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#### MELT SHOP

#### Preamble - PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

The parties agree that it is mutually beneficial and desirable to execute this Collective Agreement and to provide for the procedure with respect to the settlement of differences relating to the Collective Agreement which may arise between the parties hereto.

The provisions of the memorandum of agreement entered between the parties on the  $10^{th}$  day of January 2006 shall be deemed to be part of this agreement as though they were set forth in full herein, except that if there is any conflict between any provisions of the agreement, the provisions of the memorandum shall prevail.

#### Article 1 - UNION RECOGNITION

- 1.01 The Company recognises the Union as the sole collective bargaining agent for all employees of the Company at the plant in L'Orignal, Ontario, save and except Foremen, persons above the rank of Foreman, office and clerical staff, sales staff, security guards.
- 1.02 The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall have full force and effect for all employees in the bargaining unit.
- 1.03 Persons whose regular jobs arc not in the bargaining unit shall not work on any jobs which are included in the bargaining unit, except when the regular employee performing the job is not available. This is only to cover situations when employees are not available for part of the shift (for example; waiting for a replacement to come in,

when an employee has to leave post to go to medical or other personal reason, repair days, breakdowns, roll changes, a spike in the workload). The foremen will replace the worker for the period required. If there is another qualified bargaining unit employee who is present, immediately available and who is idle, he shall do the work in question.

1.04 - The Company will advise the employees and Union of the names of those persons who have been appointed to the position of permanent Foremen or temporary Foremen when such appointment occurs.

1.05 • The Company shall not take disciplinary action against any employee, where the circumstances arise out of a conflict in orders from management.

1.06 a) - While it is not the intent of the Company to utilize outside contractors in lieu of its own employees to perform normal production and maintenance work required to operate and maintain the Company's equipment, the Company reserves the right to continue to use outside contractors. However, when employees are laid off to the street who have the skills to perform the required work, the Company will have such work performed by employees within the bargaining unit. For greater clarity, it is recognized that the use of contractors is necessary when non-standard situations arise, and also on maintenance down days, and to do construction work. In order to be recalled to perform work which would otherwise be contracted out, the employee must be fully qualified (or in the case of a tradesman, certified or who has been grand-fathered in that trade) to perform the work in question. If the employee elects to be recalled for

such work, he agrees that he will not be entitled to notice of layoff upon the completion of such work, and that such recall, provided it is for less than 10 days, will not be deemed a recall for purposes of Article 8.12.

1.06 b) - The company will provide the union weekly a list of the work intended to be contracted out in the next week if such information is available. If the union wishes to discuss any of the items on the list they may arrange a meeting with the management who **will** endeavour to convene a meeting prior to the work being contracted out, however scheduling of such meetings will not delay nor prevent the sub-contracting

- 1.06 c) The Company will advise the Union of its plans to upgrade the skills of bargaining unit employees.
- 1.06 d) The Company will use its best efforts to ensure tradespeople used by contractors are qualified tradespeople.
- 1.07 a) In order to facilitate productive discussions, the parties will exchange agenda items prior to the meeting. Minutes of the meetings will bejointly produced.

The current notification procedure may be amended by agreement of the parties.

A regularly constituted committee consisting of four (4) persons (except that the committee may be enlarged by mutual agreement of the parties), half of whom will be members of the bargaining unit and designated by the Union in writing to the plant management and the other half designated in writing to the Union by the plant management, will attempt to resolve problems in connection with the operation, application and administration of contracting out.

1.07 b) - Such committee will discuss any other current problems with respect to contracting, brought to the attention of the committee.

1.07 c) • Such committee will meet on a monthly basis.

#### Article 2 - No Discrimination

- 2.01 There will be no discrimination, coercion or intimidation practised by the Company or the Union or their representatives against any employee for any reason because of race, ancestry, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, record of offences, marital status, family status, handicap, place of origin, union membership or participation or non-participation in union activities.
- 2.02 Neither the Union nor any employees will engage in any Union activities not included within the terms of this Agreement on the premises of the Company except with the permission of the Manager, Personnel and Industrial Relations or his delegate.

