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## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

*between*

**GREAT LAKES & INTERNATIONAL TOWING and  
SALVAGE Inc.**

*and*

**CANADIAN MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD**

SEP 11 1999

**Expiry Date: January 15, 2001**

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## **ARTICLE 1. INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT**

**1.1 This agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.**

**1.2 A party proposing an amendment shall submit a written draft of *the* suggested amendment to each party *to* the agreement along with a notice *in* writing of the suggested time and place of a joint meeting to discuss the proposal.**

**1.3 A party proposing an amendment under the foregoing provision shall give each *of* the other parties at least seven (7) clear days' notice of the meeting to discuss the proposed amendment.**

**1.4 Before any amendment to this agreement becomes operative, it shall be reduced to writing, it shall state the effective date of the amended provision and *it* shall be executed in the same manner as this agreement.**

**1.5 in this agreement, unless the contrary intention appears,**

**a) words importing male persons include female persons and corporations:**

**b) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular:**

**c) reference to and numbering *of* divisions of this agreement shall be made as follows:**

**1. section**

**1.1 subsection**

**a) paragraph**

**i. subparagraph**

**1.6 In this agreement, unless the context otherwise requires,**

**a) "Company" includes any employer or employer corporation that is signatory to this agreement**

**b) "Guild means Canadian Merchant Service Guild**

**c) "Officer" means certified Master, Chief Engineer, Barge Engineer, all 2nd & 3rd Engineers and all Mates employed by the Company**

**d) "vessel" or "Company vessel" means a vessel owned or operated by the Company under bareboat charter.**

## ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

2.1 The general purpose of this agreement is to ensure that the Company, the Guild, and the Officers employed by the Company, may have the full benefits of orderly and legal collective bargaining and to provide to the fullest extent possible, for the safety and physical welfare of the Officers, for a high standard of service and for protection of property.

2.2 It is recognized by this agreement to be the duty of the Company, the Guild and the officers, to co-operate fully, individually and collectively, for the advancement of the above conditions,

2.3 During the life of this agreement, when in the opinion of the Guild, matters of mutual interest arise that require discussion with the Company, the Guild may make arrangements to meet with the Company. Whenever possible, the topics for discussion will be identified prior to the meeting.

## ARTICLE 3. RECOGNITION

3.1 The Company recognizes the Guild as the sole bargaining agent for all Officers employed on vessels owned, operated or under bareboat charter, or otherwise effectively controlled by the Company either directly or indirectly.

## ARTICLE 4. UNION SECURITY

4.1 All officers who, on the date of this agreement, are members in good standing of the Guild in accordance with its Constitution, Rules and Regulations, shall, as a condition of their continued employment, maintain their membership in the Guild for the duration of this agreement.

4.2 All persons hereafter becoming Officers who are not members of the Guild, shall, within thirty (30) days after being hired by the Company, acquire and maintain membership in the Guild for the duration of this agreement.

4.3 For the purpose of this agreement, the Guild acknowledges and agrees that membership in the Guild shall be made available and shall be permitted to be maintained by all Officers employed by the Company and covered by this agreement, subject to the same terms and conditions as are applicable to all members of the Guild.

4.4 The Guild agrees that membership in the Guild of an Officer shall not be denied, suspended or terminated, for any reason other than in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, of the Guild.

4.5 When an Officer joins a vessel, the Company shall require the Officer to complete at once, in duplicate, as a condition of employment, a dues deduction card authorizing the automatic deduction of the Guild dues and initiation fees only. Said card to be supplied to the Company by the Guild. The Company shall forward at once to the Guild one copy of the deduction card as completed by the Officer and retain the second copy for their records.

4.6 An Officer is deemed to be a member in good standing of the Guild until the Guild determines that the Officer is not in good standing pursuant to the Guild's Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and until the Guild gives notice in writing to the Company that the Officer is not in good standing.

4.7 The Guild shall indemnify the Company, its vessels, Officers, servants and agents and hold it or any of them harmless against any and all suits, claims, demands and liabilities that arise out of or by reason of any action taken by it, them or any of them for the purpose of complying with the foregoing provisions of this section or that arise out of or by any reason of reliance by it, them or any of them on any list or notice furnished to the Company by the Guild pursuant to the provisions of this section.

