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DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM WE OBSERVED:

OBSERVATION 1

Equipment and utensils are not cleaned and maintained at appropriate intervals to prevent contamination that would alter the safety, identity, strength, quality or purity of the drug product.

Specifically, major production equipment used to manufacture oral solid dosage drug products is not appropriately cleaned and maintained to prevent contamination. For example:

- A. On [REDACTED], we observed pale yellow to light yellowish color powdery materials along with white to off-white color powder on the product contact areas inside the firm's Rapid Mixture Granulator (RMG) [REDACTED]. Along with colored powdery materials inside the RMG, we observed pale yellow to yellowish color liquid spillage and dried powder of off-white and yellowish color on the floor underneath RMG [REDACTED] while this equipment and the area [REDACTED] was in "TO BE CLEANED" status. Production Operators and IPQA employees identified the pale yellow to yellowish color powdery materials pertaining to the previously manufactured drug products [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and white color powdery material pertaining to the recently manufactured product [REDACTED]. The sequence of manufacturing these drug products in campaign using RMG [REDACTED] included Common Blend (CB) for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (RMG [REDACTED]), [REDACTED] (RMG [REDACTED]), [REDACTED]

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(RMG [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED]
(RMG [REDACTED]).

On [REDACTED], the firm collected samples (pale yellow to yellowish and white to off-white color powdery materials) from inside the lid of RMG and underneath floor of RMG. The qualitative analyses of these samples by HPLC revealed the presence of [REDACTED] peak in sample injections at the same retention time to that of standard injections indicating potential mix-up and carryover of [REDACTED] active in [REDACTED] drug product.

B. On [REDACTED] the firm collected additional samples from the interior surface of RMG ([REDACTED] lid and underneath floor and analyzed those samples by LC-MS/MS method in the firm's QC laboratory. The analyses of samples revealed the similar peak response for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] actives in the samples and standard injections confirming the presence of these actives in samples collected from the product contact areas of RMG lid and non-product contact areas of underneath floor of RMG while this area and equipment was used in the campaign manufacturing of [REDACTED].

During the inspection, QC Unit of the firm analyzed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for Related Substances by HPLC test methods of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] finished drug products. The analyses revealed the presence of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] actives in the test samples of [REDACTED] and presence of [REDACTED] active in test sample of [REDACTED]. The details of sampling locations, products analyzed, and test results obtained are tabulated below:

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Location	Product	LC-MS/MS		Related Substances by HPLC	
				(PPM)	(PPM)
Interior of lid	granules				
Binder addition port - C1	granules				
Floor beneath RMG - C3	granules				
Floor beneath RMG - C4	granules				
	tablets	NA	NA		
Container-1 (Initial)	ER tablets	NA	NA		
Container-18 (Middle)	ER tablets	NA	NA		
Container-36 (End)	ER tablets	NA	NA		

NA: Not Applicable ND: Not detected

There is a potential that the obtained carryover materials may react with the product components and form unknown impurity which may increase over the period of the product's shelf life. There is no mechanism established by the firm to identify those impurities for all the batches manufactured using RMGs across the firm and that the firm has limited number of batches

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charged on stability annually depending on pack sizes.

As a result of finding powdery materials of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] actives in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] drug product, the firm reported Field Alert for [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Batch Number: [REDACTED], Expiry date: [REDACTED].

- C. The [REDACTED] non-dedicated Rapid Mixture Granulators (RMGs) used in the manufacturing of finished drug products at the firm have not been cleaned and verified for cleanliness underneath the mounted platform areas since their installation several years ago. There is a potential for deposition of powdery materials and microbial growth in these areas in all RMGs across the facility.