#### Article 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

3.01 • The Union recognises that the Company has the

exclusive right to direct and operate its business according to its judgement, subject only to the restrictions imposed by this agreement or by law. The Company has the right to impose and change at different times reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the employees; these rules and regulations must not be contrary to the provisions of this agreement. The Company will advise the Union Executive, and notify, in writing, the Union Executive and all employees of any changes made to the discipline code or safety rules.

For the health, safety and well-being of all employees, employees will report to the medical department for evaluation of the illness or injury that gave rise to the occurrence or situation upon returning to work after any illness or injury.

Should the Company not authorize an employec's return to work because of the requirement for additional information or clarification of medical information, said employee will be paid at his regular rate of pay for such time lost from work.

However, said employee will not be compensated if this additional information shows he can not return to work because of medical reasons. If requested, the diagnosis will be forwarded to the employee's family physician.

#### Article 4 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

4.01 - During the period this Agreement continues to operate, there shall be no strikes called or authorized by the Union or any of its officers, nor shall employees participate in any strike action. Furthermore, the Company shall not lock out any of its **employees.** 

4.02 - As used herein the terms "strike" and "lockout" shall be as defined in the Ontario Labour Relations Act.

#### Article 5 - UNION SECURITY

5.01 - Employees who are members of the Union must remain members of the Union.

5.02 - The Company shall deduct union dues including, where applicable, initiation fees, on a weekly basis, from the wages of each employee covered by this agreement. The amount of dues shall be calculated in accordance with the Union's Constitution.

All dues, initiation fees shall be remitted to the Union forthwith and in any event no later than 15 days following the last day of the month in which the remittance was deducted. The remittance shall be sent to the International Secretary Treasurer of the "United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service workers Union (United Steelworkers) P.O. Box I3083 Postal Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario M5W 1V7 in such form as shall be directed by the Union to the Company along with a completed Dues Remittance Form R-115. A copy of the Dues Remittance Form R-115 will also be sent to the Union office designated by the Area Co-ordinator.

The remittance and the R-115 form shall be accompanied by a statement containing the following information:

 A list of the names of all employees from whom dues were deducted and the amount of dues deducted:

- b) A list of the names of all employees from whom no deductions have been made and reasons;
- c) This information shall be sent to both Union addresses identified above in such form as shall be directed by the Union to the Company.

The Company, when preparing T-4 slips for the employees, will enter the amount of Union dues paid to the employee during the previous year.

5.03 - The employees must sign a form authorising the Company to deduct the Union dues mentioned above and the Union initiation fee.

A copy of this authorising form, which will include the Social Insurance Number and address of the employee, will be remitted to a designated official of the Local Union.

- 5.04 The Union will save the Company harmless from any and all claims which may be made against the Company for amounts deducted from pay as herein provided.
- 5.05 (a) The Company will advise the Union, with a copy of the Personnel Report, of all retirements, hires, dismissals and terminations, promotions, bumping, layoffs, recalls, address changes, and social insurance numbers of employees.
- 5.05 (b)- The Company will give to the Union a copy of job postings; and, on a weekly basis a copy of the manpower reserve list.

#### Article 6 - UNION REPRESENTATION

6.01 a) - The company and the Union recognize that stewards and members of the Negotiating Committee, the Grievance Committee, the C.W.S. Committee, the Safety Committee, (I) WSIB representative and Contracting Out committee have regular duties to perform. Therefore such persons shall not leave their work for the purpose of conducting any business on behalf of the Union or other employees without first obtaining permission from their respective immediate Supervisors. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld, and where it is not granted immediately it will be granted as soon as possible. In recognition of employees observing the terms hereof, the Company will pay stewards and members of any Union Committee at their applicable rate of pay for time spent in meetings with the Company representatives or to perform Union duties on the Company premises, when approved by the Company.

