



PLANT MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By: J. Anand

The latest forecast from Akron regarding tire sales for the balance of this year is lower than previously anticipated. All tire plants are facing shutdown weeks and/or cuts in daily production schedule.

Naturally this will have a severe affect on our operation as well. We are currently planning to shutdown a major portion of the Gastonia operations the week of May 27th.

Other shutdowns or cutbacks will also be necessary in the following months

In reviewing the plant operations I am very pleased with the progress made in twisting in reduction of bad work, reduction of rework inventory and the training being done in the reclaim area. Although our waste was high in March and April, the trend in May is very encouraging.

We have ordered two more Dornier looms which will be delivered in July. There are orders for these looms and this should add to our profitability. In the meantime our Industrial Fabrics area has been working six days per week. The hard work of the people in this area is appreciated.

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PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Partnership Council is currently meeting with each subcommittee to help enhance two-way communication on current problems or issues in process. The council is working on a project in the reclaiming area of Twisting, coordinated by JOHNETTE MITCHELL and SHIRLEY HUGHES. Both JOHNETTE and SHIRLEY appreciate all of the assistance and cooperation they have received from ELAINE DAVIS and all the reclaim ladies.

SAFETY NEWS

By: Bill Passmore

Congratulations to all who completed six months without a recordable injury. A special thanks from the Safety & Housekeeping Teams and Committees. Let's make the last half of our contest even better. These are the departments, shifts and floors completing six months:

TWISTING: 5th floor, 1st & 3rd; 4th floor, 1st & 3rd; 2nd floor, 1st & 3rd; 1st floor, all shifts

WAREHOUSE: All shifts

SHOP: Electric Shop, all shifts; Machine Shop, 2nd & 3rd

WEAVING: 1st floor, 2nd & 3rd; Basement, 3rd

TREATING: #3 & Chafer, all shifts; #8, 2nd

QUALITY CONTROL: 2nd & 3rd

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MONTHLY RESULTS FOR APRIL

	Pounds	
	Budget	Actual
Sales	4,423,000	3,428,970
Production (Woven/Twisted)	3,408,000	2,376,465
Treated (Includes Nylon 6 from Woodstock)	4,287,000	3,283,696

Sales continue to be lower than budget due to reduced demand at BFS tire plants as well as our trade customers. Our actual production was reduced to meet our total customer requirements.

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WASTE REPORT - APRIL

	Actual % to Production	Objective % to Production
Twisting:		
Nylon	1.038	.478
Polyester	1.014	.593
Weaving:		
Nylon	.436	.475
Polyester	.407	.551
Treating:		
Nylon	.563	.438
Polyester	.150	.175