

Via Electronic Mail

Rob Rosen
Alaskan Copper and Brass

Re: Portland – Sapa Profiles, Inc.

Dear Rob,

At Sapa Extrusions Americas, we take ethics and integrity very seriously. As a result, we want to make you aware of a situation we uncovered at our Portland plant.

We have learned that some test records for aluminum extrusions manufactured by our Portland plant have been altered by certain employees. Specifically, we have learned that some test results for mechanical properties – ultimate tensile strength, yield strength and elongation – have been altered to change failing test results to passing test results. We are still diligently investigating the relevant time period and the orders impacted.

This unsanctioned practice is completely unacceptable and cuts at the heart of our core values. Once we learned of this ongoing misconduct, we immediately stopped it and reported it to government officials. We continue to work closely with them as they conduct their own investigations. As part of that process, Sapa's Portland plant has been temporarily suspended as a federal government contractor.

We recognize that this is difficult news to receive for our customers. We want to assure you that we have already taken several significant steps to remedy the situation. Thus far, we have terminated the employees responsible for the misconduct. We have also enhanced our quality leadership, training, equipment, and independent third-party audits. In addition, we are enhancing our overall compliance program. These measures are designed to ensure that improper conduct in the tensile testing lab does not happen again.

Our first and foremost focus now is to provide our customers with our full support to remedy this situation and work through any issues this situation may cause you or your customers.

We deeply apologize for this situation and any problem it may cause you. We truly consider it a privilege to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, you or your customers can contact us by calling +1 (503) 802-3080 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time) and/or e-mail portland@sapagroup.com.

We are committed to resolving any concerns you may have and look forward to working with you and your customers.

Very truly yours,



Mike Stier
Vice President and General Manager - West Region