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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SIMMONS CANADA INC.
3636 - 11A Street S.E.
Calgary, Alberta
T2H 2H4

AND

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS Local 955

May 1, 1995 to April 30, 1998

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BY AND BETWEEN:

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PURPOSE

The Company and the Union desire to cooperate in establishing and maintaining conditions which will promote and improve industrial and economic relations between the Company and the employees covered by this Agreement, and to set forth rates of pay, hours of work and provide methods for a fair and peaceful settlement of all disputes which may arise between them, so as to secure full employment, unrestricted operations and general stabilization of employment.

Now this Agreement Witnesseth:

ARTICLE 1.00 - RECOGNITION

1.01 The Union is recognized as the sole bargaining agent for all employees coming within the description of the unit of employees described in the Certification issued by the Board of Industrial Relations #96-77.

ARTICLE 2.00 - DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES

During the period of this Agreement, the Company agrees to commence deduction of the amount of Union Duess from the second pay period in each month from all employees covered by this Agreement who have completed thirty (30) days of employment.

In all subsequent months after the completion of the thirty (30) days of employment, the Company shall deduct dues from all employees who have completed eighty (80) hours of work in the month preceding the month in which the deduction is made.

All employees shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days of commencement of employment within the bargaining unit, The Union Stewards will issue Union membership applications.

ARTICLE 3.00 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

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and exclusively in the Company and shall not be abridged, except by specific

restriction as set forth in this Agreement. The Management rights as set out herein should not be deemed to exclude the other rights of Management at common law. The Company retains the sole and exclusive control over all matters concerning the operation, management and administration of the business; the direction and control of employees, including qualifications; determination of quality and quantity standards particularly related to the Small Group Incentive Plan; the right to determine processes and methods and procedures to be employed including technological change; the right to make and enforce rules, including safety matters, and to perform other functions inherent in the administration and control of the business.

ARTICLE 4.00 - HOURS OF WORK

- 4.01 The standard work week shall consist of forty (40) hours comprised of five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days, Monday to Friday.
- 4.02 No guarantee by the Company of a full week's working time is hereby given. If an employee shows up for work and the company did not tell him in advance to stay home, then the Company must pay him for four (4) hours wages at his applicable rate.
- 4.03 There shall be a fifteen (15) minute rest period from work in the morning. In lieu of a fifteer (15) minute rest period in the afternoon, the parties will agree to the shift ending fifteen (15) minutes early, which time would include a five (5) minute wash up. It is further agreed, when an employee must finish his job between 3:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. and with the permission of his supervisor leave the property, he will not be docked more than fifteen (15) minutes. There shall be a fifteen (15) minute paid break before overtime begins.
- 4.04 An employee who is **called** in **to** work outside of **his** normal working hours **shall** receive a minimum of **two (2)** hours pay at time and a half.
- 4:05 The employee will have 24 hours before reporting to work without discipline **taken** against said employee.

ARTICLE 5.00 - RATE! OF PAY

- Employees shall be paid their base hourly rate of pay for all hours worked up to and including the standard hours per work week as established in this Agreement, and time and cne-half (1 1/2 times) their base hourly rate of pay for the first two (2) hours worked in excess of the standard hours daily, and double (2 times) time thereafter.

 Time and one-half (1 1/2 times) the base hourly rate will be paid for all work performed on the first scheduled day of rest and double time for the second scheduled day of rest or General Holidays (Article 7.00) whether or not the employee has worked all the standard hours for the work week.
- Nothing herein shall be construed to **mean** that the Company may not pay **any** employee, or employees, more than the minimum rate, or rates, which may be payable from time to time under this Agreement.
- Job Classifications with the applicable hourly wage rates are attached hereto and will be known as Appendix "A" and shall be effective May 1, 1991.
- A Lead Hand will receive one dollar (\$1.00) per hour above the highest base rate at which he or she leads.
- **5.05 Increases** to the base rates **will** be implemented as follows:

Freeze **Red** Circle for the 3 year duration

As the Base Rate increases to a level equal to or above red circle rate, Red Circle will be eliminated for that employee and they will receive Base Rate.

Non Red Circle: Effective May 1, 1995 - \$0.40

Effective May 1, 1996 - \$0.40

Effective May 1, 1997 - \$0.40

Shift Premium - \$0.55 per hour effective May 1, 1995 for all hours worked after three

(3) hours and including the first three (3) hours for those shifts starting after 3 p.m.

