

**CONSTRUCTION - N.W.T.**

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN:

LEDCOR INDUSTRIAL LIMITED  
("the Employer")

and

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION (CLAC)  
LOCAL 63  
AFFILIATED WITH THE CHRISTIAN LABOUR  
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
("the Union")

SOURCE	Comp
EFF.	97/01/01
TERM.	2000/05/31
No. OF EMPLOYEES	70
NOMBRE D'EMPLOYES	70

**THE EMPLOYER AND THE UNION AGREE TOGETHER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Employer and Union entered into a Collective Agreement to operate from January 1, 1997 until May 31, 2000, which the parties intended to be applicable to and believed was applicable to the craft units that the Canada Labour Relations Board deemed appropriate in the Construction Industry for the Northwest Territories.

2. In order to carry out the intention of the parties, the Employer and Union enter into this Collective Agreement which will operate from January 1, 1997 to May 31, 2000.

3. The Employer and Union agree to the "General Terms of Agreement" attached which are incorporated into and a part of this Collective Agreement.

4. The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole bargaining agent of all employees working in the Northwest Territories who are employed as journeymen and apprentice Iron

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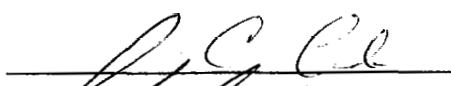

Workers - Structural in commercial, institutional, industrial, or for oil, gas and chemical facility projects.



5. The Employer and Union agree that the terms of Schedules "A", "B", "C" and "D" (which are also referred to in the General Terms of Agreement) form part of this Collective Agreement.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 12 day of May, 1998.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
LEDCOR INDUSTRIAL  
LIMITED

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION,  
(CLAC), LOCAL 63

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**GENERAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

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ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE:

- 1.01 It is the intent and purpose of the parties to this agreement, which has been negotiated and entered into in good faith:
- a) to recognize mutually the respective rights, responsibilities and functions of the parties hereto;
  - b) to provide and maintain working conditions, hours of work, wage rates and benefits as set forth herein;
  - c) to establish an equitable system for the promotion, transfer, layoff and recall of employees;
  - d) to establish a just and prompt procedure for the disposition of grievances;
  - e) and generally, through the full and fair administration of all the terms and provisions contained herein, to develop and achieve a relationship among the Union, the Employer, and the employees which will be conducive to their mutual well-being.
- 1.02 The omission of specific mention in this agreement of existing rights and privileges established or recognized by the Employer will not be construed to deprive employees or the Union of such rights and privileges.

ARTICLE 2 - APPLICATION:

2.01: These terms **apply** to construction carried out in the Northwest Territories.

ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS:

**3.01** The Employer's rights include but **are** not limited to the following:

- a) the right: to **maintain** order, discipline and efficiency; **to** make, alter and enforce **rules** and regulations, **policies** and practices, **to** be adhered to by its employees; **to discipline** and discharge employees for just **cause**.
- b) the right: **to** select, hire and direct the **working force** and employees; **to transfer**, assign, promote, demote, **classify**, **layoff**, **recall** and suspend employees; **to select and retain** employees for **positions** excluded **from** the bargaining **unit**.
- c) the right: **to** operate and manage the Employer's business in order **to satisfy** its **commitments** and responsibilities. **The right to determine the kind** and location of **business to be done by the Employer**, the direction of the **working forces**, **the scheduling of work**, the number of **shifts**, the methods, **processes** and **means** by **which** work is to be performed, job **content**, **quality** and quantity standards, **the right to use** improved **methods**, machinery and equipment, the right **to determine** the **number** of employees needed by the Employer at any time **and generally**, **the right to manage** the business of the Employer, **and to plan, direct and control the operations** of the Employer, without **interference**.

**3.02** The sole and exclusive jurisdiction over operations, building, machinery, equipment will be vested in the Employer.

3.03 The Employer may contract out work where:

- a) he does not possess the necessary facilities or equipment;
- b) he does not have and/or cannot acquire the required manpower,
- c) he cannot perform the work in a manner that is competitive in terms of cost, quality and within required time limits.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - UNION REPRESENTATION**

4.01 For the purpose of representation with the Employer, the Union will function and be recognized as follows:

- a) The Union has the right to select or appoint stewards to assist employees in presenting any complaints or grievances they have to representatives of the Employer and to enforce and administer the Collective Agreement. In general, the number of stewards will not exceed two (2) per project unless the project employs fifty (50) or more bargaining unit employees. In such cases the Union may increase the number of stewards to four (4) per project. Stewards will receive fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour in addition to their regular hourly rate. The Union will advise the Employer, in writing, of the names of the Stewards.
- b) Duly appointed Representatives of the Christian Labour Association of Canada are representatives of the employees, in all matters pertaining to this Agreement particularly for the purpose of processing grievances, negotiating amendments to and renewals of this Agreement and enforcing the employees' collective bargaining rights as well as any other rights under this Agreement and under the law. Union Stewards will not act in this capacity. The Union will advise the Employer, in writing, of the names of its duly appointed Representatives.

4.02 The Union acknowledges that Stewards have regular duties to perform as employees of the Employer and that such employees will not leave their regular duties for the purpose of conducting business in connection with the administration of the Agreement or the investigation or presentation of grievances, without first obtaining the permission of their Foreman or immediate Supervisor. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld.

The Employer will pay stewards at their regular hourly rate for time spent attending such duties during their working hours.