## ARTICLE 5. BOARDING OF VESSELS

5.1 The Company shall issue boarding passes to authorized representatives of the Guild enabling those representatives to board Company vessels to consult with the Officers aboard in respect to Guild business.

5.2 The Guild shall submit to the Company the name, address and office of each authorized representative of the Guild for whom the Guild seeks a boarding pass.

5.3 In addition to consulting with Guild members aboard a vessel, the Guild representative(s) may discuss with the Master any dispute or grievance, but the Guild representative(s) shall not interfere in any way with the operation of a Company vessel.

5.4 As a condition precedent to his receiving a boarding pass each Guild representative shall execute and deliver to the Company a general form of release absolving the Company from all liability for any injury to property, loss of life or personal injury sustained by him while boarding or while aboard a Company vessel or while in or about any property owned by or under the control of the Company.

## ARTICLE 6. DEDUCTION OF DUES

6.1 The Company shall *deduct from* the monthly wages of each Officer in its employ, covered by this Agreement, the monthly amount of dues as advised annually by the Guild in registered letter form indicating the months in which deductions are to begin and cease.

6.2 The Company shall also deduct, on receipt of a billing list from the Guild, initiation fees and *dues owing* from the wages of the Officer concerned.

6.3 ~~The Company shall forward to the Guild, within thirty (30) days of actual deductions from an Officer's salary, all the deductions referred to in this section, together with a statement in duplicate, setting outwith respect to each Officer, the Officer's name and Social Insurance number, the amount to be credited to him, and the payroll period in respect to which the deductions were made.~~

## ARTICLE 7. HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME & LEAVE

7.1 All Officers employed within the Bargaining Unit shall be employed for their normal number of hours per season considering leave, vacations, Statutory Holidays, etc.

7.2 It is agreed *that* each officer is entitled to a minimum of six (6) hours of continuous rest each day, except where the safety of the tug or barge is concerned. For all aspects of this collective agreement, a day is to mean 00:00 hours to 23:59 hours in any calendar day

7.3 officers shall only be granted leave after the completion ninety (90) days employment during a season.

7.4 Leave periods shall be allowed for a minimum period of twelve (12) days.

7.5 In lieu of overtime an amount shall be paid upon completion of season equal to ten percent (10%) of all days worked.

7.6 The Company shall grant to each officer covered by this agreement forty-two (42) days paid leave per season ( 0.193 leave factor) which will normally be taken in one or two periods. Such leave factor will be improved to:

1996 - 0.25  
1997 - 0.27  
1998 - 0.29  
1999 - 0.30  
2001 - 0.33

7.7 **Leave Travel Costs** - All travel costs for leave will be paid for by *the* Company in accordance with Article 33 and paid to each officer once or twice per season as leave is taken.

## ARTICLE 8. HOLIDAYS

8.1 In this agreement, *the* term "holidays" includes New Year's Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, First Monday in August, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and the day after Christmas Day (Boxing Day) and Remembrance Day.

8.2 Where an Officer employed by the Company does not work on a holiday, he shall be paid his usual rate of pay for that day.

8.3 Where an Officer employed by the Company is required to work on or any part thereof, he shall be paid double time at the regular rate of pay.

8.4 When any of the above holidays fall on Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday, and if *the* holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday.

- 8.5
- a) If an Officer who qualifies under Section 1 and who works thirty (30) days immediately prior to the holiday is on authorized leave of absence when the holiday occurs, he shall receive holiday pay for the first holiday that occurs during this absence, provided he returns to work on time, unless his return to work on time is prevented by circumstances beyond his control.
  - b) An Officer who qualifies under Section 1 who is obliged to cease work due to a layoff during the thirty (30) day period immediately prior to the holiday, shall receive holiday pay for the holiday(s) within such thirty (30) day period.
  - c) An Officer, who qualifies under Section 1 who is obliged to cease work due to sickness or accident certified by a licensed practitioner during the twenty-one (21) day period immediately prior to the holiday, shall receive holiday pay for the holidays within such twenty-one (21) day period.
  - d) If an Officer who qualifies under Section 1 is recalled and works any time during the fourteen (14) calendar day period immediately following the holiday, he shall receive holiday pay for the preceding holiday.