\$0.60 per hour effective May 1, 1996 for all hours worked after three (3) hours and including the first three (3) hours for those shifts starting after 3 p.m. \$0.70 per hour effective May 1, 1997 for all hours worked after three (3) hours and including the first three (3) hours for those shifts starting after 3 p.m.

ARTICLE 600 - VACATIONS WITH PAY

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For the purpose of calculating entitlement to vacation and payment therefore, the vacation year shall be **from** May 1st in any given year to April 30th of the **succeeding** year. Vacation shall be **taken** in the vacation year **following** the year upon which the calculation is based.

All those employees with less than five (5) years continuous employment shall receive vacation with pay in accordance with the requirements of the Employment Standards Act governing vacations with pay.

6.02

- a) All those employees with more than five (5) and less than eight (8) years of employment as of May 1st in any given year, shall be entitled to three (3) weeks vacation with pay; such pay being equal to six percent (6%) of the regular pay earned by the employee in the year for which the vacation is given.
- b) All those employees with more than eight (8) and less than eighteen (18) years of employment as of May 1st in any given year, shall be entitled to four (4) weeks vacation with pay; such pay being equal to eight percent (8%) of the regular pay earned by the employee in the year for which the vacation is given.
- All those **employees** with more than eighteen (18) years of employment **as** of May 1st in any **given** year shall be **entitled** to five (5) weeks vacation with pay; such pay being **equal** to ten percent (10%) of the **regular** pay **earned by the** employee in the **year** for which the vacation is given.
- Vacation pay to be paid on a separate cheque on commencement day of Holidays. Employees may ask in advance the amount of their holiday pay.

6.03

Because of the nature of the business operations, no employee shall have more than two (2) consecutive weeks' vacation at any one time. Whereas the Company will attempt to take into consideration the wishes of the employees as to the time when vacation can be taken, it reserves unto itself the final decision as to the time of said vacations. The Company however, assures the Union that it will endeavour to set annual vacations during the summer months of each calendar year. All vacation requests will be considered, however, production requirements will take priority.

As of January 15 in any year the Company will post a notice on one notice board in the plant, inviting employees eligible for vacations in that year to indicate their preference for vacation assignment. This invitation will be held open from January 15th to March 15th. The Company will utilize the information entered on this document, as contemplated in subsection 6.03 above.

ARTICLE 7.00 - GENERAL HOLIDAYS

7.01 a) The following General Holicas shall be paid for if not worked, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day
Remembrance Day
Dominion Day
August Civic Holiday
Boxing Day

Family Day will be observed as per Government Legislation.

- **the** basis of pay for the above named holidays shall be eight **(8)** hours **times** their base hourly rate.
- c) An employee shall not be eligible for payment of holiday pay when:
 - the employee has not worked for the Company **a** total of thirty (30). days during the preceding twelve (12) months, or
 - the employee has absented himself from work without the consent of the Company of either his last regular working day preceding, or his first regular working day following the particular holiday, or
 - the employee is on a leave of absence at the time the holiday **falls**, except where **this** provision is waived by the Company.

- 7.02 Should a General Holiday **fall** during the week **an** employee is **on vacation**, **an** additional day off with pay will be granted on the basis of the foregoing.
- 7.03 When one of the above granted general holidays falls on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, the following or preceding work day shall be observed as the holiday. The particular day-in-lieu shall be determined in advance by the Company.

ARTICLE 8.00 - SENIORITY

- 8.01 Seniority shall be established in terms of years, months and days after each employee has had forty-five (45) working days continuous service in a position covered by this Agreement. Such seniority shall be effective from the date of employment.
- 8.02 Employees with less than forty-five (45) working days continuous employment shall be considered probationary. During such probationary period, employees may be discharged, disciplined, or laid off without reference to grievance procedure and the Company has no obligation to re-hire such employees.
- Any employee will lose his seniority rights under this agreement and will be considered as a new employee if he voluntarily leaves his employment with the Company; or if he is discharged; or if he has been laid off for a period of six (6) months; or if he has been laid off for a period of less than six (6) months and fails to return to work or to give m writing valid reasons for his inability to do so within three (3) days of the date he has been requested by the Company in writing without securing an extension of such leave; or if he absents himself from his work for more

than three (3) days without securing leave of absence or without producing evidence of a sufficient reason satisfactory to the Company.

When filling vacancies, other than on **a** temporary basis (**5** working days or less), plant-wide seniority will be considered providing ability, **experience** and competence are **equal** among the employees concerned, and **subject** to the right of the Company to make the final decision. **No** senior employee will be displaced for **a** job vacancy, if they *can* work to the engineering standard **for** that job.