4.03 Representatives of the Union will have access to visit job sites or fabricating shops during normal working hours subject to the following:

- a) The Union Representative will identify himself to the job Supervisor upon arriving at a job site;

- b) in ~~no case~~ will such representative interfere with the progress of work.
- 4.04 The Union has the right to ~~appoint a~~ Negotiating Committee. Employees to a maximum of two ~~(2)~~ on the committee will be paid by the Employer to a ~~maximum~~ of thirty-two ~~(32)~~ hours per Contract Agreement at their regular hourly rates for all time spent on negotiating a collective agreement with the Employer, whenever this takes place during the regular working hours of the employees concerned.
- 4.05 Union stewards will be laid off or reduced in number in accordance with the completion of the various phases of each project.
- 4.06 The Employer may meet periodically with his employees for the purpose of discussing any matters of mutual interest or concern to the Employer, the Union, and the employees, A CLAC representative may attend such meetings.
- 4.07 There will be no Union activity during working hours, on the Employer's premises, except that which is necessary for the processing of grievances and the administration and enforcement of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS**

- 5.01 During the term of this Agreement, or while negotiations for a further agreement are being held the Union will not permit or encourage any strike, slowdown, or any stoppage of work or otherwise restrict or interfere with the Employer's operation through its members.
- 5.02 During the term of this Agreement, or while negotiations for a further agreement are being held, the Employer will not engage in any lockout of its employees or deliberately restrict or reduce the hours of work.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND UNION MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.01 The Union and the Employer will cooperate in maintaining a desirable and competent labour force. The Employer has the right to hire new employees as needed and will give preference to Union members for employment, provided such applicants are qualified to meet the requirement of the job.

If the Union is not able to supply the number of qualified employees required by the Employer, the Employer will be able to hire from outside the Union membership, provided, however, that such employee must nevertheless obtain a Union dispatch slip and provide it to the Employer before commencing work. The Union agrees to promptly process dispatch slip requests and they will not be unreasonably withheld.

**Prior** to the **start** of each project, a **pre-job** conference **will** be held to determine **all** site-specific issues **as outlined** in the Agreement.

The Employer **will** notify the union that a project **has** been awarded to the Employer immediately following the award.

- 6.02** Neither the Employer nor the Union **will** compel employees to **join** the Union. Subject to Article 6.01, the Employer **will** not discriminate against any employee because of Union membership or lack of it, and will **inform** all new employees of the contractual relationship between the Employer and the Union. Before commencing work, or **as soon as** reasonably possible after commencing work, new employees shall be referred by the Employer to a **CLAC** steward or Representative in order to describe the Union's purposes and representation policies to such new employees.
- 6.03** The Union agrees that it will make membership in the Union available to **all** employees covered by this Agreement on the same terms and conditions **as** are applicable to other members of the Union.
- 6.04** It will be the policy of the Employer to promote **from** within wherever possible **at** the Employer's discretion.
- 6.05** New employees **will** be hired on a **two** month probationary period and thereafter will attain regular employment status subject to the availability of work. The parties agree that the discharge or layoff of a probationary employee will not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.
- 6.06** Probationary employees are covered by the Agreement, excepting **those** provisions which specifically exclude such employees. Employees laid **off** and recalled by the employer **will** not Serve a new probationary period.
- 6.07** Prior to **the** start of all projects the parties will meet in a **pre-job** conference to determine all site-specific issues **as** outlined in **the** Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 7 - DUES CHECK-OFF**

- 7.01** The Employer agrees to check-off **from** each employee the amount equal to the Union dues, once monthly, and where applicable **an** amount equal to Union dues arrears or Union initiation fees. The total amount checked **off** will be turned over to the Union Treasurer each **month**, by the **20th** of **the** month following the **check-off**, together with **an** itemized list of the employees for whom the deductions are made and the amount checked **off** for each. The Union and the employees agree that the Employer will be saved harmless for all deductions and payments **so** made.

- 7.02 Employees who because of religious or conscientious objections, cannot support the CLAC may apply to the Union, in writing, for permission to redirect their dues to a charitable organization of their choice. The Union will treat such requests in accordance with its stated policy and such permission will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 7.03 The Union will promptly notify the Employer, in writing, over the signature of its designated officer, the amount of the deduction to be made by the Employer for regular Union dues, and the Employer will have the right to continue to rely on such written notification until it receives other written notification from the Union.
- 7.04 The Employer will provide the Union with all necessary information regarding insurance and benefit plans, job classification changes and terminations. The name, address, date of hire, and classification of new employees will be provided to the Union once monthly. A list of employees, ranked according to classification and showing the employee's rate of pay, will be forwarded to the Union twice yearly.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - WAGE & AREA RATES OF PAY**

- 8.01 Wage schedules and other provisions applicable to various job classifications and work descriptions are as set forth in Schedule "A". It is understood and agreed that the employer and the Union will jointly determine the wage schedule applicable to a project prior to its commencement if there is a possible dispute.
- 8.02 Additional classifications may be established only by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union during the term of this Agreement, and the rates for Same will be subject to negotiations between the Employer and the Union.
- 8.03 **Show Up Time**
- An employee who comes to work without having been notified that there is no work available, and who is sent home because of lack of work, will receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at his prevailing hourly rate. The employee will also receive his full accommodation allowance if and when applicable.
- 8.04 **Starting Work**
- An employee who starts work and is prevented from completing his normal work day will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at his prevailing hourly rate except when the work is suspended because of inclement weather or other reasons completely beyond the control of the Employer in which case the minimum will be two (2) hours. The employee will also receive his full accommodation allowance if and when applicable.



