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**BOARD OF BOILER RULES**

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**MINUTES**

BOARD OF BOILER RULES  
March 7, 2001, Nashville, TN

I. Call to Order

Chairman Robert Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001, in the Third Floor Conference Room, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN.

II. Introductions and Announcement

Chairman Elliott opened the meeting by introducing himself and asked all attendees to introduce themselves and state their position.

Board Members present were Eddie Lunn, Boiler Supply Companies, Clyde Caldwell, International Boilermakers, Wayne Hiter, Insurance Companies and Dr. Domenic Canonico, Jr., Manufacturers. Dr. Decatur Rogers was absent.

Department staff present was Donald Tanner, Chief Boiler Inspector, Robert Bruce, Assistant Chief Boiler Inspector, Noel Chivers, Director, Jon Moffett, Administrator, James Davis, Staff Attorney and Adair Schippers.

Chairman Elliott announced that as of January 1, 2002, Eastman will split into two companies.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Clyde Caldwell and seconded by Dr. Canonico to accept the agenda with an amendment allowing discussion of Senate Bill 1832 exempting "Historic Boilers" from boiler inspections. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Elliott announced, without objection, that the Item Numbers listed on the agenda should be changed to reflect the year 2001, i.e., change from, Item 00-01 to Item 01-01, etc.

IV. Approval of minutes for Meeting of December 6, 2000

Dr. Canonico moved for the approval of the minutes as written, was seconded by Mr. Lunn and the motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Item 01-01 – Review a request and documentation from Lenzing Fibers of Lowland, TN, to be allowed to continue to operate various tanks containing “Rayon Viscose” with a system relief device in lieu of pressure relief devices on each vessel. Dr. Canonico moved: “The Tennessee Board of Boiler Rules, after an extensive review of the system and operation, feels that a variance is not required and Lenzing may continue to operate as they have historically.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunn and approved unanimously.

Item 01-02 – Review an application and documentation from Sutterfield Welding, Inc., Russellville, Arkansas, for a license to engage in repairs and alterations. Dr. Canonico moved that we accept the application contingent upon obtaining further information for clarification. Mr. Lunn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 01-03 – Review an application and documentation from Zachry Construction Corporation, Logwood, TX, for a license to engage in repairs, alterations and erection, for field only. Mr. Lunn moved approval, was seconded by Mr. Hiter and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 01-04 – Review an application and documentation from American Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Kingsport, TN, for a license to engage in repairs, alterations and erection. Mr. Lunn moved for approval, was seconded by Mr. Hiter and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 01-05 – Regarding Senate Bill 1832/House Bill 1910, exempting “historic” boilers from boiler inspections, a great deal of discussion ensued followed by the Chairman asking the Board Members, with the help of legal counsel, to draft a formal Resolution stating their opposition to this legislation and that following adoption of the Resolution by the Board, it be forwarded to the Senate and House sponsors. The following Resolution was moved by Dr. Canonico, seconded by Mr. Caldwell and passed unanimously.

The Board of Boiler Rules opposes Senate Bill 1832/HB 1910 for the following reasons:

WHEREAS pressure vessels are normally used in public places, and  
WHEREAS places displaying “Historic Power Boilers” are designed to attract families and children, and

WHEREAS pressure vessels produce an adverse affect on public safety; and  
WHEREAS the types of boilers referred to in this bill are antique by definition and present a grave public hazard; and

WHEREAS failure of one of these devises results in a catastrophic explosion causing serious injury and death, and

WHEREAS Boiler Inspectors are an integral part of the safe operation of these vessels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Boiler Rules believes that passage of the bill would be extremely detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Boiler Rules strongly agrees with the Department of Labor & Workforce Development for their opposition to this bill..

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- VI. Don Tanner announced that there is one applicant sitting for the national Board Examination and Person is doing this for his own benefit.
- VII. The next boiler board meeting will be held in Nashville on June 6, 2001.
- VIII. Chairman Elliott adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.