BEFORE THE ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN RE: ALIMAK HEK, INC. on behalf of
GEORGIA PACIFIC CHEMICALS, LLC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Arkansas Elevator Safety Board on Thursday, May 21, 2015
and Thursday, August 6, 2015. The petitioner, Alimak-Hek, Inc. (Petitioner) seeks a variance on
behalf of Georgia Chemicals, LLC for a special purpose personnel lift to be installed at 150 Mill
Supply Road, Crossett, Arkansas 71635.
FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The Petitioner submitted a variance request to the Arkansas Department of Labor on
February 23, 2015 seeking a variance for the above-referenced conveyance from ASME A17.1-2007,
Section 5.7.12.2 pertaining to Limitation of Load, Speed and Platform Area. The request seeks
permission to exceed Section 5.7.12.2 restrictions for platform area (not to exceed 13 ft. squared) and
load (not to exceed 1,000 pounds).

2. Alex Pinkhasik, Project Manager, appeared on behalf of the Petitioner. His testimony
and request letters describe the variance request: a two-door conveyance is preferable due to size
restrictions on the landings; the facility is very compact and use of a larger landing door area would
block crane access; the conveyance is not for public use; and that a professional engineer had
evaluated that the proposed use will maintain acceptable safety levels. A calculation report from
Arkansas Registered Professional Engineer Wilson E. Kile was submitted with the variance request.

3. Cody Wagoner (Wagoner), Chief Elevator Inspector, Arkansas Department of Labor,
made a report to the board and recommended approval of the variance.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. Ark. Code Ann. § 20-24-106(d) provides that "[t]he board shall also have the power in any particular case to grant exceptions and variations which shall only be granted where it is clearly evident that they are necessary in order to prevent undue hardship or where the existing conditions prevent compliance with the literal requirements of the rules and regulations. In no case shall any exception or variation be granted unless, in the opinion of the board, reasonable safety will be secured thereby."

2. In the present case, the Board concludes that compliance with ASME A17.1-2007, Section 5.7.12.2 would be an undue hardship because a two-door conveyance is preferable due to size restrictions on the landings; the facility is very compact and using a larger landing door area would block crane access; and the conveyance is not for public use.

3. The Board further concludes that, based on the facts presented and the opinion of the board, reasonable safety will be secured based on the Professional Engineer's calculation report.

THEREFORE, the board grants a variance to Alimak-Hek, Inc. on behalf of Georgia Chemicals, LLC for a special purpose personnel lift to be installed at 150 Mill Supply Road, Crossett, Arkansas 71635. The Board has the authority to revoke this variance if there is a material change in condition upon proper notice and opportunity for hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
STATE OF ARKANSAS

By: ____________________________
Leon Jones, Jr., Chairman

Date: 8/6/15

Approved:

Daniel Knox Faulkner, Attorney