- 8.05 When there is a temporary shortage of work within a given work day in a specific classification, the Employer may employ the affected employees in another classification at the rate of pay of their usual specified ~~classification~~ provided the employee **is** qualified to do the required work.
- 8.06 Employees given the option ~~to~~ work in another classification for which they *are* qualified instead of ~~being laid off~~ will **be** paid the rate for the new classification.
- 8.07 If the Employer bids ~~on~~ jobs which specify a **specific** rate schedule the parties agree ~~to~~ meet to determine the rate ~~to~~ be paid for the particular project.

### **ARTICLE 9 - HOURS OF WORK & OVERTIME**

- 9.01 The **normal** work week will be **as** outlined in Schedules "A", "B" and "C" for the various different types of ~~construction~~ work.
- 9.02 The overtime rates to be paid are **as** outlined in Schedules "A", "B" and "C" for the various different types of construction work.
- 9.03 When a statutory holiday occurs during the employees regular work week, employees will receive overtime pay **as** outlined in Schedules "A", "B", & "C" for the various different ~~types~~ of construction work.
- 9.04 When a scheduled break occurs it will include **a** Sunday.
- 9.05 The Employer **will** attempt to distribute overtime work **as evenly as possible among** employees who normally ~~perform~~ the work and **who** indicate they wish to work overtime.
- 9.06 Hours of work and overtime **as set** out in this article may ~~be~~ modified by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union for selected contract projects.
- 9.07 It is agreed that the provisions of ~~this~~ Article **are** for the purpose of computing overtime and will not be construed to be a guarantee of or a limitation ~~on~~ the **hours** of work to be done per day or per week other ~~than~~ those stipulated in Articles 8.03 and 8.04.
- 9.08 a) There **will** be **two (2)** coffee breaks of ten (10) minutes duration on each ~~shift~~, one in the first **half** of the ~~shift~~ and one in the second **half** of the shift. Employees will be given a meal period of one half **(1/2) hour** per ~~shift~~ but such ~~period~~ will not be **considered as time worked**. **Employees will be entitled to an additional** coffee break for every four **(4)** hours overtime worked in a given day.

- 9.09 Provided the employee notifies the Employer at the time of hire the Employer agrees to respect an employee's wishes with regards to not working **certain** days of the week or **certain hours** of the day **because** of religious convictions.
- 9.10 Sunday **will** be deemed the first day of the week.

### **ARTICLE 10 - LAY-off**

- 10.01 The Employer will give the Union one (1) week's notice of layoff, when possible.
- 10.02 The Employer **will not be** required to **give** one (1) week's notice of layoff when equipment failure, shortage of material, or other reasons beyond the control of the Employer **cause** a stoppage of operation.
- 10.03 The Employer agrees to **notify** the Union office of the names of employees laid **off** **within** the pay period of **the** date during which the layoff occurred, together with the employee's classification and latest available **phone** number.

### **ARTICLE 11 - VACATION & VACATION PAY**

- 11.01 All employees will be entitled to receive an amount equal to **six** (6%) percent of **their** regular **earnings** in **vacation** pay.
- 11.02 **Vacation** Pay and **statutory** holiday pay will be paid to employees **on** each paycheque **and** on termination and/or **upon** request of the employee.
- 11.03 The Employer will consider vacations at the **times** requested considering business requirements.

### **ARTICLE 12 - HOLIDAYS & HOLIDAY PAY**

- 12.01 Employees **will be** entitled to receive **an** amount equal to four **(4%)** percent of their **regular** earnings in lieu of the following holidays:
- New Year's Day, Family Day, **Good** Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, **Christmas** Day and **Boxing** Day.
- 12.02 Employees required to work on one of the above holidays **will** receive overtime pay for **all** hours worked in addition to the holiday pay outlined in Article 12.01.

**ARTICLE 13 - TRANSPORTATION, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

- 13.01 (a) It is recognized by the Employer and the Union that the purpose of transportation, travel and accommodation allowances as established in this article is to provide a fair means of compensating employees for additional travel and accommodation expenses they incur while working on projects beyond a reasonable distance from their residence.
- (b) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Employer's base of operations is defined as the job site.
- (c) There will be a free zone established for the Employer's base of operation at 60 km radius.

**13.02 Travel Allowance**

Employees assigned to work on a project outside the Employer's base free zone as described in Article 13.01 and who reside outside the job site free zone established in Article 13.01 will be paid a travel and/or accommodation allowance according to the following:

- a) Travel allowance will be paid for all projects not accessible by public transportation and all projects to which an employee is sent at the request of the Employer.
- b) When travel allowance is applicable the employee will be paid from the Employer's shop or from the employees home whichever is closer to the job site.
- c) Travel allowance will be paid only for the beginning and end of a project and again if the employees are laid off and recalled to the same project. Employees who quit the job within twenty-one (21) days will not be entitled to travel allowance.
- d) Travel allowances will not be used in computing overtime.
- e) The amount of travel allowance will be subject to negotiation and agreement between the Employer and The Union, with the cost of public transportation and duration of travel as guidelines.

