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FOUNDRY WORKERS SEEK PAYMENT FOR ALL TIME WORKED FROM THYSSENKRUPP WAUPACA, INC.

MINNEAPOLIS: Foundry employees filed a class action lawsuit against ThyssenKrupp Waupaca, Inc., for back wages alleged to be owed to thousands of foundry workers, including workers at the Etowah, Tennessee plant. ThyssenKrupp Waupaca, Inc. is headquartered in Waupaca, Wisconsin, and is a subsidiary of ThyssenKrupp AG, a German conglomerate.

The class action lawsuit was filed on Wednesday June 4, 2008 in federal court in Green Bay, Wisconsin, which is close to ThyssenKrupp Waupaca's headquarters. The lawsuit seeks to represent employees at all ThyssenKrupp Waupaca locations, including foundries in Wisconsin, Indiana and Tennessee.

The lawsuit alleges workers were not paid from the moment they start putting on protective equipment in locker rooms, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act and various state laws. The lawsuit also alleges employees should be paid until they completely remove their equipment and shower.

The workers are represented by the law firms of Larson King, LLP of St. Paul, MN and Zimmerman Reed, PLLP, of Minneapolis, MN.

"Since the early 1990s, the United State Department of Labor and federal courts have been steadily forcing industrial and manufacturing employers to pay wages for all hours worked, including time spent putting on, taking off and cleaning equipment, and for time walking from locker areas to the plant floors. The U.S. Supreme Court has also said that if employees work with toxic chemicals, post-shift time spent showering should be paid. We believe that foundry workers have the same rights under federal and state laws to be paid for all hours worked, and we will fight to obtain back wages for the ThyssenKrupp Waupaca employees," said Gordon Rudd, one of the attorneys for the workers.

The time workers in industrial settings spend getting ready for their shifts, and for finishing the end of their shifts, is significant. "In some cases, up to 30 minutes each day is spent working off the clock. Millions of dollars have been paid to settle some of these class action lawsuits, and some workers have been awarded thousands of dollars in back pay," said Joe Snodgrass, another attorney for the workers.

Current or former employees can get more information at www.fairpayattorneys.com or by calling 800.890.2902. The complaint is also available at www.fairpayattorneys.com.

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