

By Facsimile and E-mail.
April 27, 2009

To: Signatory Employers – Alberta National Maintenance Agreement

Re: May 3, 2009 wage, benefit and schedule collective agreement increases.

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is written in order to clarify the situation with respect to wage, benefit and other increases in the Alberta National Maintenance Agreement which are scheduled for May 3, 2009.

The Alberta local unions have amended rates and benefits to be paid in the reference construction agreements effective May 3, 2009. Accordingly, maintenance rates and benefits are to be amended pursuant to the formula in the existing maintenance agreement following these changes. We will be up-dating the maintenance wage schedules to reflect these changes shortly and posting them to our website, however, the construction agreement changes are available from the various local unions or from the CLR at this time.

The other increases in the maintenance agreement will go ahead on May 3, 2009 as scheduled.

The Future:

In the face of deteriorating economic conditions and business and market reductions for our customer base, the National Maintenance Council has determined to jointly review the rate, benefit and cost structure within the agreement prior to the next scheduled increases in November of 2009. This review will ensure that the agreement is competitive and meets the needs of our maintenance customers going into 2010 and beyond. The National Maintenance Council will be meeting with maintenance employers shortly to commence this process.

Yours truly,


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