### 13.03 Travel Time

- a) On all projects regardless of accessibility or isolation, where **an** employee transports an Employer's vehicle to the job, such employee will **be** paid his regular rate of pay for actual time travelled. Such employees will not **receive** duplicating travel allowances.
- b) On **all** projects regardless of accessibility or isolation, where **an** employee's classification requires the **use** of **his** own vehicle in the **performance** of his duties, such employee will be paid at his regular rate of pay for actual (reasonable) time travelled **from** the point of hire to the project and return.

### 13.04 Transfers

Stipulated rates of pay **will** be paid in all **cases** of transfers from one project to another irrespective of Articles 13.02 and 13.03.

### 13.05 Daily Travel

Daily travel allowance will be paid subject to the following conditions:

- a) When an employee is required to travel daily to a project that is greater than 60 km radius from his permanent or temporary residence when receiving accommodation allowance.
- b) Where the Employer does not provide transportation.
- c) The daily travel allowance will be subject to agreement between the Employer and the Union for each project at the **pre-job** agreement outlined in Article 6.07.

### 13.06 Accommodation Allowance

- a) Whenever employees covered by **this** Agreement are required by the Employer to be away **from** their normal place of residence **overnight**, the Employer agrees to pay daily accommodation **allowance** (as set out in Schedules "A", "B", & "C") or alternately the Employer, at his discretion will provide **at** the Employer's expense, accommodation for the employees. Accommodation **allowance** per day may be changed subject to agreement by the Employer and Union, **based** on area **and** seasonal **cost**, with room costs based on two (2) employees per **room**.

Allowance **will** not be paid for any day on which an employee **does** not work of his own accord for reason other than job related accident.

- b) Accommodation allowance, in accordance with Schedules "A", "B" and "C", will be paid subject to the following conditions:
- i) Accommodation allowance begins when an employee reports for his first scheduled shift;
  - ii) Accommodation allowance will be paid for all work days and all show up days outlined in Article 8.03.
  - iii) On projects for which a sleeping camp is supplied for employees' use, those employees making use of the camp will receive reasonable partial accommodation allowance to be determined between the Employer and the Union.

13.07 For selected projects with peculiar geographic circumstances, the Employer may establish alternative or amended policies for transportation, travel and accommodation. Such alternative or amended policies will be established for the duration of the project and will require the mutual agreement of the Employer and the Union.

13.08 Turnarounds

During the course of a project the work schedule may provide for turnaround periods to allow employees reasonable time off. This time and cost reimbursement will be subject to agreement by the Employer and Union.

**ARTICLE 14 - UNION-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

14.01 The parties to this Agreement pledge to work towards the greatest possible degree of Consultation and cooperation believing that the following concepts provide a fundamental framework for improved labour/management relations:

- a) the industrial enterprise is an economically characterized work community of capital-investors and workers under the leadership of a management;
- b) the economic character springs from a continuous striving towards efficient use of scarce resources, energy and environment, and in the adequate development of research, production and marketing;
- c) the enterprise requires authority relationships under a strong central leadership or management;

- d) a strong management does not discourage cooperation but stimulates it, recognizing that while leadership without labour can do nothing, labour without management cannot survive,
- 14.02 a) In order to further the aims of the enterprise, the parties agree to schedule Union-Management meetings once every three (3) months or as required during the life of this Agreement. The meeting will serve as a forum for discussion and consultation about policies and practices not necessarily covered by the Collective Agreement. The areas for discussion will include but not be limited to:
- i) hiring policies;
  - ii) discipline and discharge policies;
  - iii) training and promotion;
  - iv) safety measures;
  - v) matters that affect the working conditions of the employees,
- b) The Employer and the Union will each appoint representatives to the Union-Management Committee. The minutes will record the business of each meeting, a copy of which will be mailed to the Union's provincial office.
- 14.03 A committee member, attending the Union-Management meetings during regular working hours, will be entitled to his regular hourly rate of pay. In the event that such meetings are held outside of regular working hours, the Employer agrees to pay a flat fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to a committee member for each meeting attended.
- 14.04 The Employer may meet periodically with his employees for the purpose of discussing any matters of mutual interest or concern to the Employer, the Union and the employees.
- 14.05 In the event that Consultation fails to resolve a matter of contention, the Union agrees that the decisive word resides with Management, unless specifically abridged, deleted or modified by this Agreement. The Union reserves the right to refer unresolved matters to the Grievance Procedure.

## **ARTICLE 15 - HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 15.01 a) The Employer agrees to make practicable provisions for the safety and health of its employees on its job sites and shop during the hours of their employment.
- b) the Union undertakes to give full support to these objectives by promoting a safety consciousness and a personal sense of responsibility amongst its membership.

- c) It is the intent of the parties to have working conditions that are not unsafe or unhealthy beyond the minimum hazards inherent to the operation of the process in question.

15.02 The Union-Management Committee outlined in Article 14 will also serve as a Health and Safety Committee. The Committee will meet at a time mutually agreeable to the parties. The meeting will be directed to matters concerning the correction of unsafe conditions and practices and the maintenance of the co-operative interest in the safety of the workforce. The Employer will maintain a record of the meetings and the matters discussed.

The Health and Safety Committee will make inspections of all job sites at its discretion.

15.03 An employee who is injured on the job during working hours and is required to leave for treatment for such injury will receive payment for the remainder of his/her shift.

15.04 An employee who is injured on the job and who requires transportation from the work site to a local physician or hospital will receive such transportation provided for by the Employer. Should an employee require hospitalization for a period of more than one (1) week the Employer will provide transportation to an available facility near the employee's home at no cost to the employee.

