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BPM PAPER COMPLETES BEST PRACTICES INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS THROUGH SMETA

BPM completed Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit - supported by Sedex - an organization dedicated to improving business ethics.

Peshtigo, Wisconsin – August 5, 2015 – **BPM Inc.** announced today that it has completed the requirements for inspection and review of the company’s business procedures following a SMETA 4-Pillar Audit regarding the responsibility of its manufacturing processes and business management. The company has participated in the process of the social and ethical audit in accordance to the SMETA methodology – the Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit - supported by Sedex. Sedex, the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange, is a membership organization for businesses committed to continuous improvement of the ethical and responsible practices in their supply chains.

The audit process assessed BPM’s compliance with prevailing legislation across the four pillars which cover requirements based on labor laws, the company’s commitment to health and safety, respect for the environment and ethical business practices. BPM is a member of Sedex, an organization which provides member companies with a secure web-based platform for storing and sharing information on the four key pillars. BPM’s willingness to share information and to utilize this information helps manage and improve ethical standards within the supply chain.

“We are a company that not only ensures the quality and excellence of its products but also cares for the health and safety of all our employees”, says Mitchell Mekaelian, VP of Sales. “While business continues to grow in and outside of the U.S., meeting requirements of multinational clients is important.”

SMETA is an acronym for “Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit” and is supported by a growing number of multinational companies that have committed themselves to conduct business in an ethical way.

This exercise “demonstrates how important it is that our production and business processes are continuously moving towards meeting the highest International standards,” stated Mekaelian. The audit was conducted by Intertek - a third



BPM, paper mill located in Peshtigo, WI, participated in an Ethical Trade Audit, which supports labor laws, commitment to health and safety, respect for the environment and ethical business practices.

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party audit company - to ensure the credibility and neutrality of the process. In addition to going through the SMETA, BPM recently passed [AIB International's GMP Inspection](#), which is based on rigorous standards for food safety, for a sixth year.

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