6:01 b) - An employee has access to his personal and medical file on record with the Company; and at his discretion may be accompanied by his Local Union Representative when reviewing such file. Copies of material contained in the employee's personal file will be provided on request of the employee. Copies of the material contained in an employee's medical file will be provided to the employee, subject to the discretion of the Company's Doctor to withhold infomiation for the reasons set out in the Health Disciplines Act.

6.01 c) - For the purpose of clarification, employees will normally only receive orders from their immediate Foreman.

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6.02 - The Company will agree to pay members of the negotiating committee when negotiating on their off-day. Four (4) employees will compose the negotiating committee of Local 8794 provided that there shall not be more than two (2) employees from the same department. Those employees who are members of the negotiating committee of the Union will not lose wages for that time they spend in direct negotiations with the Company for the renewal of this agreement, excluding all sessions in arbitration to final settlement.

For the renewal of the Collective Agreement the Company agrees to pay the members of the Negotiating Committee in meeting with the Company as follows:

- Eight (8) hours at regular pay when meeting with Company for eight (8) hours or less
- Twelve (12) hours at regular pay when meeting with the Company for eight (8) hours or more.

If the day in question is a scheduled day off, then the member of the committee will take **an** alternate day off as mutually agreed upon between the member and his Supervisor.

- 6.03 The Union will advise the Company, in writing, of the names of employees who may act on any committee or as stewards. The Company shall not recognise such persons until official written notice has been received from the Union.
- 6.04 The Company recognises the right of the union to appoint or otherwise select stewards in the number equal to the number of Foremen appointed by the Company.

6.05 a) - At meetings held to discuss any matters of administration of this agreement, the Union will be represented by the Local Union President or his designate, and a member of his choice. In addition, Representatives of the Union may be present.

6.05 b) • The Company recognises that the Local President or his designate is ex-officio member of all committees; any committee member may be replaced by the President of the Local Union.

6.06. The president of Local 8794 will be affected to Union activities ten (10) hours per week, to be taken at the discretion of the Local, inside or outside Company premises, paid by the Company. with benefits and seniority rights.

Similarly, the Chairperson of the Joint Health and Safety Committee will be affected to union activities for sixteen (16) hours per month. to perform safety and health functions.

607. When there is a lay-off due to lack of work, the Unit Chairperson of Local 8794, the Grievance Committee Chairperson and the Safety Committee Chairperson, at the time of lay-off, will, in that hierarchical order, be the last to be laid-off and the first to be recalled on condition that they are qualified to reasonably fill an availablejob

6.08 - When an authorised Union Representative wishes to speak to any Local Union Representative or any employees during working hours, he shall first obtain permission from the Manager, Personnel & Industrial Relations of the

Company or a designate who shall arrange a place for the meeting.

6.09 - The Company will make arrangements for the Unit Chairperson and worker JHSC co-chair to meet new employees during their first week of employment to advise them of the existence of the Union and of their rights and obligations.

#### Article 7 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

7.01 (a) • It is the mutual desire of the parties hereto that complaints of employees shall be dealt with as quickly as possible; it is generally understood that employees' complaints can best be settled by their immediate Foreman.

Employees or their steward should first bring a complaint to the attention of their immediate supervisor. In the event that the supervisor's answer is not to the satisfaction of the employee, the following steps of the grievance procedure may be invoked.

Any alleged grievance which arises concerning a corrective or disciplinary measure or the interpretation. application or violation of this agreement will be dealt with in the following manner.

7.01 (b) • Any error in the descriptive wording of the grievance, excluding time period limitations, will not prevent proceeding with the grievance on its merit.

7.02 (a) Step1 - Within ten (10) working days after the date of the circumstance(s) giving rise to the alleged grievance, the grievance will be stated in writing signed by the grievor and a shop steward, and presented to the employee's

immediate supervisor.

A meeting will be held with the grievor, a shop steward, the supervisor and one other management representative if requested by the supervisor. The supervisor shall give his written decision to the steward and to the grievor within five (5) working days of the presentation of the grievance, or within a delay mutually agreed upon.

7.02 (b) Step 2 - If no settlement is reached in accordance with 7.02 above, the grievance may then within five (5) working days that follow, be stated in writing, signed by the grievor and presented to the Department Superintendent.