15.05 Following a serious accident or an incident which could have resulted in a serious accident the Union-Management Committee will convene as soon as possible to investigate and report to the Union and the Employer.

15.06 Light Duty Work Programs

If an employee is injured on the job and requires medical attention the employee is entitled to Light Duty Work and he will inform the attending Physician of the same.

The Employer will inform the Physician of the types of light duty work which may be available to the employee and will make the same available to the employee with the Physician's approval.

15.07 Safety Award

If at the completion of the project no lost time accident involving the Employer's workforce has occurred on the project all employees will receive a twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour Safety Award for all hours worked on the project payable thirty (30) days following the completion of the project.

Employees who are terminated or who quit prior to the completion of the project are not eligible to receive safety award payments.

**ARTICLE 16 - HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN**

16.01 In order to protect the employees and their families **from** the financial hazard of illness, the Employer **agrees** to pay ninety-five **cents** (\$0.95) **per** hour for **all** hours worked for each employee towards the **Union** Insurance Plan.

It is understood and agreed that it is **the** responsibility of each employee to **be** familiar with the **specific** details **of** coverage, (outlined in Schedule "**D**") and **eligibility** requirements of **all** benefit **plans**, and that neither the **Union** nor the **Employer**, has any responsibility for **ensuring** that **all** requirements for eligibility or conditions of coverage or entitlement of benefits **are** met by the employee, beyond the obligations specifically stipulated in **this** Agreement.

**ARTICLE 17 - PENSION PLAN**

17.01 The Employer agrees to **contribute** seventy-five (**\$0.75**) **cents** for each **hour** worked **toward** each employees participation **in** the **Union** Health and Welfare Plan. Upon completion of **six** (6) **months** of contributions received by the Plan the employee will receive the entire **sum** contributed by the Employer in the form of a **personal** R.R.S.P. Plan. Thereafter **all** future contributions **will** be **deposited** in the same manner and **will** **remain** the property of the employee subject **only** to the rules governing R.R.S.P. and Health and Welfare Plans.

17.02 The decision of where to deposit the **funds** in a personal R.R.S.P. will be made by the employees **and** the **Union** and will be the same for all employees of the Employer.

17.03 The Employer's contributions to the pension plan **will** be non-refundable, and **will** be vested in the employee **on** whose **behalf** the contribution was made, **in** accordance with the terms of the Plan.

17.04 Withdrawal of funds and payouts **from** the plan will be subject to law and the terms of the Plan.

17.05 Employees on **whose** behalf contributions **are** made to the Plan will receive an **annual** statement from the Plan, **mailed** to their last address **on** record with the pian administrator, showing their accumulated **benefits** to date and the **amounts** contributed **during** the year covered by the statement.

**ARTICLE 18 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDS**

18.01 The Employer agrees to **contribute** three **cents** (\$0.03) per hour to the **Union** Education and Training **Fund** for **all** hours worked by all employees.



18.02 The Employer agrees to contribute seven cents( \$0.07) per hour to the **Union's** Ledor Industries and Associates **Inc.** Training Fund for all hours worked by all employees. The use of this fund will be determined by a joint committee established by the parties. The Employer and Union will each appoint **two (2) persons** to the committee. All contributions to the Ledor industries & Associates Inc. Training Fund will be remitted to the **Union's** Edmonton Office.

### **ARTICLE 19 - TOOLS**

19.01 All tradesmen will supply their **own** tools common to their trade. **Specialty tools** will be provided by the Employer.

19.02 The employees will be held responsible for **all** tools issued to them by the Employer. The Employer will supply adequate **security** for all tool storage on the site.

19.03 A tool list will be established by mutual agreement between the employer and the union for each trade.

### **ARTICLE 20 - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

20.01 All employees will wear safety hats to be **made** available by the Employer. The employee will pay for **all** safety hats through payroll deduction.

20.02 All employees will wear gloves **and** safety shoes where required, furnished by the employee.

20.03 The Employer will furnish employees with safety equipment (including safety glasses) **and** rain gear if and when required. Said equipment will **remain** the property of the Employer. Any worn out **safety** equipment will be replaced upon presentation of the **worn** equipment. The employees will be held responsible for **loss** or improper maintenance of Employer furnished **items**.

### **ARTICLE 21 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND BEREAVEMENT PAY**

21.01 The Employer **will** grant leaves of absence without pay for the following reasons:

- a) Marriage of the employee;
- b) **Sickness of the** employee or employee's immediate **family**;
- c) Death in the immediate family;
- d) **Union** activity other than **this** establishment.

- 21.02 The above will be for a time mutually agreed upon between the Employer and the employee.
- 21.03 a) **An** employee will be granted one day leave of absence with pay, at **his** regular straight time hourly rate, to make arrangements for and **to** attend the funeral of the employee's spouse or child.
- 21.04 Employees who **fail** to report for work **as** scheduled without giving a **justifiable** reason will be deemed to have voluntarily quit.

## **ARTICLE 22 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- 22.01 The parties **to** this Agreement recognize the Stewards and the CLAC Representatives specified in Article 4 **as** the agents through which employees will process their grievances **and** receive settlement thereof.
- 22.02 "Grievance" will mean a complaint or claim concerning improper discipline or discharge, or a dispute with reference to the interpretation, application, administration or **alleged** violation of **this** Agreement.

