet. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	17/10/2016	Corrected	
21	New Finding (5th follow up): Storage (rack and comustible fabrics) was located in the exit corridor on each floor.	Remove all storage from exit corridor and exit stairs.	Immediate	On 09/10/2016: New Finding On 08/12/2016: Corrected. On 22/12/2016: Corrected	12/10/2016	Corrected	

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22	Exit capacity (850 persons) is not adequate for the occupant load (640 persons, as per initial report) at dining on 7th floor	1. Reduce occupant load to not more than available exit capacity. Or 2. Provide additional exits to increase exit capacity.	Immediate	On 08/12/2016: No action has been taken yet. Factory has provided 3rd exit for dining space through work area in new extension building which is a different occupancy.  On 22/12/2016: Corrected. Factory has reduced occupant load, reduced sitting arrangement from dining area.	17/10/2016	Corrected	
23	New Finding (08/12/2016): 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 1 month	On 08/12/2016: New Finding On 22/12/2016: Corrected.	08/01/2017	Corrected	