Within four (4) working days, the Department Superintendent and/or such other person(s) as may be designated by the Superintendent will make meeting arrangements with one (1) grievance committee member, the shop steward who was present at the first step and the grievor. The Company will be represented at the meeting by the Department Superintendent and/or such other persons as may be designated by the Department Superintendent. At the sole discretion of the union, the shop steward may be replaced by another steward or union committee person. A written reply will be given within three (3) working days after this meeting has been held. If the grievance is not settled at this stage, within five (5) working days of the Department Superintendent's or his designates decision, it can then be submitted in writing to the Plant Manager or his designate at step. no. 3.

7.02 (c) Step 3 – The Plant Manager or designate, and such management representatives as he may designate, will hold a meeting with the Union Grievance Committee, which

may be accompanied by a full-time union staff representative, within five (5) working days of the presentation of the grievance. The Plant Manager or his designate shall give his written reply to the grievance committee chairperson within five (5) working days following the meeting, or within a delay mutually agreed upon.

For grievances that require immediate attention, either party may request that the above time limits be adhered to. Normally, third (3) step meetings will be scheduled once per month at a mutually agreed time, with no more than 20 working days between meetings, unless there are no grievance(s) to be heard. These meetings will be held from 10h00 to 12h00 and the Company will make arrangements for the Union Grievance Committee to meet to prepare from 08h00 to 10h00.

- 7.02 (d) -The grievance committee will be permitted to meet on company premises for a maximum of four (4) hours per month, paid by the company, at a time mutually agreed upon for the purpose of handling grievances.
- 7.03 The time limits prescribed by this article and any other articles dealing with grievances and arbitration can only be extended by written consent of the parties. The said time limits do not include Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, or Plant shutdown.
- 7.04 If the procedure set out above does not result in a settlement of a grievance, then, within forty-five (45) days, the grievance may be referred to arbitration.
- 7.05 Should the Union or the Company fail to observe any of the time limits set out herein, then the grievance

shall immediately advance to the next step, excluding arbitration which is subject to the time limitations set out in Article 7.04.

7.06 - At any stage of the grievance procedure and arbitration, an employee may have the right to use either French or English language, as he may choose, in dealing with his grievance.

7.07 • If the Union claims there has been a general violation of any of the terms of this agreement, the Union may submit a policy grievance, dated and signed by either a full-time representative of the Union or the Local President at Step 3 of the grievance procedure, such grievance to be submitted within twenty (20) working days of the alleged violation. This article shall not be used to replace the regular grievance procedure set out in Article 7.

7.08 - The Union has the right to initiate Group Grievances (two (2) or more employees when there is an alleged violation of the same article at the same time) at step two of the grievance procedure.

Grievances under this article will be tiled within ten (10) working days of the alleged violation.

7.09 • Grievances concerning job descriptions and classifications may be lodged by the CWS Committee at step no.3. Grievances under this article will be filed within thirty (30) working days of the alleged violation.

7.10 - The Company has the right to file a grievance hereunder by sending a notice in writing to the Union President within fifteen (15) days following the event which gives rise to the grievance. The Union President

must give the Company a written answer within fifteen (15) days of the sending of the grievance by the Company. If the Union's answer is not satisfactory or is not made within such delay, the Company may then bring the matter to arbitration by applying the application sections of this article mutatis mutandis.

- 7.11 When either party requests that a grievance be submitted to arbitration, it shall make such request in writing, addressed to the other party to this agreement. The party submitting the grievance shall propose a list of three arbitrators, and shall specify if a bilingual arbitrator is required. Within five (5) days, the other party shall respond, and if one of the proposed arbitrators is not agreed to, shall propose three additional arbitrators. Failing agreement either party may apply within thirty (30) days to the Ministry of Labour for appointment of an arbitrator.
- 7.12 Any safety grievance which proceeds to arbitration may be settled by either the arbitration procedure agreed to in this collective agreement or through the Ontario Labour Relations Board, as the grievor may choose.
- 7.13 Employees whose attendance is required at arbitration hearings will receive permission to be absent from work.
- 7.14 Each party shall pay its own costs and expenses and also the costs and expenses of the witnesses which it called. The fee and expenses of the arbitrator shall be paid equally by the parties
- 7.15 The arbitrator shall not render any decision which is inconsistent with the terms of this agreement, nor shall he add to, alter or amend any of its terms or deal with any

matter not contained herein. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties to this agreement.