A "Group Grievance" is defined **as** a single grievance, signed by a Steward or a CLAC Representative on behalf of a group of employees who have the same complaint. Such grievance must be dealt with at successive stages of the **Grievance** procedure commencing with Step 1. The grievers will be listed on the grievance form.

A "Policy Grievance" is defined **as** one which involves a **question** relating to the interpretation, application or administration of **this** Agreement.

A Policy Grievance will be **signed** by a Steward or a CLAC Representative, or in **the case** of an Employer's Policy Grievance, by the Employer or his representative.

- 22.03 **All** the time limits referred to in the grievance procedure herein contained **will** be deemed to mean "work days".
- 22.04 The Employer or the Union will not be required to consider or process any grievance which arose out of any action or condition more than five (5) work days after **the** subject of such grievance occurred. If **the** action or condition is of a continuing or recurring nature, this limitation **period** will not begin to run until the action or condition **has** ceased. The limitation period **will** not **apply** to **differences arising between the parties** hereto relating to the interpretation, application or administration of this Agreement. If the Employer does consider or process a grievance which **has** been presented late, the Employer will not be stopped or precluded at any stage from **taking** the position that the grievance is late and not arbitrable.

22.05 No employee will have a grievance until he has discussed his complaint with his Superintendent. If the employee's Superintendent does not promptly settle the matter to the employee's satisfaction, an employee's proper grievance may be processed as follows:

**Step 1**

Subject to the conditions of Article 6.05, if a grievance is to be filed it will, within the five (5) work days referred to in Article 22.04 above, be reduced to writing and will be presented to the designated Employer representative by a Steward or a CLAC representative. The designated Employer representative will notify the Union representative of his decision in writing not later than five (5) work days following the day upon which the grievance was submitted.

The grievance referred to above will identify:

- a) the facts giving rise to the grievance;
- b) the section or sections of the Agreement claimed violated;
- c) the relief requested;

and will be signed by the employee or employees involved.

**Step 2**

If the grievance is not settled in Step 1, a CLAC representative will within five (5) work days of the decision under Step 1, or within five (5) work days of the day this decision should have been made, submit a written grievance to the designated Employer Representative. A meeting will be held between the Steward or CLAC representative together with the grievor involved and the designated Employer representative and other representatives of the Employer. This meeting will be held within five (5) working days of the presentation of the written grievance to the designated Employer representative. The Employer will notify the Steward or CLAC Representative of his decision in writing within five (5) work days of such meeting.

**Step 3**

In the event that the grievance is not settled at Step 2 the party having the grievance may serve the other party with written notice of desire to arbitrate within five (5) work days of the delivery of the decision in Step 2 to the Steward or CLAC Representative but not thereafter.

22.06 Union Policy Grievance or Employer Grievance

A **Union policy** grievance or an Employer grievance may be submitted to the Employer or the Union, as the case may be, in writing, within ten (10) work days of the time circumstances upon which the grievance is based were known or should have been known by the griever. A meeting between the Employer and the Union will be held within five (5) work days of the presentation of the written grievance and will take place within the framework of Step 3 of Article 22.05 hereof. The Employer or the **Union, as the case may be, will** give its written decision within five (5) work days after such meeting has been held.

If the decision is unsatisfactory to the grieving party, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration within fifteen (15) work days of the delivery of such written decision and the arbitration section of this Agreement will be followed.

If the Employer is not advised of the **Union's** intention to proceed to arbitration within five (5) work days, the Employer will not be liable for any damages during the foregoing fifteen (15) work day period.

The provisions of this paragraph 22.06 will not be used by the Union to institute a grievance directly affecting an employee or employees which such employee or employees could themselves institute, and the provisions of Articles 22.04 and 22.05 hereof will not thereby be bypassed.

**ARTICLE 23 - ARBITRATION**

- 23.01 if a notice of desire to arbitrate is served, the two parties will each nominate an arbitrator within seven days of service and notify the other party of the name and address of its nominee. The two arbitrators so appointed will attempt to select, by agreement, a Chairman. If they are unable to agree upon a Chairman within seven days of their appointment, either party may request the **Minister of Labour** to appoint an impartial Chairman.
- 23.02 No person may be appointed as Chairman who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.
- 23.03 The decision of a majority is the decision of the Arbitration Board, but if there is no majority the decision of the Chairman of the Arbitration Board governs.
- 23.04 Notices of desire to arbitrate and of nominations of an arbitrator will be served personally or by registered mail. if served by registered mail, the date of mailing will be deemed to be the date of service.

- 23.05** If a party refuses or neglects to answer a grievance at any stage of the Grievance Procedure, the other party may commence arbitration proceedings and if the party in default **refuses** or neglects to appoint an arbitrator in accordance **with** Article 23.01, the party not in default may, upon notice **to** the party in default, appoint a Single Arbitrator to hear the grievance and his decision **will** be final and binding upon both parties.
- 23.06** It is agreed that the Arbitration Board will have the jurisdiction, power and authority **to** give relief for default in complying with the time limits **set** out in Article 22 and 23 where it appears that the default was owing to **a** reliance upon the words or conduct of the other party.
- 23.07** **An** employee found to be wrongfully discharged or suspended **will** be reinstated without **loss** of seniority and with back pay calculated at **an** hourly rate or average earnings, **as** applicable, times normal hours, less any monies earned, or by any other arrangement which is just and equitable in the opinion of the Arbitration Board.
- 23.08** Where the Arbitration Board is of the opinion that there is proper **cause** for disciplining an employee, but considers the penalty imposed too severe in view of the employee's employment record and the circumstance surrounding the discharge or suspension, the Arbitration Board may substitute a penalty which, in **its** opinion, is just and equitable. This cause will not apply to the discharge **of** a probationary employee.
- 23.09** Each of the parties hereto will bear the expenses of the arbitrator appointed by it, and the parties will jointly bear the expense of the Chairman of the Arbitration **Board**.
- 23.10** The Board of Arbitration will not be authorized to make any decisions inconsistent with the provisions of **this** Agreement, nor to alter, modify or amend any part of this Agreement, nor to adjudicate any matter not specifically assigned to it by the notice to arbitrate specified in Step 3 of Article 22.05 hereof.