Serial. No.	Equipment name	Equipment number	PQ Date
1.	Rapid Mixer Granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2.	Rapid mixing granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3.	Rapid mixing granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4.	Saizoner Mixer Granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5.	Saizoner Mixer Granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
6.	Rapid mixing granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
7.	Rapid Mixer Granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
8.	Rapid mixing granulator [REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
9.	Rapid Mixer Granulator-[REDACTED] L	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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10.	Rapid mixing granulator	█ L	█	█
11.	Rapid mixing granulator	█ L	█	█
12.	Rapid mixing granulator	█ L	█	█
13.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█ L	█	█
14.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█ L	█	█
15.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█ L	█	█
16.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█	█	█
17.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█	█	█
18.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█	█	█
19.	Rapid Mixer Granulator	█	█	█

On █ we observed thick deposition and layers of off-white, pale yellowish to yellowish and black to brownish powdery materials underneath the mounted platform of RMG █. This RMG mounted platform has about 1.5 feet opening from all four (4) sides through which powdery residues of drug products manufactured in this room █ may have deposited throughout the machine components of this RMG over the period of several years due to positive air pressure inside the room. Along with the powdery materials, we observed the surface underneath RMG platform had pale yellow to dark brown color liquid and wet surface across many areas which is indicative of potential microbial growth in those areas of RMG. The swab samples were collected from these areas which revealed the presence of █ growth on mounted platform surface underneath RMG ID: █

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Location Details	TAMC (CFU/Swab)	TYMC (CFC/Swab)	Colony Characteristic match
Gear box upper shaft	█	█	██████████ ██████████
Gear box end base Left side	█	█	████████████████████ ████████████████████ ██████████
Motor and gear box middle	█	█	████████████████████ ██████████
Gear box base right side	█	█	████████████████████ ██████████ ██████████
RMG bowl bottom outside (close to product discharge)	█	█	████████████████████ ████████████████████ ██████████

There are ██████████ drug products manufactured in ██████████ area of which about ██████████ are sold into the US market.

D. On ██████████, during the inspection of ██████████ manufacturing area/██████████, FBD Bowl attached to Fluid Bed Dryer (equipment ██████████) was observed with two cracks on the view glass. Both cracks impacted the view glass surface from one end to the other. This view glass is a

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product contact surface. There is a reasonable chance that the tiny pieces from the cracked view glass can potentially be introduced into the product. Equipment use logbook indicated the firm performed product changeover cleaning on this equipment on [REDACTED] after manufacturing a US batch of [REDACTED]

OBSERVATION 2

The responsibilities and procedures applicable to the quality control unit are not fully followed.

Specifically, There is a lack of adequate evaluation of equipment conditions upon preventative maintenance, equipment cleaning, and line clearance. For example:

- A. On [REDACTED], we observed the firm's production operators and IPQA officers conducted inadequate visual inspection of RMG [REDACTED] upon major cleaning (Type B). This RMG contained powdery residues of previously manufactured colored products on RMG lid and discharge port (product contact areas). As a result of this, colored residues of previously manufactured drug products were observed inside RMG while the firm manufactured [REDACTED]. In addition to equipment clearance, we observed concerns pertaining to area clearance. There were pale yellow to yellowish color powdery residues of previously manufactured drug product underneath product discharge port and mounted platform of RMG [REDACTED] (Refer to OBSERVATION 1A to C).
- B. The firm performed quarterly preventative maintenance (PM) of RMG [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], we observed broken silicon sealant along with missing pieces of sealant on many areas of RMG [REDACTED]. The firm's PM is deficient in that there is no evaluation of uneven, and dent marks on equipment surfaces along with the presence of powdery residues and

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potential leakage leading to wet surfaces underneath equipment in the surrounding areas of gear box (Refer to OBSERVATIONS 1A to C and 9B).


OBSERVATION 3

Determinations of conformance to appropriate written specifications for acceptance are deficient for drug products.

Specifically, determination of conformance to written specifications are deficient for TAMC (Total Aerobic Microbial Count) test and TYMC (Total Yeast and Mold Count) test conducted for purified water and drug products.

