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### **\$8.25 Million Settlement for Injuries Caused by “Miller Saws”**

**Mobile, Ala.** – In August 2021, a few weeks before trial was set to begin, Cunningham Bounds obtained an \$8.25 million settlement on behalf of seventeen shipyard workers who were seriously injured at work while using a power tool known as a miller saw. This case involved claims against Metabo and Southern Gas & Supply for recommending, approving, and endorsing that their hand-held angle grinders be equipped with dangerous carbide toothed circular saw blades, which resulted in the maiming and injuring of dozens of shipyard workers in Mobile, Alabama. Our clients alleged that Metabo’s knowledge of its ongoing wrongdoing permeated all levels of its corporate hierarchy from local salesmen to its highest executives in the United States and Europe in the years before Plaintiffs’ injuries. Our clients also claimed that Metabo put profits over safety by repeatedly making misrepresentations, falsehoods, and outright lies to the local Alabama shipyard with knowledge that its conduct was causing severe injuries.

This result was the culmination of tireless work by the attorneys, investigators, and staff of Cunningham Bounds. Brian Duncan, Billy Bonner, and David Wirtes were the co-lead attorneys on the case. Brian Duncan and Billy Bonner obtained and studied thousands of pages of internal company documents and e-mails that dated back years before Plaintiffs were injured. They traveled across the United States and Europe to take depositions of over twenty different witnesses including salesmen, managers, engineers, and high-level executives.

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David Wirtes, who was responsible for most of the legal briefing in the case, successfully fought to have the case remanded from federal court to Alabama state court, successfully prevailed at the Alabama Supreme Court on a defendant's mandamus petition relating to Plaintiffs' legal theories, and successfully briefed numerous important legal motions in the Mobile County Circuit Court.

“Because of everyone's hard work and unwavering dedication to our clients' cause, we were once again able to hold a large multi-national company and its local distributor accountable for their wrongdoing, recover fair compensation for our clients, and improve the safety of workers in Alabama,” said Brian Duncan.

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*The law firm of Cunningham Bounds, LLC, founded in 1958, is based in Mobile, Alabama and has been representing plaintiffs for over 60 years. Today the firm continues its tradition of representing victims in cases involving catastrophic personal injury, industrial accidents, defective products, truck and automobile accidents, and medical malpractice. The firm also has expertise in business litigation, complex litigation, and national and state class action litigation involving defective products and consumer fraud.*