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In making appointments the company undertakes to look first at the availability of incumbent employees for the position. If, however, in the Company's opinion there are no suitable incumbent employees, the appointment shall be made from any source.

Any employee who applied to be appointed to a vacancy and was refused the appointment shall have the recourse to the grievance procedure on the basis of an allegation that in making the appointment the Company acted in bad faith.

In cases of lay affidue to shortage of work, employees shall be demoted or laid off according to plant-wide seniority providing ability, experience and competence are equal. Probationary employees will be laid off first according to plant-wide seniority provided senior employees have the ability, experience and competence required. No senior employee will be displaced from a job, if they can work to the engineering standard for that job.

The Company shall post a Seniority List every six (6) months covering all regular full-time employees,

8.07 All vacancies occurring in regular full-time jobs shall be posted for a minimum of three (3) working days. Interested applicants must apply in writing to the Plant Superintendent. Vacancies will be filled as and when necessary pursuant to Section 8.04 herein.

ARTICLE 9.00 - BEREAVEMENT PAY

Provided an employee has completed his probationary period, in the event of a death of a Mother, Father, Spouse or Child an employee shall be allowed up to a maximum of five (5) working days' absence without loss of pay for the purposes of attending or making arrangements for the funeral. In the event of a death in the immediate family an employee shall be allowed up to a maximum of three (3) working days' absence without loss of pay for the purposes of attending or making arrangements for the funeral. The term "immediate family" shall be deemed to include Brother or Sister, Mother-in-law, Father-in-law and Grandparents of the employee.

OF WORK

The Company agrees they will not cause or direct any lockout of their employees and the Union agrees that neither the Union nor the members of the bargaining unit will cause or take part in a strike, slowdown or other stoppage of or interference with work which would cause any interruption in production during the term of this Agreement. Further, it is agreed that there shall be no secondary boycotts.

ARTICLE 11.00 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

In the event that a dispute arises between the Company and the Union on the one hand OR the *Company* and one or more employees on the other hand, regarding the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this *Agreement*, such dispute *shall* be settled without stoppage of work or lockout by way of one of the following procedures of settlement as applicable:

By the Employee

- Step 1 The employee or employees concerned, with or without **a** Job Steward **in** attendance, **shall first** seek **to** settle the dispute in discussion with **the** immediate supervisor.
- Step 2 If the dispute is not resolved satisfactorily in Step 1, it then **becomes a grievance**. **Once a** *grievance* is filed, the Job Steward **will** be present. This *grievance* shall then be reduced to writing, **setting** forth
 - a) the nature of the grievance and the circumstances out of which it arose;
 - b) the **remedy** or correction required;
 - c) the section or sections of the Agreement infringed upon, or claimed to have been violated.

The written grievance shall be submitted in this form to the Plant Superintendent or his designee within ten (10) days of the act causing the grievance. The Plant Superintendent or his designee shall make

known his decision to the grievor within five (5) days of receipt of the grievance.

- Step 3 In the event that the reply in Step 2 is unsatisfactory to the grievor, he shall then submit the grievance to the General Manager within five (5) days of the receipt of the grievance in Step 2. The General Manager or his designee shall make known his decision to the grievor within five (5) days of his receipt of the grievance.
- Step 4 In the event that the reply in Step 3 is unsatisfactory to the grievor, he may then submit the grievance to Arbitration within seven (7) days of receipt of the decision of the General Manager.

Arbitration proceedings shall be in accordance with the provisions of the applicable sections of the Alberta Labour Act.

By the Union or the Company

In the event that either the Company or the Union on their own behalf wish to process a grievance, such grievance shall be submitted by the one party to the other, in writing, and shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the act causing the grievance. The party in receipt of the grievance must make known its decision regarding the grievance to the other party within ten (10) days of receipt. In the event that the grievance is not resolved at this time, either party may submit the grievance to Arbitration within seven (7) days of the rendering of the decision. The arbitration proceedings shall be in accordance with those applicable sections of the Labour Relations Act.

- 11.02 The time limits expressed in the foregoing shall be exclusive of Saturdays, **Sundays** and Statutory Holidays and normal time off
- In the event the initiator of the grievance fails to follow the procedure and time limits established in this Article, the grievance shall be deemed to be abandoned.
 - b) Where the recipient of the grievance fails to respond within **the** time limits prescribed, the **grievance** shall advance to the next **step**.
- 11.04 The Board of Arbitration shall not be vested with the power to change, add to, delate or amend the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12.00 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 12.01 Individual employees may, with the Company's consent in writing, obtain a leave of absence without pay when in the opinion of the Plant Superintendent or General Manager, conditions so warrant. The written consent will state the dates at which the leave begins and ends.
- Application for leave of absence must be made to the Plant Superintendent. If the reasons for a leave of absence are of a personal nature, the employee may elect to discuss the reasons with the General Manager having first obtained permission to do so from the Plant Superintendent.
- 12.03 The Company will endeavour to accommodate an employee's request for all leaves of absence by responding in writing within five (5) working days of the request.

