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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NOS. E212807, E705641, E803442, F011930

KAREN B. SIMMONS, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
BROWN JORDAN COMPANY, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
BROWN JORDAN INTERNATIONAL, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED AUGUST 10, 2010

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

Claimant represented *Pro Se*.

Respondent represented by the HONORABLE NEAL L. HART, 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 April 23, 2010.

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

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction over these claims.
2. The claimant sustained compensable injuries arising out of and during the course of her employment with Brown Jordan Company, specifically,

wrist injury on May 21, 1992, and a back injury sustained on March 20, 1997.

3. Respondents have paid all appropriate benefits related to the claimant's two (2) compensable injuries.
4. Respondents have not paid any benefits for the claimant's back injury after April 22, 1998.
5. The prior Opinion and Order filed September 23, 1998, is now a final decision and the law of the case.
6. The claimant last worked for the employer herein on February 28, 1999.
7. The claimant filed claims for additional workers' compensation benefits for her back injury on June 29, 2000, and October 14, 2000.
8. The within claim for additional workers' compensation benefits is barred by the statute of limitations.
9. The within claim for additional benefits is barred by *laches*.
10. Because the claim is barred by time limitations, the claimant's request for permanent total disability is rendered moot.
11. Respondents are responsible for costs involved in defending this claim for additional benefits.

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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.