

# LET'S TALK FACTS

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FAIRCHILD SAID YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) IT HAS BEEN FORCED TO SUSPEND SEMICONDUCTOR ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION AT SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO, DUE TO THE CONTINUED OCCUPANCY OF THE PLANT BY AN ARMED GROUP OF AMERICAN INDIANS.

WILFRED J. CORRIGAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAID THE COMPANY IS TAKING STEPS TO MEET CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE MANUFACTURING MEANS.

EMPLOYEES OF THE NAVAJO-OWNED FACILITY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE ACTION AND ADVISED THEY WILL BE INFORMED BY FAIRCHILD OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE SEIZURE.

"ON THE BASIS OF THE REFUSAL BY AN ARMED, OUTSIDE GROUP -- REPRESENTING NEITHER EMPLOYEES, TRIBAL AUTHORITIES NOR THE COMMUNITY -- TO SURRENDER CONTROL OF THIS PLANT, FAIRCHILD HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SUSPEND CURRENT OPERATIONS IN SHIPROCK," MR. CORRIGAN SAID.

"THE QUESTION OF RESUMING PRODUCTION WHEN THE INTRUDERS LEAVE CONTINUES TO BE EVALUATED BY THE COMPANY," HE SAID.

"FAIRCHILD REGRETS THAT ITS 10-YEAR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NAVAJO COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DISRUPTED BY THE FORCIBLE SEIZURE AT SHIPROCK. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE NAVAJO NATION, WHICH BOTH OWNS THE FACILITY AND GOVERNS THE RESERVATION, TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE PLANT WHILE ASSURING THE SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED.

"WE APPRECIATE ALSO THE SUPPORT THAT OUR EMPLOYEES AND THE SHIPROCK COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO GIVE FAIRCHILD IN THIS REGRETTABLE AND ENTIRELY UNWARRANTED SITUATION," MR. CORRIGAN SAID.

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