

Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Jim Carroll
Central Steel & Wire

Re: Portland – Sapa Profiles, Inc.

Dear Mr. Carroll:

At Sapa Extrusions Americas, we take ethics and integrity very seriously. As a result, we want to make you aware of a situation we uncovered at our Portland plant.

We have learned that some test records for aluminum extrusions manufactured by our Portland plant have been altered by certain employees. Specifically, we have learned that some test results for mechanical properties – ultimate tensile strength, yield strength and elongation – have been altered to change failing test results to passing test results. We are still diligently investigating the relevant time period and the orders impacted.

This unsanctioned practice is completely unacceptable and cuts at the heart of our core values. Once we learned of this ongoing misconduct, we immediately stopped it and reported it to government officials. We continue to work closely with them as they conduct their own investigations. As part of that process, Sapa's Portland plant has been temporarily suspended as a federal government contractor.

We recognize that this is difficult news to receive for our customers. We want to assure you that we have already taken several significant steps to remedy the situation. Thus far, we have terminated the employees responsible for the misconduct. We have also enhanced our quality leadership, training, equipment, and independent third-party audits. In addition, we are enhancing our overall compliance program. These measures are designed to ensure that improper conduct in the tensile testing lab does not happen again.

Our first and foremost focus now is to provide our customers with our full support to remedy this situation and work through any issues this situation may cause you or your customers.

We deeply apologize for this situation and any problem it may cause you. We truly consider it a privilege to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, you or your customers can contact us by calling +1 (503) 802-3080 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time) and/or e-mail portland@sapagroup.com.

We are committed to resolving any concerns you may have and look forward to working with you and your customers.

Very truly yours,



Mike Stier
Vice President and General Manager - West Region

Via Electronic Mail

Jim Carroll
Central Steel and Wire Company

Re: Portland – Sapa Profiles, Inc.: Forensic Analysis Results

Dear Jim:

As a follow-up to our earlier communication regarding the discovery of some altered test records at our Portland plant, and in response to your request for additional information about impacted orders, we wanted to provide you with the results of our analysis to date.

- At this point, we are not able to guarantee that any order shipped from our Portland plant between 1996 and June 2015 was not altered.
- We have developed a methodology, however, through which we are able to perform a forensic analysis of test data for tensile ultimate strength. At the present time, this methodology provides a reasonable degree of certainty to support our findings with respect to tensile ultimate strength.
- A preliminary forensic analysis of this test data for the orders listed on the attached table has been completed for tensile ultimate strength.
- We have not yet been able to determine a reliable method to analyze yield strength or elongation percentages.
- Unless otherwise indicated below, this analysis included a review of certain historic computerized testing records that date back to February 2007.
- In order to perform this analysis, we exported tensile testing data, including the width and length of the test samples, the tensile ultimate strength, the yield strength, recalculation results, and test curves.
- For parts and dies with a sufficient number of test results, we analyzed the data using a variety of methods to identify any irregularities.

Although our analysis is ongoing, we have attached a chart with the information on dies, part numbers, order numbers, and process traveler numbers that we can provide you with at this time. These are entries for which our analysis indicates a high likelihood that tensile ultimate strength test results were altered after failure. Where we were able, we included the estimated deviation from the minimum tensile ultimate strength and/or yield strength. In addition, the chart also includes a separate section of entries for which our analysis does not, at this time, indicate a high likelihood that tensile ultimate strength test results were altered.

We are continuing to evaluate data. If certain orders are not listed in the attached table, the orders are still under assessment.

Additionally, the information in this letter and the attached chart is based on the application of our current methodology to the data presently available to us. Because our review and analysis are ongoing, our findings may change as further facts emerge and further analysis and testing, if any, are conducted. If you have concerns or are aware of any structural or other safety critical end uses for the extrusions, we would welcome the opportunity to re-test the extrusions or perform further data analysis, if possible.



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Please do not hesitate to contact us by calling +1 (503) 802-3080 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) and/or e-mail portland@sapagroup.com.

Sapa appreciates your patience and understanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Stier".

Mike Stier
Vice President and General Manager - West Region

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Announcement: Extrusions shipped from Sapa-Profiles Inc.'s Portland, Oregon Facilities

One of our aluminum extrusion suppliers, Sapa Extrusions, has notified us that an unspecified number of test results for aluminum extrusions shipped from Sapa's Portland, Oregon facilities had been altered so that failing test results were changed to passing test results. Please refer to Sapa Extrusions letters designated as "Attachment # S1" and "Attachment # S2" for additional details.

Central Steel & Wire Company takes this matter very seriously and has assigned two primary contacts to answer any questions you may have related to this issue.

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Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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