

February 25, 2008

Julie Siemens
Nootka Reforestation Ltd
Box 884
Oliver, BC V0H 1T0

Dear Ms. Siemens:

Re: Your request for an Acceptance – AR200800053

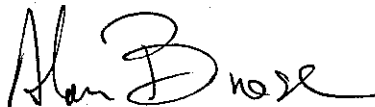
In your faxed letter of January 28, 2006, you requested that the Board accept certain rock climbers' helmets for the purposes of providing head protection for tree planters employed by your firm. In effect your request is to accept the Union of International Alpine Association (UIAA) Standard 106 *Mountaineering and Climbing Equipment Helmets*, as a standard acceptable to the Board under sections 4.4(2)(a) and 8.11(2) of the *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulation*.

We have been considering the possibility of a guideline of general application that would eliminate the need for granting Acceptances prior to using helmets meeting the UIAA standard for circumstances such as yours. However, we have not yet finalized the content of the guideline, and hence this response to you now for your specific operation.

The permission is granted as an acceptance on the attached terms.

Please call me at (604) 231-8603 or Rex Eaton at (604) 233-4037 if you have any questions concerning the acceptance process, or Kit Chan, P.Eng., Engineering Section at (604) 276-3207 if you have any questions concerning the content of the acceptance.

Yours truly,



Alan Brose, Senior Prevention Adviser
Regulatory Practices
Worker and Employer Services
WorkSafeBC

Copies: Kit Chan, P.Eng., Engineering Section, Investigations Division
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Shawn Mitton, Regional Prevention Mgr., 5360, Okanagan/Kootenays, WES
Rick Jeffery, OSO, 5360, Okanagan/Kootenays, WES
Rex Eaton, Senior Prevention Adviser, Regulatory Practices, WES
Firm File: Nootka Reforestation Ltd - 762694 CU: 703016

TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE – AR200800053

- Regulation** The Board accepts the Union of International Alpine Association UIAA Standard 106 – 1999 *Mountaineering and Climbing Equipment Helmets* as meeting a standard acceptable to the Board under sections 4.4(2)(a) and 8.11(2) of the *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulation*.
- Date granted** February 25, 2008
- Responsibility** The acceptance is granted to the employer, Nootka Reforestation Limited, Firm No. 762694, who has responsibility to ensure that these terms are complied with.
- Jobsite/process** The acceptance is only applicable to tree planters working around or under standing timber or in harvested cutblocks.
- Special terms** The following must be complied with:
- The chin strap must be used at all times while the helmet is worn.
 - Helmets meeting UIAA Standard 106 – 1999 may only be used in place of safety headgear permitted under section 8.11(2) of the *OHS Regulation* when there is no possible exposure to
 - Flames,
 - Electrical hazards, and
 - Sharp objects, such as nails or similar objects, that could enter ventilation holes (if provided in the helmet) and penetrate the scalp.
- Posting** A copy of these terms, along with any documents to which they refer, must be maintained at the worksite and be available for inspection by Board officers. The same documents must be posted on a suitable bulletin board in legible condition for the period of the acceptance. If affected workers will not receive notice by posting on a bulletin board, then the acceptance must be otherwise made known to all affected workers.
- Joint committee** A copy of these terms, along with any documents to which they refer, must be given to the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee or to the Worker Health and Safety Representative, as applicable.
- Time limited** The acceptance will be valid for three (3) years from the date of this letter, to February 25, 2011.
- Verification** The worksite may be inspected by WorkSafeBC officers to confirm these terms are being met.
- Failure to comply** Any non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this acceptance, or other safety infractions relating to the subject matter of the acceptance, may result in an administrative penalty and withdrawal of the acceptance.

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Reconsideration WorkSafeBC may reconsider the granting of the acceptance, or its terms, if it is later found to have been granted in error, new information is received since it was granted, or the applicable *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* provisions are substantively amended.

Re-application Application for another acceptance upon the expiry of this acceptance must be made to the Senior Prevention Adviser, Regulatory Practices.

Future acceptance applications can be expedited if the firm's application includes a letter from the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee or Worker Health and Safety Representative, as applicable, setting out their position in relation to the application.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Brose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "B".

Alan Brose, Senior Prevention Adviser
Regulatory Practices
Worker and Employer Services
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