#### **ARTICLE 24 - DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND WARNING**

- 24.01** **An** employee may be suspended or discharged for proper cause by the Employer. Proper cause may include the refusal by an employee to abide by **Safety** Regulations; the **use** of illegal **narcotics** or alcohol or reporting for work while under the influence of such substances; the refusal by the employee to abide by the requirements of the Employer's clients; the refusal by the employee to abide by the requirements of the Employer's rules, regulations, policies and practices. **Such** suspension or discharge is subject to the Grievance procedure.
- 24.02** When the attitude or **performance** of an employee **calls** for a **warning** by the Employer, such a warning will **be** noted by the foreman/supervisor. The foreman/supervisor will inform the Union Steward of the warning within twenty-four (24) **hours**.



**ARTICLE 25 - DURATION**

- 25.01 This agreement will be effective ~~on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven (1997)~~ and will remain in effect until the ~~thirty-first day of May, two thousand (2000)~~ and for further periods of one (1) year unless notice will be given by either party of the desire to delete, change, or amend any of the provisions contained herein, within the period from one hundred twenty (120) to sixty (60) days prior to the renewal date. Should neither of the parties give such notice, this Agreement will renew for a period of one (1) year.
- 25.02 Should negotiations not be completed prior to the expiration date of this Agreement all negotiated items will be retroactive from the date of signing to the expiration date of the expired agreement.
- 25.03 ~~Until~~ a new agreement has been concluded all provisions in this Collective Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**FOR OIL, GAS AND CHEMICAL FACILITY PROJECTS**

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1997**

<b>Rates:</b>	<b>Wage Rate</b>	<b>Vac/ Stat</b>	<b>H &amp; W</b>	<b>Pens.</b>	<b>Safety Bonus</b>	<b>Train. Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Iron Worker (Structural)	18.50	1.85	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	22.40

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Iron Worker (Structural)	19.00	1.90	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	22.95



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Iron Worker (Structural)	19.50	1.95	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	23.50

## Schedule "A"

Leadhand Premium                    **\$1.25/hr**  
(over Journeyman Classification Rate)

Foreman Premium                    **\$1.50/hr**  
(over Journeyman Classification Rate)

Apprentices will be paid **in** accordance with the Apprenticeship and Training **Act**, 1992.

Accommodation - Daily                    **\$50.00** per day **unless** otherwise agreed by the parties  
subject to Article 13

It is understood and agreed that the wage rates and other provisions set out in **SCHEDULE "A"** may be amended by mutual agreement **between** the Employer and the **Union** for **specific** projects in order to enable the Employer to compete **with** non-union competitors and/or with **specific union** project agreement rates.

The Employer and the **Union** may agree to reasonable partial accommodation allowances where the employee elects to commute to **his** place of residence or supplies **his** own living accommodation.

### Hours of Work

The normal work week will consist of forty-four **(44)** hours per week.

### Overtime

Employees will be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half **(1.5)** times the employee's straight time hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day and forty-four **(44)** hours per week.

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**FOR COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION**

CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1997

<b>Rates:</b>	<b><u>Wage Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Vac/ Stat</u></b>	<b><u>H &amp; W</u></b>	<b><u>Pens.</u></b>	<b><u>Safety Bonus</u></b>	<b><u>Train. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Iron <b>Worker</b> (Structural)	19.00	1.90	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	22.95

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**FOR COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION**

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1998**

<b>Rates:</b>	<b>Wage Rate</b>	<b>Vac/ Stat</b>	<b><u>H &amp; W</u></b>	<b><u>Pens.</u></b>	<b><u>Safety Bonus</u></b>	<b><u>Train. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Iron Worker (Structural)	19.50	1.95	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	23.50

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**FOR COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION**

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1999**

<b>Rates:</b>	<b>Wage Rate</b>	<b>Vac/ Stat</b>	<b><u>H &amp; W</u></b>	<b><u>Pens.</u></b>	<b><u>Safety Bonus</u></b>	<b><u>Train. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Iron Worker (Structural)	20.00	2.00	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	24.05

## Schedule "B"

Leadhand Premium                    **\$1.00/hr**  
(over Journeyman classification Rate)

Foreman Premium                    **\$1.50/hr**  
(over Journeyman Classification Rate)

**Shift** Differentials    • Night ~~shift~~ premium • \$0.50 per hour  
(~~shifts~~ between 17:00 hours and 08:00 hours)

Apprentices **will** be paid in accordance with the Apprenticeship and Training Act, 1992. At **no time**, however, **will** the rate of an apprentice be lower than that of a "Labourer (~~Construction~~)".

Accommodation • Daily                    **\$50.00** per day unless otherwise agreed by the parties  
subject to Article 13.

