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Three Million Hours and Counting

CGC Reaches Three Million Man-Hours Without Lost Time Injury

Johnson Creek, WI – Commercial Grounds Care, Inc., manufacturer of BOB-CAT, Bunton, Ryan and Steiner brand grounds maintenance and turf care equipment recently achieved a remarkable workplace safety milestone, reaching three million (3,000,000) man-hours without a lost time injury. To better appreciate the significance; it took the dedication of every employee of Commercial Grounds Care eight years and one month to reach three million work hours.

CGC supports a safety-first workplace environment. Being safe and compliant to the Safety Management System is the minimal requirement. Through the implementation of sound industry practices and the inclusion of pertinent elements of industry supporting programs such as; Lean Manufacturing, ISO, 5S and others, CGC has created a proactive safety environment where employees are encouraged to, and do participate in being safety conscious. Other programs like; Near Miss, where employees identify leading indicators by documenting incident potential in the workplace, allows the company to be proactive. And, the Safety Audit Program requires management and employees to work together to find solutions and create guidelines instrumental in creating and maintaining a safe workplace environment.

“Employees at CGC are safety conscious at a level I have not seen in my 35 years in American Manufacturing”, stated Chuck Clark, director of operations for CGC and affiliate Schiller-Pfeiffer, Inc. “They live and breathe safety such that it is a natural part of their work effort. Everyone is committed and that is why it works!” concluded Clark.

Dedicated equipment also plays a big role in reducing the likelihood of workplace incident at CGC. The impressive state-of-the-art Mazak for instance, utilizes laser technology to slice through massive sheets of steel at a variety of gauges with blueprint accuracy, the unit is self-feeding and off loading reducing employee interaction and the likelihood of injury. Robot welders are used where applicable, breaks are used for bending material, and loaders eliminate any need to manually transport materials throughout the facility. Additionally, production lines are ergonomic by design with jigs, hoists, and lift tables adding to improved safety at the line.

Commercial Grounds Care, Inc. (CGC) manufactures and distributes Bob-Cat, Bunton, Ryan & Steiner brand mowers and turf care equipment. CGC operates a 160 employee manufacturing facility in Johnson Creek, WI and distributes their products through commercial dealerships nationwide.

To find out more about Commercial Grounds Care, Inc. and their family of products, or to find the nearest dealer; contact CGC at 920-699-2000 or visit the CGC website at www.cgcequip.com

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Facility functionality is important in creating a safe manufacturing work environment. However, it's the employee support of and commitment to safety awareness that have helped make CGC lost time injury free for three million man-hours and counting.

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