On [REDACTED], the colony counter (equipment [REDACTED]) in micro lab was observed missing the colony counts when the analyst was reading the plates and reviewer was verifying the counted colonies for water samples collected on [REDACTED]. For example:

- A. The colony counter did not count every colony for multiple samples including LIMS sample # [REDACTED] (location: Return to Tank [REDACTED] KL, Location ID: [REDACTED]) when micro lab analyst [REDACTED] pressed the media plate placed on the colony counter ([REDACTED]) with his pen.
- B. The colony counter did not count every colony for multiple samples including LIMS sample # [REDACTED] (location: [REDACTED], Location ID: [REDACTED]) when micro lab reviewer [REDACTED] performed the verification of the colonies counted by analyst [REDACTED]. During the verification [REDACTED] pressed the media plate placed on the colony counter ([REDACTED]) with his pen. For this sample, the colony counter failed to count the colony even when the reviewer pressed the plate with such a force that the tip of her pen broke.

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This colony counter (██████████) has been in use since it was qualified on ██████████. In addition to routine environmental monitoring samples, this equipment has been used for the last ██████████ to test ██████████ batches (██████████ commercial release and ██████████ stability batches) of drug products for the US market.

C. Discrepancies were observed in number total colony counted by the analyst and the reviewer pertaining to many media plates that were read on ██████████. Following are few examples:

Sample LIMS #	Colony Counts by Analyst	Colony Counts by Reviewer
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████

The analyst and reviewer are working in the micro lab for about ██████████ and ██████████ years respectively.

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There is a failure to thoroughly review any unexplained discrepancy and the failure of a batch or any of its components to meet any of its specifications whether or not the batch has been already distributed.

Specifically, the quality unit failed to investigate deviations and investigations thoroughly that could potentially impact the patient safety and product quality. For example:

- A. The firm's Quality Unit did not timely conclude the investigations relating to batch failure and recalled failing batches from the US market. For examples,

The firm's QC unit found failing results for [REDACTED], Batch Numbers: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Manufacturing date: [REDACTED], Expiry date: [REDACTED], Test: Dissolution by HPLC, Stability timepoint: [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Upon confirming the failing results at L1 and L2 stages on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The firm logged-in a single [REDACTED] investigation ([REDACTED] No.: [REDACTED], date initiated: [REDACTED]) for both the lots by underreporting the total number of [REDACTED]. The firm concluded [REDACTED] investigation for both the lots as "Valid" i.e. failing to meeting specification limit on [REDACTED]. Further, the firm initiated a separate [REDACTED] investigation ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) on [REDACTED] and filed a Field Alert on [REDACTED] to the agency. The firm concluded the OOS investigation as "Valid" on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which is after crossing [REDACTED] shelf life of the product.

There was no justification provided for the delay of over [REDACTED] months in concluding the failing test results investigation for these annual stability batches. As a result of delayed investigation, [REDACTED], Batch Numbers: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] batches remained available for purchase to the US customers and these batches were not recalled from the US market. On [REDACTED], the firm simply closed FAR without evaluating the impact of

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the issues and there was no corrective action taken to avoid the similar events in the future. Additionally, there has been no risk assessment performed for the batches manufactured and sold into the US market in the period of a year considering the annual stability batches failed to meet the specification limits for Dissolution test at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

B. The Quality Unit employees' deviated from SOP No.: [REDACTED], Titled: Chromatographic Integration Practices, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] pertaining to "inhibit peak integration procedure". For example,

According to section [REDACTED] "Actual "inhibit integration" timed events should only be utilized to remove the interference of blank / Placebo peaks that are present in the test sample chromatograms as recommended in the respective STP/MoA".

On [REDACTED], we observed unknown peak in "Test" injection at about [REDACTED] in "Typical Chromatograms" of [REDACTED] Purity by HPLC test within Specification & MOA No.: [REDACTED] Titled: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Effective date: [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this, we also observed unknown peak at around [REDACTED] in sample test solution of [REDACTED] API, Batch Number: [REDACTED] and standard injections. This unknown peak at around [REDACTED] was absent in blank injections and system suitability injection. QC Supervisor of the firm deviated from section [REDACTED] of SOP No.: [REDACTED] by applying inhibit peak integration function.

There was no investigation conducted to identify these unknown peaks which were not present historically during the validation of analytical method and qualification of working standards. Further, the firm provided no explanation for the presence of the unknown peak [REDACTED] in standard solution injection but not in system suitability injection while the inhouse working

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standard used for preparing both standard solutions remained the same.

OBSERVATION 5

The use of instruments, apparatus and recording devices not meeting established specifications was observed.