## ARTICLE 9. VACATION PAY

9.1 Upon signing of the collective agreement, an Officer having completed less than three (3) full seasons of service will be credited with four percent (4%) of his total wages.

9.2 An Officer having completed three (3) and less than six (6) full seasons of service will be credited with five percent (5%) of his total wages.

9.3 An Officer having completed six (6) and less than twelve (12) full seasons of service will be credited with six percent (6%) of his total wages.

9.4 An Officer having completed nine (9) and less than twelve (12) full seasons of service will be credited with seven percent (7%) of his total wages.

9.5 An Officer having completed twelve (12) or more seasons of service will be credited with eight percent (8%) of his total wages.

9.6 Vacation pay shall be paid to each Officer by cheque to be issued at the time of termination of employment or, at the Officer's option, at the time of layoff, or when vacation is taken.

9.7 An employee who has worked continuously for one (1) year, must take his full entitlement to time off, at a time or times satisfactory to himself and his Supervisor.

9.8 An employee has the right to take his full entitlement to time off, whether or not he has worked continuously for one (1) year, at a time or times satisfactory to himself and his Supervisor.

## ARTICLE 10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

10.1 If he has obtained the prior approval of the Company, and if a satisfactory replacement is found or some other satisfactory employment without pay, without loss of seniority or any other rights acquired by him under the provisions of this agreement.

**10.2** In the event an Officer is elected or appointed to work in an **official** capacity for **the Guild,**

- a) If the **Officer** requests a **leave** of absence in writing, **and**
- b) if **the** Guild approves of **the** Officer's request,

the Company **shall** grant the Officer a **leave** of absence without pay of **not** more than **three (3)** years to work in that **capacity,** and **if** the Company **consents,** the leave of absence may be extended.

**10.3** In the event an Officer has been elected or appointed to attend a **Guild** convention or to carry out other business of **the** Guild, **if** the Officer gives fifteen (15) clear days notice to the company, and **if** a **satisfactory** replacement **is** found, **the** Company shall for this purpose grant leave of absence without pay to **the** Officer.

**10.4** Any employee **desiring** leave of absence for any reason **other than those** set out above must obtain **same** in writing from the Company, a copy of such leave to **be forwarded** to the Guild.

#### ARTICLE 11. **COMPANY BUSINESS**

**11.1** Where for any reason an Officer is required to be absent from his employment in order to attend to Company business, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, where an Officer is required by the Company to attend at,

- a) any enquiry concerning the Company or its vessels at any enquiry pursuant to the Canada Shipping Act or any **other** statute,
- b) **any** court **hearing,** or
- c) **any** **hearing** before a Labour Relations Board, a Conciliation Board or any administrative tribunal,

the Company shall pay to **the** Officer his regular pay, **and** family welfare contributions **for** the period when **he** **is** so absent.

**11.2** In addition to paying an **Officer's** regular **pay** while he is absent from his regular employment **on** Company **business,** the Company **shall** pay or reimburse him for **all** expenses incurred by him for the purpose of carrying out the Company's **business** **upon** production by the **Officer** of acceptable receipts or vouchers as evidence of those expenses.

**11.3** No officer **will** **be absent** for Company business without written permission.



## ARTICLE 12. WAGES

12.1 The following wage rates are effective start of sailing season for 1996.

CLASSIFICATION	DAILY RATE
Master	\$201.00
Chief Engineer	\$191.00
1st Mate/ 2nd Engineer	\$165.00
3rd Engineer/ Barge Engineer	\$147.00

Effective January 1997 the wage rates shall be increased to:

CLASSIFICATION	DAILY RATE
Master	\$207.00
Chief Engineer	\$197.00
1st Mate/ 2nd Engineer	\$170.00
3rd Engineer/ Barge Engineer	\$151.00

Note: The above rates reflect a three percent (3%) increase.

Effective January 1998 the wage rates shall increase by three percent (3%) or by C.O.L.A. (C.P.I. as declared by Statistics Canada for the period January 1997 to January 1998) whichever is the higher figure.

Effective January 1999 the wage rates shall increase by three percent (3%) or by C.O.L.A. (C.P.I. as declared by Statistics Canada for the period January 1998 to January 1999) whichever is the higher figure.