7.16 - At any stage of the grievance procedure, including arbitration, the parties can have recourse to the employee or employees involved, and any necessary witness; the reasonable necessary dispositions shall be taken to permit the parties to have access to the establishment to view the operations and to consult with necessary witnesses.

The Union Representative shall have access to the Plant from the Third step (7.02 (c)) until arbitration, to take the necessary information or proof relating to a grievance or grievances of any nature whatsoever and to discuss with the necessary witnesses; he shall previously have obtained permission from the Plant Manager.

- 7.17 The decision of an arbitrator, including the arbitrability of a grievance, is final and binding upon the parties and becomes executory following expiration of the seven (7) working days following the reception of the decision rendered by the arbitrator.
- 7.18 With the exception of the time required to present the grievance, an employee cannot leave his working place or his work because of an alleged grievance, but he shall continue to work until a final decision has been rendered on his grievance in conformity with the grievance procedure provided by this agreement (subject to Article 11).
- 7.19 Except for probationary employees, no employee shall be discharged or disciplined without just cause.

Employees who have not finished their probationary period

may be discharged at the sole discretion of the Company.

In the case where a claim alleges that an employee has been discharged or suspended the grievance shall be initiated directly at Step Three (3) within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Disciplinary Measure Report. Any grievance concerning a disciplinary measure other than discharge or suspension shall be initiated at Step One of the grievance procedure within ten (10) working days of its occurrence. A suspension which is grieved, other than one resulting from the accumulation of sixty (60) demerit points, will be implemented following the third' step grievance answer.

7.20 • Disciplinary measures and warnings will be given orally in the presence of a Union Steward, or other Union Officer, or in writing with a copy to the employee and either the employee's Steward or other Union Officer. Before a warning is given in writing, it will be discussed orally with the employee and a Union Steward, or other Union Officer.

All disciplinary notices will be given within ten (10) working days of the incident giving rise to such notice. On the 10<sup>th</sup> day if the employee is not available the disciplinary notice may be presented to the President or his designate.

7.21 • An employee who wishes to initiate a grievance and is prevented from doing so because he is physically or medically incapacitated or incarcerated may initiate such grievance within ten (10) days of his recovery or release as the case may be.

The employee will not be compensated in any way for the time of such incapacitation or incarceration should the

grievance be successful.

7.22 - If it is decided or agreed upon at any stage of the grievance procedure, or if an arbitrator judges that an employee has been unjustly discharged, or that a sanction has been too severe, the management must return him to his employment without loss of seniority and shall pay the employee the amount which he would have normally earned had he been working his regular working hours, or the amount agreed upon by the parties which, in their opinion, is just and equitable, or in the opinion of the arbitrator if the case is submitted to arbitration.

#### 7.23 - Expedited Arbitration Language

#### Preamble

The parties agree that the purpose of Expedited Arbitration is for the fair and quick settlement of disputes. The parties will consent to utilize this process where the grievance does not require a complex decision which would establish a new principle or precedent in the relationship between the parties, will not result in a lengthy hearing, or where the parties otherwise agree in writing to submit the grievance to this process. Any grievances that are not heard through the expedited procedure will be processed through the regular procedure.

.01(a) The date for the hearing will be scheduled within ten (10) working days of the submission to arbitration, unless an extension of time is mutually agreed upon by the parties. The hearing date shall be the first date available to the agreed arbitrator.

.01(b) Within one month of ratification, the parties shall develop a list of arbitrators suitable for the expedited arbitration process.