ARTICLE 13.00 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 13.01 The Company will provide bulletin boards in suitable locations which may be used by the Union for posting notices of their activities. All such notices will be submitted to the Plant Superintendent for approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, prior to posting. Such approval will be signified by the initials of the Plant Superintendent or his designee appearing on each notice.
- 13.02 The Company undertakes to continue its current practice in the issuance of protective clothing.
- 13.03 The Company shall provide clean, suitable, sanitary facilities and a clean, heated lunchroom, which shall not be used for storage of tools or equipment.
- It is recognized that Job Stewardsmay require time away from their work stations for the processing of grievances. Such time off shall be granted subject to the Job Steward first obtaining permission from the Foreman. Permission shall not be unreasonable withheld. The Steward will receive his applicable rate in carrying out the Steward's duties. No more than three (3) in number and no more than one (1) employee from the same department, and shall be chosen from employees who have more than two (2) continuous years of service with the Company.
- 13.05 The parties agree to the principle of discipline for just cause.
- 13.06 The parties agree that there will be no discrimination on the basis of the Individual Rights Protection Act.
- 13.07 The Company will provide a meal allowance of \$7,00 or the Company will supply a meal to those employees working overtime after 6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 14.00 - ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY

14.01 The Company shall continue to make reasonable provision for the safety and health of its employees at the Plant during the hours of their employment.

The Company shall provide transportation to and from a hospital for any employee incurring an injury at work that requires hospital treatment and transportation home.

The name and **location** of the First Aid person is to be posted on the bulletin board.

- 14.02 The Company will recognize two (2) members of the bargaining unit as representatives of the Employees on a Safety Committee. This committee shall meet at least once per month at a mutually agreed time.
- Should an employee suffer a compensable injury necessitating loss of time from the work place, he shall be compensated for all time lost on the day the accident occurred.
- 14.04 The Company will provide a safety shoe allowance to all fill-time employees, upon receipt of proof of purchase, in the amount of:

Effective May 1, 1995 - \$70.00 per year

Effective May 1, 1996 - \$75.00 per year

Effective May 1, 1997 - \$80.00 per year

14:05 Lifting as per O.H.S. Code.

ARTICLE 15.00 - HEALTH AND WELFARE

- 15.01 The Company will pay 100% of the premium for Alberta Health Care Insurance.
- 15.02 The Company will pay 100% of the premium for the Health and Welfare benefits as set out below:

1) Life Insurance: Effective May 1, 1995 - \$35,000

Effective May 1, 1997 - \$40,000

Dependent Life Insurance: Effective May 1, 1995

- Spouse - \$2,000

- Each Dependent Child - \$1,000

- Extended Health Care: Effective May 1, 1993 Extended Health Care coverage through Mutual Life of Canada to include prescription.drugs, semi-private hospital, supplementary health care, vision \$175/24 months.

 Effective May 1, 1994 vision \$200/24 months. The deductible on prescription drugs will be: Single \$10.00, Family \$20.00 with 100% reimbursement of the balance.
- for employees, 100% paid by the Employer. Effective May 1, 1991 the employer will pay 60% of the cost of restorative benefits. Rates will be based on the Canadian Dertal. Association schedule of rates for the current year.
- 4) Long Term Disability: To be discussed with employees April 20th, 1993 on an employee paid basis.
- An employee is not eligible for benefits under this section (Article 15) urtil they complete their probationary period (Article 8 Seniority).

ARTICLE 16.00 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Should new classifications of employees be introduced during the **lifetime** of this Agreement, the Company shall set the rate for the classifications. In the event that the

Union disagrees with the rate set, the issue will be negotiated and failing settlement shall be submitted to arbitration for final settlement. The rate determined by the Arbitration Board shall be effective the date the Union appealed the rate determined by the Company.

In cases of extreme emergency, foremen may do bargaining unit work provided a member of the bargaining unit from that Department is not available in the plant to do the work. An extreme emergency will be defined as the Company's need to service our customers on a just in time basis.