Effective January 2000 the wage rates shall increase by three percent (3%) or by C.O.L.A. (C.P.I. as declared by Statistics Canada for the period January 1999 to January 2000) whichever is the higher figure.

### **ARTICLE 13. PAYROLL PROCEDURE**

**13.1 Officers shall be paid twice per month, being the 15th and 31st by 12:00 hours of that day.**

**13.2 Interim advances will be made only in instances of evident emergency. Should a holiday occur on a Friday, pay day payment will be made on Thursday of that week.**

**13.3 A Time and Earnings Statement will be provided to each employee for each pay period. This statement will carry complete detail of rates of pay, time worked, monthly earnings and deductions, covering the period.**

### **ARTICLE 14. SICK LEAVE AND COMPASSIONATE LEAVE**

**14.1 An Officer may be entitled to receive from the Company a reasonable leave of absence from his employment without pay in the event of either illness or injury to himself or a member of his immediate family, that is his wife, brother, sister, children, parents and parents-in-law, and no such leave shall be unreasonably withheld.**

**14.2 officers who have served with the Company for one (1) year or more, will be granted compassionate leave when a death occurs to a member of their immediate family, that is an Officer's father, mother, wife or child, sister or brother and parents-in-law. The Officer granted leave to attend the funeral will be paid at his daily rate for the time lost up to a maximum of seven (7) days. Claims for compassionate leave pay must be submitted by the Officer in writing to the Company along with proof of bereavement in the Officer's immediate family.**

### **ARTICLE 15. ONTARIO HOSPITAL INSURANCE PLAN**

**15.1 The Company agrees to pay one hundred per cent (100%) of O.H.I.P. on behalf of their Officers, if applicable.**

### **ARTICLE 16. MARINE DISASTER**

**16.1 An Officer who, while employed by the Company, suffers loss of clothing or other personal effects of any kind because of marine disaster or shipwreck, shall be compensated by the Company of such loss up to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).**

**16.2** An **Officer** or his **estate** making **claim** under this section **shall** submit **reasonable** proof to the Company of the **actual loss** he suffered.

**16.3** Any dispute between an **Officer** and a Company with respect to a claim made under sub-section **1** shall be subject to the **grievance** and arbitration procedures set **forth** in this agreement.

## **ARTICLE 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** All **safety** regulations for **the** safety of the vessel, the **crew** or passengers;

- a) which the Company now **has** in force;
- b) which **the Company may bring into** force during the term of **this** agreement;
- c) which **are** promulgated by the Department of Transport,

shall, **after they have** been brought to the attention of **the Officers**, be **strictly adhered to by each Officer**.

## **ARTICLE 18. SENIORITY**

**18.1** In **case** of **promotion, demotion**, transfer, lay-off and recall **after** lay-off, the **most** senior **officer** with the sufficient qualifications shall be entitled to preference.

**18.2** For the purpose of this Section, seniority **shall be** understood to commence at the date of employment with the Company.

**18.3** **In the case** of a vacancy, it is agreed that the Company will give members of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild first consideration in filling such a **vacancy**, providing **that** the person **has the** proper qualifications set by **the Company**.

**18.4** Employment of any new **employee** shall be considered as probationary **until** he **has** worked ninety (90) days within a **six (6)** month **period**. **Thereafter**, **sub-section 1** shall **apply** and the employee shall **be credited** with **ninety (90) days of accrued seniority**. In the event an officer is dismissed for cause **or voluntarily quits during** the probationary **period** the **Officer** may be subject to reimbursing the **Company** any **pre-paid** air travel costs when **joining** the vessel in the first instance.

## **ARTICLE 19. OFFICER'S DUTIES**

**19.1 An Officer shall not be required to perform any duties usually assigned to unlicensed crew members.**

## **ARTICLE 20. DISMISSAL**

**20.1 No Officer shall be dismissed from his employment with the company except for just cause.**

**20.2 A Company dismissing an Officer shall give the Officer notice in writing of his dismissal at the time of his discharge.**

**20.3 In the event an Officer submits to the Company a written request for a statement of the reasons for his dismissal, the Company shall deliver to him within seven (7) clear days from the receipt of his written request a full statement, in writing, setting out the reasons for his dismissal.**