Specifically, major Laboratory equipment including but not limited to HPLCs, GCs, and UV Spectrophotometers that are actively used in commercial release and stability analysis were observed not meeting the calibration specifications.

In the last [REDACTED] the firm initiated [REDACTED] incident reports when laboratory equipment failed to meet routine calibration specifications. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] incidents are listed below

Incident No	Date Reported	Equipment name	Equipment ID	Description Of Incident
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	UV spectrophotometer	[REDACTED]	Results not meeting acceptance criteria
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	HPLC	[REDACTED]	%RSD not meeting the acceptance criteria

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Deficiencies were observed in the incident investigation reports ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) generated for UV Spectrometer (equipment ID: [REDACTED]) and HPLC (equipment ID: [REDACTED]) and the firm's laboratory equipment calibration and preventive maintenance program. For example:

- A. Incident report [REDACTED] was initiated on [REDACTED] when UV Spectrophotometer (ID [REDACTED]) failed to meet the limit of stray light during routine calibration that was being performed on [REDACTED]. The absorbance of stray light at [REDACTED] nm was observed as [REDACTED] against the specification of not less [REDACTED]. This equipment has [REDACTED] mirrors [REDACTED]. During the investigation, the firm observed [REDACTED] mirrors ([REDACTED]) appeared to have scratches that caused the OOS results for stray light. The firm replaced all three mirrors, repeated the calibration, and reported the conforming results. It was observed the firm performed preventive maintenance of the equipment [REDACTED] replaced the [REDACTED] mirror ([REDACTED]) as well as [REDACTED] lamps (Tungston Halogen Lamp and Deuterium Lamp) during the preventive maintenance that was performed before the calibration.

This UV spectrophotometer is calibrated after [REDACTED] and previous successful calibration for this equipment was performed [REDACTED]. This equipment was initially qualified [REDACTED] and since then its mirrors were not changed. The QC Lab Head stated stray light can impact the absorbance of samples and standards. The absorbance value is used to calculate the potency of drug products that are tested by using this equipment. During the impact assessment, the firm did not test any retain samples to assess if the data generated from this equipment is reliable. The firm routinely uses this equipment in quantitative analysis. For example, this equipment was used to test [REDACTED] for about [REDACTED].

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batches that were shipped into the US.

B. Incident report [REDACTED] was initiated on [REDACTED] when HPLC ([REDACTED]) failed to meet % RSD specification during reproducibility test when Relative Standard Deviation (RSD) value of [REDACTED] was observed against the specifications of not more [REDACTED] for the six replicate injections. During the investigation, the firm concluded that OOS results were due to the improper plunger movement inside the syringe. The QC Head confirmed that the injector needle, syringe, or any other related part was not replaced during the preventive maintenance that was performed before the equipment calibration.

Review of historical data pertaining to this instrument indicated the site initiated Incident [REDACTED] when improper purging of the injector was observed [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] batch [REDACTED] were being tested for dissolution test as per sample set, [REDACTED]". The previous successful calibration of this HPLC was conducted [REDACTED]. During this time, this equipment was used to analyze about [REDACTED] batches of commercial drugs that were shipped into the US. However, the site failed to provide scientific justification to show that the historic data generated from this impacted equipment is accurate.

C. The firm's SOP [REDACTED], "Management of Laboratory Equipment and Instrument" requires preventive maintenance be done on the equipment prior to routine calibration. During preventive maintenance (PM), potentially the equipment is opened apart and parts are changed as needed. After PM the equipment calibration is performed. However, by this practice the

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equipment is potentially altered just before the calibration and a conclusive assessment cannot be made if the equipment was performing accurately and precisely during the entire calibration cycle.

OBSERVATION 6

Procedures describing the handling of written and oral complaints related to drug products are deficiently written or followed.

Specifically, the quality unit failed to investigate consumer complaints thoroughly. For example:

- A. The firm's Quality Unit did not adequately investigate issues pertaining to inadequate gowning practices inside the core manufacturing areas of your facility (Refer to OBSERVATION 10B). The firm received the following [REDACTED] market complaints relating [REDACTED] found inside bottle.