- .02 Grievances shall be presented in the Expedited Arbitration Procedure by a designated representative of the Union and a designated representative of the Company. Attendance of other persons at the arbitration hearing shall be limited to those who have personal knowledge of the grievance being presented, or are otherwise acting in an advisory capacity.
- .03(a) The hearing shall be informal.
- .03(b) The parties may tile written briefs to the arbitrator, with a copy to the other party. Such briefs will be filed at least two days prior to the hearing and will be a maximum of five (5) pages in length, and may make limited use of legal authorities, if any.
- .03(c) There shall be no formal evidence rules.
- .03(d) Prior to the hearing, the parties shall determine which, if any, of the facts relevant to the grievance are in dispute, arid where possible shall submit a statement & agreed facts.
- .03(e) The Arbitrator shall have the obligations of ensuring that all necessary facts and considerations are brought before him by the representatives of the parties. In all respects, he shall assure that the hearing is a fair one.
- .03(f) All presentations are to be short and concise and are to include a comprehensive opening statement. The parties agree to make limited use of authorities during their presentations.
- .03(g) If the Arbitrator concludes at the hearing that the issues involved are of such complexity or significance that the case should require further consideration by the parties,

the case shall be referred back to the Local Union for final deposition.

- .03(h) The Arbitrator shall render his written decision within five (5) workdays following the date of the hearing. The decision shall be based on the facts presented by the parties at the hearing, and shall include a brief written explanation of the basis for their conclusion.
- .04(a) Grievances subject to this Expedited Arbitration Procedure must be confined to issues which do not involve novel problems and which have limited contractual significanceor complexity.
- .04(b) The Arbitrator under this Expedited Arbitration Procedure shall have the same powers as granted to the Arbitrator under Article 7 of this Agreement.
- .04(c) The Union and the Company shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of the expenses of and fees payable to the arbitrator. The Company and the Union agree that the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be such as he may reasonably require.
- .04(d) All decisions of the arbitrator are to be limited in application to that particular dispute and are without prejudice. These decisions shall have no precedental value and shall not be referred to by either party unless it is mutually agreed that they will be instructive to the parties in reaching agreement in any subsequent proceeding before the expedited arbitrator.

#### **Article 8 - SENIORITY**

8.01 - **An** employee will be on probation and will not have any seniority with the Company until after he has

completed three hundred and sixty (360) regular working hours from his date of hiring. Seniority will then date back to the date he was hired. If, however, a probationary employee is laid off and is re-hired after lay-off within a period of three (3) consecutive calendar months, he will be given credit for time worked toward completion of his probation period. When an employee completes his probation period, his seniority will date back three hundred and sixty (360) regular working hours.

8.02 - All probationary employees shall be classified as temporary and they will benefit from all rights of this Collective Labour Agreement. However, Articles 22.01 to 22.04 (Paid Holidays) and Articles 25.01 to 25.05 (Insurance Program) will become effective after the completion of three hundred and sixty (360) regular working hours by an employee.

8.03 (a) - Seniority as defined below will apply to lay-offs from the plant or from a job, recall to work following lay-off, promotions to higher paying jobs, transfers to jobs of equal pay, promotions to jobs on day shift or to lower paying jobs in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

8.03 (b) - Seniority is defined as an employee's starting date in the Plant, subject to the provisions of this Agreement covering the probationary period of service. This Seniority is the only seniority recognised by the Company in the line of progression as well as all other iobs.

8.03 (c) - In the event of disputes involving seniority for employees hired the same date, the employee assigned the lower number shall be more senior.

8.04 • In all cases of promotion to **a** higher paying job, transfer to a job of equal pay or to a lower paying job, demotion to a lower paying job or promotion to a job on day shift, seniority shall be the governing factor provided the employee has the skill and ability to perform the work assigned. The academic qualifications required must bear a practical relevance to the work to be performed. In all cases of an employee having been awarded a job by the job posting procedure, the promoted employee will be entitled to a trial period not exceeding eighty-four (84) hours.

8.05 (a) - Annexed hereto and constituting a part of this agreement are lines of progression. Except as hereinafter provided, seniority for purpose of lay-off, recall, promotion, promotion to ajob on day shift and demotion will be applied within the lines of progression.