**20.4 A dismissal of an Officer shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures set forth in this agreement, and in the event the issue does proceed to arbitration, the Arbitration Board may make an order:**

- a) to uphold the dismissal;**
- b) to reinstate the Officer with compensation from the Company; or**
- c) to deal with the issue in any other manner that the Arbitration Board may deem just and equitable.**

## **ARTICLE 21. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**21.1 In the event a grievance arises on a vessel of the Company as to the interpretation or application of or compliance with the provisions of this agreement, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a grievance in respect of wages, hours of work, or conditions of employment of any Officer, there shall be no interruption or impeding of work, and the parties shall endeavour to settle the grievance in the following manner:**

a) **STEP ONE**

An Officer who believes he has a grievance **must** discuss **that** grievance with **the** Manager, and **if** no satisfactory solution is achieved, he must submit that grievance in writing to the Manager of the vessel within five (5) days of **its** **alleged** occurrence. The Manager must reply to the written grievance within five (5) days of its receipt.

b) **STEP TWO**

If no settlement is reached in Step One, the **Guild** representative acting **on** the **Officer's** behalf must, within fourteen (14) days from the date the Manager replied under Step One, meet with a Company representative in order to discuss the grievance, and if possible, to **achieve** a settlement. The Company representatives shall render **his** decision in writing.

c) **STEP THREE**

If no settlement is reached in Step Two, either party must indicate its intention to **proceed** to arbitration by notifying the other party by registered mail with seven (7) days of receipt **of the** decision in Step Two.

## ARTICLE 22. ARBITRATION

22.1 In the event any difference arising between the Company and **the Guild** as to the interpretation, alleged violation or application of **or** compliance with this **agreement** or as to any grievance or dispute arising out of the operation **of** section of **this agreement** the difference may be submitted to arbitration pursuant to the terms **of** this *section*.

22.2 Arbitration **of** any difference arising under sub-section shall be submitted to a **single arbitrator** jointly **selected** by the Union **and** the Company. This selection **shall** be made within **ten (10)** days after **the** request for arbitration **has** been made by either party **to** this agreement. In the event that the **parties** fail within the **said ten (10)** day period to agree upon the selection of an arbitrator, an Arbitration Board shall **be** formed consisting of three (3) members: the Company **and** the Union each **selecting** one (1) man and these two shall select a third party who shall act as a **chairman**. Either **party** shall appoint **its** nominee not **later** than five (5) days after receipt of written notice of the other party's nomination. **In** the event of a failure **of the two (2)** men selected by the respective parties to **select** a third party as provided above, they shall ask the Minister of Labour for Canada to select and designate the third **party**.

22.3 In the event the selected arbitrator is unable to serve by reason of death, incapacity or **resignation**, or for **other** reason, his replacement shall be **appointed** in the **same** manner as is provided herein for the appointment **of the first arbitrator**.

**22.4** A statement of the dispute or question to be arbitrated shall be submitted by the grieving party to the arbitrator within five (5) days of his appointment. The arbitrator shall convene the parties within ten (10) days following his appointment unless a delay is agreed to by the parties, and the arbitrator shall render his decision as soon thereafter as possible.

**22.5** The decision of the arbitrator shall be limited to the dispute or question contained in the statement or statements submitted to him. The decision of the arbitrator shall not change, add to, vary or disregard any conditions of this agreement. The decisions of the arbitrator which are made under the authority of this Arbitration Article shall be final and binding upon the Company, the Guild and all persons concerned.

**22.6** Each party to this agreement shall pay all expenses, fees and costs, of the members of the Arbitration Board selected by it or by the Minister of Labour and shall share equally in the expenses, fees and costs, of the third member of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 23. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS**

**23.1** The Guild and the Company declare it to be their common intention that all controversies shall be resolved amicably in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, and to this and

- a) the Guild agrees that there shall be no strikes, slowdowns or stoppages of work for any cause. and
- b) the Company agrees that there shall be no lockouts for any cause

during the term of this agreement.

**23.2** It is agreed for the purpose of this agreement that the refusal of a member to pass through a lawful picket line shall not be construed as a violation of this agreement and shall not be a reason for dismissal.

**23.3** There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the Company against any employee because of membership in the Guild or because of any lawful action taken by any member under the terms of this agreement.