Market Complaint	Date Received	[REDACTED]	Nature of complaint	Conclusion
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Substantiated
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Substantiated

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		count)		
				Substantiated

For Complaint No.: [REDACTED], the firm's Production and IPQA employees were retrained and reevaluated for entry and exit procedure along with gowning practices in the production areas as per SOP No.: [REDACTED]. Out of around [REDACTED] employees, about [REDACTED] Production employees scored marks in the [REDACTED] while the passing criteria [REDACTED]. There was no retraining and no reevaluation conducted prior to allowing these employees to continue working in the manufacturing areas. These [REDACTED] employees continued to work in the production areas for [REDACTED] prior to their periodic retraining and reevaluation on [REDACTED].

For Complaint No.: [REDACTED], there was no training provided to IPQA employees. The retraining provided to Production Unit employees was with a delay of [REDACTED]. There was no training evaluation performed through questionnaire-based assessment for the employees that attended the training. Further, one of the training documents was missing training date.

For Complaint No.: [REDACTED], there was no training provided to IPQA employees. Additionally, the training was provided to only [REDACTED] employees out of [REDACTED] employees. There was no training evaluation performed through questionnaire-based assessment for the employees that attended the training.

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B. Your procedure for Handling of Market Complaints (SOP No.: [REDACTED] **is deficient. Per section** [REDACTED] **“***Identification and evaluation of repeat complaints: Review the [REDACTED] data and check if similar complaints are received***”.** Your firm provided no justification for conducting historical evaluation for repeat complaints only for the period [REDACTED] while you have drug products sold into the US market with a shelf life [REDACTED]. There is a potential for repeat market complaints for the same drug product and lot outside of the firm’s [REDACTED] period of the repeat complaints.

OBSERVATION 7

Appropriate controls are not exercised over computers or related systems to assure that changes in master production and control records or other records are instituted only by authorized personnel.

Specifically, appropriate controls are not exercised over Laboratory Information Management System (LabWare LIMS) that changes in the master production records are instituted only by authorized personnel. Analytical testing in the QC Lab is documented and maintained in LIMS. Deficiencies observed in LIMS include but not limited to:

A. Samples and tests in LIMS are cancelled without adequate controls in place: It was observed that enormous number (as shown below) of tests and samples in the QC Lab are created and cancelled frequently. For example, the QC Lab cancelled following number of tests and/or test replicates in the last [REDACTED] years:

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Year	# of Tests and/or replicates cancelled	Per day average
████	████	████
████	████	████
████	████	████

Since █████, the QC Lab cancelled about █████ (on average more █████ per day) in LIMS. The quality unit failed to exercise adequate controls to minimize the number of cancelled tests and samples. The quality unit does not trend the cancelled tests and/or cancelled samples.

B. LIMS sample created without justification and entries are not reviewed: The firm manufactured █████, Packing batch numbers: █████) in █████ for the US market. For this SFG batch, SAP inspection Lot █████ was created on █████ and was tested in LIMS as per LIMS sample # █████. On █████ the site confirmed out of specification results for impurities test and the batch was rejected later.

However, another SAP inspection Lot █████ was created on █████ for the same SFG batch number █████ to be tested in LIMS under LIMS sample █████. The site failed to provide reason why this sample was created. It was observed on █████ the QC Lab analyst (employee ID: █████ weighed █████ of █████ to prepare the

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dissolution media under LIMS sample [REDACTED] As of [REDACTED] this analyst entry was not reviewed by the QC Lab. The QC Lab management failed to provide justification as why the analysis was started for [REDACTED] under LIMS sample # [REDACTED] by the analyst and why it was left in the middle.

OBSERVATION 8

The accuracy, sensitivity, specificity and reproducibility of test methods have not been established.

Specifically, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and reproducibility of TAMC (Total Aerobic Microbial Count) test used to routinely test purified water for the presence of microorganisms has not been established.

Purified water samples are collected as per environmental monitoring [REDACTED] and tested for Total Microbial Counts present in the water Test method STP # [REDACTED], "Purified Water, USP". The QC Head stated the firm has not performed any method validation, method verification, and/or method suitability studies if the method is suitable for intended use.

