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MEMORANDUM

Via E-Mail

DATE: December 6, 2002
TO: Firm Clients and Friends
FROM: Bergeson & Campbell, P.C.
RE: OSHA Announces Ergonomics Committee Members

On December 3, 2002, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced the selection of 15 individuals from industry, academia, labor, legal, and medical professions to form OSHA's National Advisory Committee on Ergonomics (NACE). NACE is chartered initially for two years and is expected to meet two to four times annually beginning in **2003**. The Committee will advise the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on a number of issues related to OSHA's four-pronged approach to reducing ergonomic-related injuries in the workplace -- guidelines, research, outreach and assistance, and enforcement. The Committee will address a number of issues, including information related to industry- or task-specific guidelines; identifying gaps in existing research on ergonomics in the workplace; research needs and efforts; outreach and assistance methods to communicate the value of ergonomics; and increasing communication among stakeholders. Committee members include:

- Edward J. Bernacki, M.D., M.P.H. -- Dr. Bernacki is Associate Professor and Director, Occupational Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, and serves as Executive Director of Health, Safety and Environment and Chair of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and University's Safety Committee. Dr. Bernacki is also current president of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.
- Lisa M. Brooks, C.I.E. -- Ms. Brooks is Health and Safety Program Manager for International Paper Company, Memphis, TN. A certified industrial ergonomist, she holds advanced degrees in kinesiology (with an emphasis on human motor control and exercise physiology) and industrial



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and operations engineering (with an emphasis on ergonomics) from the University of Michigan.

- Paul A. Fontana -- President/CEO, Center for Work Rehabilitation, Inc. at the Fontana Center, Lafayette, LA. Mr. Fontana is a registered occupational therapist with significant experience.
- Willis J. Goldsmith, Esq. -- Partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue.
- Carter J. Kerk, Ph.D. -- Associate Professor in the Industrial Engineering Program at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Dr. Kerk is also a licensed Professional Engineer, a Certified Safety Professional, and a Certified Professional Ergonomist.
- James L. Koskan, MS, CSP -- Corporate Director of Risk Control, SUPERVALU, Inc., Minneapolis, MN. Mr. Koskan holds an advanced degree in Risk Control Management from the University of Wisconsin. He is an Associate in Loss Control Management, and a member of ergonomic advisory committees for both the Food Distributors International and Food Marketing Institute.
- Morton L. Kasdan, M.D., F.A.C.S. -- Clinical Professor of Surgery (Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery) at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY. An expert on ergonomic-related injuries, Dr. Kasdan has conducted research, written articles and studies, participated in numerous exhibits and presented seminars and academic lectures on cumulative trauma disorders and musculoskeletal symptoms in the workplace.
- George P. LaPorte -- Ergonomics Manager for NATLSCO, the loss control division of Kemper Insurance Companies, Lake Zurich, IL. A certified industrial ergonomist, Mr. LaPorte has provided ergonomics consulting in the meatpacking, textile, bakery, and health care industries.
- Barbara McCabe -- Program Manager, Operating Engineers National Hazmat Program, Beaver, WV. Ms. McCabe holds graduate degrees in occupational health and safety engineering and audiology. She has also served as an industrial hygienist since 1991.



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- J. Dan McCausland -- Consultant, and Director, Worker Safety and Human Resources, American Meat Institute. Mr. McCausland served in various functions with Oscar Mayer Food Corporation, Madison, WI, for more than 30 years, culminating with his appointment as Regional Director of Safety & Risk Management for Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Audrey Nelson, Ph.D., RN -- Center Director for: VHA Patient Safety Center of Inquiry; VHA Health Services Research Program on Patient Safety Outcomes; and Suncoast Development Research Evaluation Research Center on Safe Patient Transitions. Dr. Nelson has joint faculty appointments at the University of South Florida in the Colleges of Nursing and Public Health, and is the Associate Director for Clinical Research in the College of Nursing.
- Lida Orta-Anes, Ph.D. -- Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico. Dr. Orta-Anes is currently developing a minor concentration in ergonomics within the Industrial Hygiene Program and serves as the principal investigator in several proposed ergonomics research projects. Prior to her current position, she served as the Senior Ergonomist Consultant for the United Auto Workers in Detroit.
- Roxanne Rivera -- President and CEO, PMR Construction Services, Inc., Albuquerque, NM, a company that provides general construction services to the local and federal government and commercial customers.
- Corey Thompson -- National Safety and Health Specialist, American Postal Workers Union, Washington, D.C. Provides health and safety direction for the APWU's 368,000 members in more than 35,000 USPS facilities. Mr. Thompson has worked in the industrial hygiene field since 1980. He has served as a union representative on AFL-CIO's Health and Safety Committee, and as a member of OSHA's Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health.
- Richard Wyatt, Ph.D. -- Associate Director, Aon Ergonomic Services, Huntsville, AL. An industrial and systems engineering expert, Dr. Wyatt conducts ergonomic seminars across the country and develops ergonomic plans and programs.



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We hope this information is helpful. As always, please call if you have any questions.