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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CLAIM NO. F900625

MICHAEL BROWN, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
NUCOR YAMATO STEEL, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE, CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED JULY 20, 2010

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

Claimant appeared *pro se*.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE MICHAEL E. RYBURN, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Claimant appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed January 20, 2010.

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

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction of the claim.
2. On January 20, 2007, the employment relationship existed when the claimant earned wages sufficient to weekly compensation benefits at the maximum applicable rates of \$504.00/378.00, for temporary total/permanent partial disability.

3. The claimant failed to file a claim with the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission for workers' compensation benefits growing out of the January 20, 2007, incident until January 21, 2009, which was more than two years from the date of injury. The present claim is barred pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-702(a)(1).
4. The claimant has failed to sustain his burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence that he sustained an injury arising out of and in the course of his employment on January 20, 2007, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-102(4).

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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A. WATSON BELL, Chairman

KAREN H. MCKINNEY, Commissioner

Commissioner Hood dissents.