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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F303165

WARREN SCHMUTZLER, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS STEEL, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
CORPORATE SOLUTIONS, CARRIER	RESPONDENT NO. 2
AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGERS	RESPONDENT NO. 3
DEATH & PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TRUST FUND	RESPONDENT NO. 4

OPINION FILED AUGUST 29, 2007

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant represented by HONORABLE CONRAD ODOM, Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Respondent No. 1 represented by HONORABLE CONSTANCE G. CLARK, Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Respondent No. 2 represented by HONORABLE EARL "BUDDY" CHADICK, Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Respondent No. 3 is not represented and does not otherwise appear.

Respondent No. 4 represented by HONORABLE JUDY RUDD, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

The claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed January 11, 2007.

The Administrative Law Judge entered the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The stipulations agreed to by the parties at the pre-hearing conference conducted on September 27, 2006, and contained in a pre-hearing order filed September 29, 2006, are hereby accepted as fact.
2. NWA Steel and Corporate Solutions were joint employers of the claimant; therefore, they are jointly liable for payment of workers' compensation benefits. Under the terms of the "Client Service Agreement," NWA Steel is entitled to recover any workers' compensation payments it makes to claimant from Corporate Solutions.
3. Claimant is entitled to additional temporary total disability benefits beginning November 24, 2003 and continuing through February 18, 2004.
4. Claimant is entitled to all unpaid medical treatment provided in connection with his compensable injuries.
5. As a result of his compensable injuries, claimant is permanently totally disabled.

6. Claimant's attorney is entitled to the maximum attorney fee on all unpaid indemnity benefits.

We have carefully conducted a de novo review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's decision is supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence, correctly applies the law, and should be affirmed. Specifically, we find from a preponderance of the evidence that the findings of fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

Thus, we affirm and adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings and conclusions therein, as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

All accrued benefits shall be paid in a lump sum without discount and with interest thereon at the lawful rate from the date of the Administrative Law Judge's decision in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-809 (Repl. 2002). For prevailing on this appeal before the Full Commission, claimant's attorney is hereby awarded an

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additional attorney's fee in the amount of \$500.00 in
accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715(b)(2) (Repl. 2002).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner

PHILIP A. HOOD, Commissioner