Additional deficiencies were observed in the Test Method STP # [REDACTED], "Purified Water, USP". As per this method sample for TAMC test is prepared by filtering about [REDACTED] of water through [REDACTED] filter ([REDACTED] diameter). Specification document # [REDACTED] sets the specifications of [REDACTED] for Total Aerobic Microbial Count (TAMC) test for water analysis. The corresponding specifications for [REDACTED] of sample are [REDACTED]. The site has not challenged this test to observe and count [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] filter. The site QA Head acknowledged that it is not possible to count [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] size filter.

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OBSERVATION 9

Buildings used in the manufacturing and processing of a drug product are not maintained in a good state of repair.

Specifically, core processing areas are not maintained adequately to prevent mix up and or contamination. For example:

- A. On [REDACTED], during the inspection of Room [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] (that houses Fluid Bed Dryer: [REDACTED] we observed cracks on the wall surface, pieces of chipped and peeling paint. At one location the surface damage was so severe that wall coving got eroded and concrete surface underneath the coving was exposed to the environment. Process area cleaning and clearance procedure, [REDACTED] requires the walls and coving to be cleaned with wet mops. However, these cracks and exposed surfaces make the area hard to clean, potentially moisture can stay trapped inside the crevices, cracks & exposed surface, thus enhancing the chances of microbial growth.

The firm's procedure [REDACTED] requires the personnel working in the production department to raise General Maintenance Notification if they find such impacted surfaces and areas. However, the production department failed to initiate such notification. The engineering team observed the damaged surfaces during facility inspection (done [REDACTED]) on [REDACTED] under facility inspection order [REDACTED]. Use logbook for [REDACTED] indicated that on [REDACTED] it was being used to manufacture [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the US market. After the facility inspection on [REDACTED], the inspection team documented that the facility is suitable to use. [REDACTED]

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common blend [REDACTED] ended at [REDACTED] and the firm started manufacturing next US batch of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]


B. On [REDACTED], we observed silicon sealant on RMG [REDACTED] wore-off and cracked in parts and sealant pieces were missing in many areas surrounding to RMG including at the areas close to product discharge port of RMG. There is a potential for water penetration through the broken sealant inside the mounted platform areas of RMG. There is no cleaning and microbial monitoring performed underneath the areas of RMG since the installation of RMG in [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], swab samples were collected and tested for microbial growth in this area, the test result revealed presence of microbial and fungal growth in this area.

Additionally, electrical panel mounted on the Lifting and Positioning Device (LPD) had a broken silicon sealant. There is a potential for deposition of powdery material of drug products and water through the crack inside this panel potentially leading to microbial growth.

OBSERVATION 10

Your firm failed to establish adequate written procedures for production and process controls designed to assure that the drug products have the identity, strength, purity, and quality that they are purported or represented to possess.

Specifically, your firm failed to establish and/or follow adequate written gowning procedures pertaining

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to the core manufacturing areas to ensure the drug products have the identity, strength, purity, and quality that they represent to possess. For example:

- A. On [REDACTED] during the inspection of granulation area ([REDACTED]), Operator [REDACTED] was observed with a hole in his shoe. This room houses major production equipment including Fluid Bed Dryer ([REDACTED]) Rapid Mixer Granulator ([REDACTED]) and Blender ([REDACTED]). On [REDACTED], this room was being used to manufacture [REDACTED] for the US market). The firm's [REDACTED], "Cleaning of Primary and Secondary Footwear" requires the firm provided footwear be inspected for damages before being washed at the end of each shift. This SOP further states, "Damaged shoes shall be sent for disposal". In this case the firm failed to follow its procedure.
- B. The firm's employees' have deviated from [REDACTED] Primary Gowning pertaining to beard mask. On [REDACTED] we observed beard mask were not available for employees entering inside the manufacturing suits. As such, most of the employees working in production areas had exposed beard due to inadequate head cover and not wearing beard covers. Further, the pictorial images for entry and exit posted in the firm's gowning areas does not indicate the need for wearing a beard mask (if necessary). Refer to OBSERVATION 6A.

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