**23.4** The Guild agrees not to intimidate or coerce or threaten employees in any manner that will interfere or hinder the effective carrying out of this agreement.

## ARTICLE 24. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

24.1 **Following three (3) months of employment, the Company agrees to provide the following for their Officers:**

a) Deck Officers:

- Two (2) pair of coveralls per year
- ▶ One (1) hard hat as required
- ▶ One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) for 1996-1997 season  
One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$140.00) for 1998-1999 season  
One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for 2000 season  
to go toward safety footwear and insulated weather gear.
- Sufficient supply of rubber boots, rain gear and proper work gloves which are to be left on board

b) Engineering Officers:

- ▶ Three (3) pair of coveralls per year
- ▶ One (1) hard hat as required
- ▶ One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) for 1996-1997 season  
One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$140.00) for 1998-1999 season  
One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for 2000 season  
to go toward safety footwear and insulated weather gear.
- ▶ Sufficient supply of rubber boots, rain gear and proper work gloves which are to be left on board

## ARTICLE 25. HIRING SERVICES

25.1 **Effective the start of the 1996 season, the Company agrees to pay to the Canadian Merchant Service Guild the sum of one dollar and sixty-five cents (\$1.65) per payroll day per position aboard the vessel to be remitted to the C.M.S.G., 3235 Granby Avenue, Montreal, Quebec H1N 2Z8, not later than the fifteenth (15th) of the following month.**

This amount **will** increase as:

One Dollar Seventy-five cents (\$1.75) for 1997  
One Dollar **Eighty-five** cents (**\$1.85**) for 1998  
One Dollar Ninety-five cents (**\$1.95**) for 1999  
Two Dollars five cents (\$2.05) for 2000

## **ARTICLE 26. SHORT PERIOD LAY-UPS**

26.1 **When vessels** are laid up for refit or other **purposes** for **periods of** six (6) days or less, officers will suffer **no loss** of **pay, benefits or** lay day accumulations. Officers will not be laid off during such six (6) day periods.

## **ARTICLE 27. LEGAL DEFENCE INSURANCE**

27.1 Legal Defence insurance for Officers **covered by this** agreement shall be provided in the following manner:

**The** Guild shall **provide legal** defence insurance which **shall be paid for by the** Company at the rate of:

\$0.85 per day per position effective March 15, 1996  
\$0.95 per day per position effective March 15, 1997  
\$1.05 per day per position effective March 15, 1998  
\$1.15 per day per position effective March 15, 1999  
\$1.25 per day per **position** effective March 15, 2000

The Company agrees to send the aggregate of the contributions for each month to the **Canadian** Merchant Service Guild, 3235 Granby Avenue, Montreal, Qc. H1N 2Z8, on or before the 15th of the following month.

The contributions **shall be** accompanied by a list in duplicate showing **each** Officer's name, the number of days for which contributions are being made and the number of positions on **each** vessel, whether such **positions** are filled or **vacant**.

In this **article "Officer"** means Officers who are members in good **standing of** the Canadian Merchant Service Guild.



**ARTICLE 28. ESTABLISHED CUSTOMS**

**28.1** Any right or privileges enjoyed by an Officer as a matter of custom prior to the date of this agreement shall **not** be altered and no change of these customary rights and privileges shall be put into effect unless mutually agreed to by the company and the Guild.

**ARTICLE 29. FAMILY SECURITY**

**29.1** The Company agrees to provide a Family Security Plan as declared by the Canadian Merchant Service Guild and it is further agreed **all** premium costs shall be borne by the Company.

**ARTICLE 30. CLAUSE PARAMOUNT**

**30.1** Nothing in this agreement shall be construed in a manner;

- a) that conflicts in any way with the obligations of the Guild, the Company, or an Officer as determined by the provisions of the **Canada Shipping Act** or any other statute or regulation, or,
- b) that tends in any way to impair the lawful authority of the Master.

**ARTICLE 31. TRANSPORTATION IN CASE OF ACCIDENT**

**31.1** The Company shall reimburse to an Officer following a work accident, all transportation expenses from his place of work to the nearest hospital or clinic. **On** the doctor's recommendation, the Company shall reimburse transportation expenses from his place of work, from the hospital or clinic to his place of residence in Canada.