ARTICLE 17.00 - LABOUR/MANAGEMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- The Company and the Union agree to establish and maintain a Labour-Management relations Committee consisting of no more than three (3) representatives of the Management of the Company and no more than three (3) representatives of the Union, one of the Management representatives to be the General Manager of the company or his designate, and one of the Union representatives to be the Chief Steward. The object of this Committee shall be to provide and facilitate cooperation and participation in bringing forward ways and means of improving productive efficiency, promoting fuller understanding and confidence between the Company and the Union and maintaining harmonious mutual relations between them.
 - b) This Committee shall meet at least once each month at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined mutually by the members thereof. An

Agenda of the matters proposed to be discussed and considered will be sent to the parties at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

c) Matters of mutual concern pertaining to improvement of working conditions, safety and any problems which arise in the course of administration of this Agreement may be referred to this Committee for discussion.

ARTICLE 18.00 - PRODUCTIVITY PLAN

- 18.01 A Small Group Incentive Plan will be implemented as of May 9, 1988.
 - a) Implement in the Cut and Sew Area smaller groups for incentive.

ARTICLE 19.00 - DURATION

19.01 This Agreement shall remain in force and effect from May 1, 1995 to April 30, 1998 and from year to year thereafter unless notification of termination or amendment be given in writing by either patty not less than thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to its expiration date.

FOR THE COMPANY

FOR THE UNION

SIMMONS CANADAINC.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 955

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DATED THIS DAY, THE OF Long 1995
AT CALGARY, ALBERTA

APPENDIX "A"

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND BASE RATES

	EFFECTIVE	EFFECTIVE	EFFECTIVE				
ALL DEPARTMENTS	MAY 1/95	MAY 1/96	MAY 1/97				
Probationer	11.10	11.10	11.10				
Trainee	11.35	11.35	11.35				
General Labour	13.10	13.10	13.10				
NON-PRODUCTIVE DEPARTMEN							
Warehouseman (Trucker included)	14.00	14.40	14.80				
INNER CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT							
Coiler Operator/Assembler	14.50	14.90	15.30				
Edgewire/Trimmer	14.50	14.90	15.30				
Box Spring Construction Operator	14.50	լ 14.90	15.30				
Coiler Operator/Assembler (Pocket)	14.50	14.90	15.30				
MATTRESS DEPARTMENT							
Sewing Machine Operator	13.75	14.15	14.55				
Border Operator	14.50	14.90	15.30				
QuiltingMachine Operator	14.50	14.90	15.30				
Cutter	14.50	14.90	15.30				
Box Spring Finisher	14.50	14.90	15.30				
Hogringer	14.50	14.90	- 15.30				
Garnett Operator	14.00	14:40	14.80				
Closer	14.90	15.30	15.70				
Main Gamett Operator	14.50	14.90	15.30				
Futon Assembler	13.50	13.90	14.30				
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT							
Maintenance Mechanic - start	15.50	15.90	16.30				
- after 3 months	17.00	17.40	17.80				
- after 12 months	18.50	18.90	19.30				
Mechanic Machinist - start	17.05	17.45	17.85				
- after 3 months	18.40	18.80	19.20				
- after 12 months	19.75	20.15	20.55				

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

Commencing May 1, 1995:

The Company undertakes to train employees during the length of this Collective Agreement m the following way:

- 1. The Company will interview each employee to find out where that employee would like to train (minimum 2 jobs).
- 2. The Company will have training a minimum of one employee per week, unless our customer demands do not allow us to do this.
- 3. The Company and Union will meet before November 1, 1995 to discuss the training of employees.
- 4. Training will be done in accordance to seniority.

For the Employer

For the Union

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2

The Company undertakes with the Union to implement a rotation system in the cases of layoff due to shortage of work.

This rotation of work must be agreed to with the cooperation of all employees involved.

Also, the employees must still adhere to Article 8.05 of the Collective Agreement to be able to rotate.

For the Employer

For the Union

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3

PRODUCTIVITY COMMITTEE

A committee consisting of Union and Management will neet to discuss employee problems regarding Engineered Standards/Small Group Boruses. The employee who is directly affected will be present. This committee will meet at the time that a problem arises.

For the Employer

For the Union



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International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955, 955B, 955C

Norm Sliter, Business Manager & Financial Secretary

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September 1st, 1995

Labour Canada 3rd Floor, 10109 - 106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L7

Attention: Edmonton District Manager

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a signed and sealed copy of the Collective Agreement between Simmons Canada Inc. and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 955 for the period May 1, 1995 to April 30th, 1998.

We trust the above meets with your approval, and remain,

Norm Sliter

Yours t

Business Manager & Financial Secretary

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