8.05 (b) • A laid-off employee on a posted job or a laid-off employee who has been bumped from the bottom job in a line of progression may exercise his bumping rights to any job in a line of progression (excluding Spell Hand Crane, Ladle Crane, Chemist, Roof & Ladle Builder), held by a junior employee.

An employeelaid-offfor a period of more than 12 weeks may exercise his bumping rights to any of the excluded jobs listed above, held by a junior employee, if he has previously held the job on a permanent or temporary basis for over two hundred and forty (240) hours.

Periods of less than four (4) consecutive hours shall not be counted toward completion of two hundred and forty (240) hours. In order to bump on a Tradejob the employee shall be qualified to do the Tradejob.

8.06 (a) - Where it is necessary to reduce the number of employees within a line of progression, employees shall move down the line of progression in the order of seniority as defined in article 8.03 with employees in the highest rated jobs displacing those employees in the jobs immediately below regardless of the order in which promotion was made, provided such employee can perform the work to be done. Layoffs from the plant or from a job shall be made from the bottom jobs in the lines of progression, posted jobs and the manpower reserve on the basis of plant seniority. A laid-off employee may exercise his bumping rights on a plant-wide basis to displace the junior permanent employee on any job as per Article 8. All probationary and temporary employees shall be laid off ahead of those who have acquired seniority.

8.06 (b) • **An** employee in a Company apprenticeship position cannot be bumped by any other employee.

8.06 (c) - Layoffs and bumping from a specificjob shall be in the following order: probationary employees, manpower reserve, temporary posted employees and employees on permanent postings.

8.06 (d) - In all cases of lay-off exceeding twelve (12) weeks, an employee who exercises his bumping rights as per Article 8, will be trained (excluding Trade Jobs) up to a maximum of eighty-four (84) working hours.

8.06 (e) - Before a lay-off occurs an employee awarded a job on a temporary basis will be returned to his permanent position.

8.07 (a) - Recall to work, or to a job for which recall rights exist, shall be on the basis of seniority. Insofar as it is practicable to do so, employees will be returned to the jobs from which they were laid off or bumped out of whenever work becomes available, up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) months. In all cases of an employee having exercised his recall rights, he must be provided with a training period of **up** to 84 hours.

8.07 (b) An employee who refuses to exercise his bumping rights and elects to take a lay-off from work will not be recalled unless the job from which he was laid off becomes available. Said employee must advise the Personnel Office if he wishes to return to any other vacantjob.

8.07 (c) • Should an employee who is laid off from work request to be recalled to a job lower than that from which he was laid off, said employee must advise the Manager, Personnel & Industrial Relations of such request, in writing, at the Personnel Office, before becoming eligible for recall to such a position.

8.07 (d) The Company will ask a union Representative to witness a call back of any permanent employees who are on lay-off. The Union Executive will supply one (1) such Representative whom they will select. This Representative will be paid his regular wage rate while witnessing these call-backs, subject to Article 20.01.

8.07 (e) - An employee who is laid off for a period exceeding 12 weeks and who is entitled to recall as per the

provisions of the Collective Agreement may at his discretion, when notified of his recall. elect to refuse such recall and remain on his existing job which he received by bumping, or permanent posting, and he will then forfeit all recall rights to his formerjob. However, an employee who is laid off for a period of 12 weeks of less must accept a recall to the job from which he was laid off, unless he has received a permanent posting subsequent to his lay off.

8.07 (f) - An employee has recall rights to his last posted job, unless 8.07(e) applies. In any case an employee will have recall rights to only one position.

8.08 (a)- The Company agrees to provide employees with as much notice of layoff as possible and will provide the specific notice as set out in this article. An employee who is to be laid off from the plant for an indefinite period will be given notice of five (5) working days. If the notice is shorter than the period specified, then payment for the number of days remaining up to five (5) working days will be made in lieu thereof.