**ARTICLE 32. INS EXPENSES**

**32.1** The Company shall pay an Officer all expenses incurred by him in transferring for any vessel of Great Lakes Towing to any vessel of Fettes Shipping upon production by the

officer of acceptable receipts or vouchers as evidence of those expenses. These costs include first class rail passage: economy airfare, taxi or two way car allowance. Effective January 1, 1996 the car allowance will be thirty-three cents (\$0.33) per kilometre.

**32.2** In the event that an Officer is transferred by one Company from one vessel to another vessel of the other Company, the Company shall continue to pay the officer his regular pay, and family welfare plan contributions in addition to reasonable expenses during the time necessary to enable him to make his transfer.

**32.3** An Officer shall have the absolute right to refuse any such transfer.

### **ARTICLE 33. TRANSPORTATION COSTS**

**33.1** Officers, when travelling to or from their vessels, shall be paid reasonable transportation costs upon rendering receipts in addition to their regular daily wage and leave pay.

**33.2** In the event that an officer is unable to travel between his home and the location of the vessel within the date the crew change takes place, he shall be paid for any additional days at the basic daily rate; if delays in travel are due to the Company's control then leave shall accrue.

**33.3** Reimbursement of transportation expenses shall be made no later than seven (7) days after the receipts have been submitted to the Company.

**33.4** Effective November 1, 1993, where an officer is required to use their own automobile and where no air travel is applicable, the rate of thirty-three cents (\$0.33) per kilometre shall be paid.

**33.5** When air travel is being provided, ground transportation to and from the vessel will be provided or reimbursed at cost, Officers will arrange, at their own expense, transportation required from their home to and from departure/arrival airport.

**33.6** In the event an Officer resigns it is understood it will be the officer's responsibility to arrange and pay for his transportation home.

#### ARTICLE 34. NOTICES

**34.1** Any notice required to be given to the Guild pursuant to this agreement shall be delivered to the Office of the Guild, at 3235 Granby Avenue, Montreal, QC, H1N 2Z8, or at any other address which the Guild may designate and which the Guild shall notify the Company in writing.

**34.2** Any notice required to be given to the Company pursuant to this agreement shall be delivered to the Head Office of the Company.

**34.3** Termination - Where an officer terminates his employment with the Company, he shall provide the office with a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours written notice. Such notice shall be in writing and in duplicate so that the officer can retain a signed copy from the office. In any event, the officer must wait until he is properly relieved, in a Canadian Port, before leaving the vessel. The seventy-two (72) hour notice shall be waived at the officer's request where there has been a death or other emergency in the immediate family of the officer.

If an officer is deemed unsafe aboard the vessel due to the influence of alcohol or drugs, he will be subject to automatic dismissal.

#### ARTICLE 35. SUCCESSOR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

**35.1** The Company agrees not to lease or charter any vessel which it has sold and which was previously manned by employees subject to the present collective agreement unless:

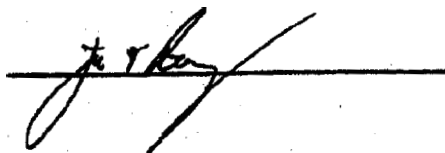
- a) prior to the sale, the purchase agreed in writing to recognize the Guild as the exclusive bargaining agent for the Officers aboard the said vessel and to apply the terms of the present collective agreement, or
- b) the vessel is leased or chartered without Officers, or
- c) the parties agree to otherwise.

#### ARTICLE 36. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

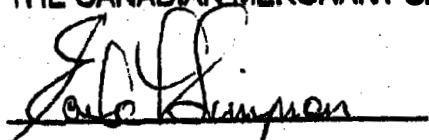
**36.1** This agreement shall remain in force from ~~January 1, 1996 to January 15, 2001~~, and shall, without further act of the parties be renewed from year to year thereafter, unless written notice of desire to amend, modify or cancel any term hereof is given by either party to the other, not later than ninety (90) days prior to December 15 in the year prior to the expiry date of the agreement.

Contract agreed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Y 1996 in BURLINGTON in the  
Province of Ontario,

on behalf of  
GREAT LAKES AND INTERNATIONAL TOWING  
AND SALVAGE COMPANY LTD.

  
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on behalf of  
THE CANADIAN MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD

  
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