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"The Employer"

The Chief Compliance Officer is writing in response to the employer's letter of February 14, 2008, in which the employer requests a deviation from *Occupational Health and Safety Act* General Regulation 91-191 section 131(3) that states:

131(3) *Subject to subsection (4), an employer shall ensure that the spacing of vertical supports and bearers of a scaffold does not exceed 3 m on centres.*

The employer is requesting to exceed the limit of the spacing of vertical supports and bearers of the scaffold to 3.5 metres on centre. The employer indicates that the engineered scaffold system is called Plus Eight which have vertical supports that do not exceed 3.5 metres. According to the manufacturer of Plus Eight Scaffold, this system at 3.5 metre vertical supports meets all structural requirements and ratings and is equivalent to similar scaffold systems at 3 metre vertical supports.

The employer has provided the Chief Compliance Officer with additional information on PlusEight Stair Tower and PlusEight Aluminum Plywood Scaffolding Deck.

The Chief Compliance Officer has reviewed the material the employer has provided and the Chief Compliance Officer has conferred with a Health and Safety Officer. Based on the information the employer has provided, a deviation is granted.

By copy of this letter, the Chief Compliance Officer has advised WHSCC staff of the decision.

Yours truly,

Chief Compliance Officer

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