It is understood and agreed that the wage rates and other provisions set out in **SCHEDULE "B"** may be amended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the **Union** for specific projects in order to enable the Employer to compete **with** non-union competitors and/or **specific** union project agreement rates.

The Employer **and** the Union may agree to reasonable partial accommodation allowances where the employee elects to commute to his place of residence or supplies his own living accommodation.

### Hours of Work

The regular work week will consist of forty (**40**) hours per week, consisting of five (**5**) eight (8) hour days, Monday **through** Friday inclusive. (For **specific** projects the hours of work may be amended to forty-four (**44**) hours per week by agreement between the Employer and the Union.)

### Overtime

Employees **will** be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half (**1.5**) times the employee's straight time hourly rate of pay for all **hours** worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day and **forty** (40) hours per week, subject to the above.

When a statutory holiday **occurs** during the week, overtime **will** be paid for **all** hours in excess of thirty-two (32) hours.

When a statutory holiday falls on a regular day **off**, employees **will** be given a **day off** in lieu thereof, consecutive **with their** scheduled days **off**, subject to scheduling requirements.

**SCHEDULE "C"**

**FOR INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION**

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1997**

<b>Rates:</b>	<b><u>Wage Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Vac/ Stat</u></b>	<b><u>H &amp; W</u></b>	<b><u>Pens.</u></b>	<b><u>Safety Bonus</u></b>	<b><u>Train. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Iron Worker (Structural)	19.50	1.95	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	23.50

**SCHEDULE "C"**

**FOR INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION**

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1998**

<b>Rates:</b>	<b><u>Wage Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Vac/ Stat</u></b>	<b><u>H &amp; W</u></b>	<b><u>Pens.</u></b>	<b><u>Safety Bonus</u></b>	<b><u>Train. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Iron Worker (Structural)	20.00	2.00	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	24.05



**SCHEDULE "C"**

**FOR INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION**

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND HOURLY WAGES  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1999**

<b>Rates:</b>	<b><u>Wage Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Vac/ Stat</u></b>	<b><u>H &amp; W</u></b>	<b><u>Pens.</u></b>	<b><u>Safety Bonus</u></b>	<b><u>Train. Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Iron Worker (Structural)	20.50	2.05	0.95	0.75	0.25	0.10	24.60

Schedule "B"

- 9.08 b) There **will** be two **(2)** coffee breaks of **fifteen** (15) minutes duration **on** each shift, one in the first half of the **shift** and one in the second **half of the shift**. Employees **will** be given a meal **period** of one half (1/2) **hour** per **shift** but such **period** will not be **considered as** time worked. Employees **will** be **entitled to an** additional coffee break for every **four (4)** hours **overtime** worked in a given day.
- 21.03 b) **An** employee **will** be granted a **three (3)** day leave **of absence with** pay, at his **regular** straight time hourly rate, to make arrangements for, and **to** attend the funeral of the employee's **spouse** or child. The employee will **be** granted a one **(1)** day leave **of absence with** pay **to** make arrangements for, and to attend the funeral of the employee's parents or **siblings**.

Additional time **off**, without pay, **will** be granted if requested by the employee.

Schedule "C"

**Leadhand Premium**                      **\$1.00/hr**  
(over Journeyman classification Rate)

**Foreman Premium**                      **\$2.00/hr**  
(over Journeyman Classification Rate)

Apprentices will be paid in accordance **with** the Apprenticeship and Training **Act**, 1992.

**Accommodation - Daily**                      \$50.00 per day unless otherwise agreed by the parties  
subject to Article 13.

It is understood and **agreed** that the **wage rates** and other **provisions** set **out may** be amended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the **Union** for **specific** projects **in order to** enable the Employer to **compete** with non-union competitors and/or **with specific union** project agreement rates.

The **Employer** and the **Union may agree** to reasonable **partial** accommodation allowances where the employee elects to commute to his place of residence or supplies **his own living** accommodation.

**Hours of Work**

The normal work week will consist of **forty (40) hours** per week.

**Overtime**

Employees will be paid overtime at the rate of **one and one-half (1.5)** times the employee's **straight** time hourly rate of pay for **all hours** worked in excess of **(8) hours** daily and **forty (40)** hours weekly. Overtime **will** be paid when **an** employee is required to work **on** any regularly scheduled day off **and/or** after the employee **has worked** the requisite **forty (40)** hours of work.

**On** jobs of twenty one **(21)** days in or more, overtime **will** be paid for **all hours** worked on Saturdays and Sundays and for **all hours** over eight **(8) hours** per day and over **forty (40) hours** per week.

When a statutory **holiday occurs** during the week, overtime will be paid for **all hours** in **excess** of **thirty (32)** hours.

**SCHEDULE "D"**

**HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN**

Coverage

- a. **\$40,000.00** life insurance per employee;
- b. **\$40,000.00 A.D. & D.** per employee;
- c. Long ~~term~~ disability insurance with 66% of earnings, maximum of **\$2,000.00** per month per employee, payable after 119 days until age **65**;
- d. Prescription **Drug Plan** for employee and family;
- e. A basic Dental Plan at the latest fee schedule available;
- f. Extended **Health** coverage for employee and family;
- g. Semi-private hospital coverage with no deductible for employee and family;
- h. **Optical** insurance for employee and family;
- i. **Short term** disability insurance with 66% of earnings, to a **maximum** equal to U.I.C. allowance per employee, payable after the first day of accident and the fourteenth (**14th**) day of sickness;