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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Refinery Workers File Class Action for Unpaid Wages.**

**Violations Alleged on Behalf of Thousands of Employees**

San Francisco, California, September 10, 2014: A class action lawsuit filed on Wednesday accuses Timec Company, Inc. dba Transfield Services (“Timec”) of failing to pay basic minimum wages to workers who work as general laborers on refinery maintenance crews. The case was filed in the Northern District Court in San Francisco. The plaintiffs are Joseph Vierra and Kevin Woodruff, and the case is *Joseph Vierra and Kevin Woodruff v. Timec Company, Inc. dba Transfield Services*, Case Number: 4:14-cv-04105-KAW.

The lawsuit alleges that Timec’s non-skilled “Field Employees” are sub-contracted out to various oil and gas refineries throughout the state of California, where they work alongside skilled maintenance workers as Safety Attendants, Laborers or General Helpers. The lawsuit further alleges that the Plaintiffs are required to “badge in” at their assigned refinery up to one hour before their shift “sign in” time in order to take internal transportation to the refinery location where they would be working, change into their safety gear, and, in some cases, participate in “safety talks” --- all of which activities took place before their shift “sign in” time and all of which were uncompensated.

The proposed class includes thousands of current or former Timec Field Employees working in oil and gas refineries throughout the state of California.

“Timec’s Field Employees work long hours in often uncomfortable and dangerous conditions. They deserve to be properly compensated for all their hours of work,” said John T. Mullan, a partner at Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe, LLP, who is representing the Timec Field Employees with Jay Jambeck, of the Leigh Law Group. “The Field Employees often work twelve-hour shifts supporting the skilled refinery maintenance

workers,” according to Jambeck. “It’s outrageous that Timec expects them to provide it with free labor on top of that.

Vierra, 41, commented, “We all felt Timec’s practice of making us work off the clock was wrong. We hope that by finally standing up and fighting back, Timec will pay us what we think they owe us and we can put a stop to this once and for all.”

The Plaintiffs are seeking unpaid minimum and overtime wages and other compensation on behalf of current and former Timec Field Employees throughout the state.

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Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe, LLP is a leading law firm in the field of wage and hour class actions and won the largest overtime verdict in United States history in *Bell v. Farmers Insurance Exchange*. The firm specializes in representing employees in individual and class action litigation.

The Leigh Law Group is a San Francisco, California-based law firm with a commitment to helping employees protect their rights in the workplace. The Leigh Law Group has successfully litigated complaints nationwide and has extensive experience handling complex cases in state and federal court litigation.

*To obtain the Complaint, call Leah Wahlberg at (415) 434-9800.*

*Timec/Transfield employees or former employees who would like to learn more about the case should visit [www.rezlaw.com](http://www.rezlaw.com) and click on “Class Actions” or contact John Mullan at (415) 394-5597, [jtm@rezlaw.com](mailto:jtm@rezlaw.com), or Jay Jambeck at (415) 399-9155, [jjambeck@leighlawgroup.com](mailto:jjambeck@leighlawgroup.com).*

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