**An** employee who is laid off from the plant for a temporary period of greater than two (2) calendar weeks and less than thirteen calendar weeks will be given notice of five (5) calendar days. If the notice is shorter than the period specified, then payment for the number of days remaining up to five (5) calendar days will be made in lieu thereof.

If the duration of the temporary layoff is extended, then no additional notice will be provided.

For layoffs of greater than thirteen (13) calendar weeks, the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act* apply.

In all cases of lay-off from the plant or job, a laid-off employee who is recalled to work for a period of ten (10) working days or less and the employee is notified at the time of his recall that the period shall be often (10) working days or less, then the above notice **is** not applicable, nor shall the employee be required to accept such a call-back.

The Union Committee will be given advance notice of lay-off.

In the event of plant shutdown due to emergency conditions or breakdown, the provisions of this article will not apply.

8.08 (b) If a laid-offemployee is re-called to his regularjob from another job in the plant, and is laid-off from his regularjob after thirty (30) days of work, said employee is entitled to a lay-off notice.

8.09 (a) - Other than emergency situations, in all cases of total or partial shutdown of the plant for repair purposes, or installation of new machinery or other equipment, the Company will keep the maximum of its employees who can perform the available jobs required based on seniority.

8.09 (b) - Where an emergency situation requires a shutdown of two (2) working days or less, employees on site by seniority will be given the opportunity to perform any available work. Employees must have current knowledge of the job and be able to perform all aspects of the job without training or a familiarization period.

8.09 (c) • Should the company decide to shut down part or all of its operations solely for the purpose of benefiting

from the selling of electricity, employees affected by the shut-down will not suffer any monetary loss, any reduced benefits, or credited service for a shut-down of a duration of up to seven (7) consecutive days, or a maximum of ten (10) cumulative days in any calendar month.

8.10 - During the week of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of May of each year and each four (4) months thereafter, the Company will prepare and post on the bulletin boards seniority lists as per the existing practice of all employees who have completed the probationary period. A copy of each seniority list will be sent to the Union office and the Local Financial Secretary. Furthermore, the Company will supply the Union and the Local Financial Secretary on a monthly basis with the names and hiring dates of all new employees as well as the termination date of those whose employment is discontinued.

#### 8.11 - Seniority shall continue to accumulate during:

- an authorized leave of absence;
- ii) an absence due to an industrial sickness or industrial accident covered by the Workers' Compensation Board;
- iii) an absence due to lay-off for a period equal to his plant seniority up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) months:
- iv) an absence due to non-industrial sickness or non-industrial accident for a maximum of thirty-six (36) months;
- v) a transfer to a non bargaining unit job for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months.
- 8.12 An employee loses his seniority and employee status and his name is removed from all seniority lists for any of

the following reasons:

- i) if the employee voluntarily leaves his employment;
- ii) an absence due to a lay-off for a period equal to his seniority up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) months;
- iii) if he is discharged for just and valid reason and he is not reinstated according to the provisions of this agreement;
- iv) if the employee is laid off and does not return to work within a maximum of seven (7) working days after the Company has advised him by registered mail or telegram to do so, sent to his last known address according to the Company's records. A copy of this notice must be sent to the Union. A laid-off employee must advise the Company, in writing by registered mail of his changes of address.
- y) if he is absent for three (3) consecutive working days without a valid reason satisfactory to the Company and without contacting the Manager, Personnel & Industrial Relations to receive permission for such absence:
- vi) if he is retired;
- vii) an absence due to a non-industrial sickness or non-industrial accident for a period equal to his seniority up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) months;
- viii) effective August 28, 1990, if he is transferred to a non-bargaining unit job following the ratification date



of this agreement, and not returned to the bargaining unit within twelve (12) months.

#### LINES OF PROGRESSION

8.13 - The lines of progression annexed hereto will only he changed after prior negotiation between the Company and the Union Committee. This does not mean that all positions within the Lines of Progression must he maintained.

8.14 (a) - Employees will be promoted and progress through the line of progression set out hereto in accordance with their seniority. The position of Lead Hand shall he at the top of the line of progression or section and shall only he filled by appointment by the Company at its discretion. An employee may refuse such appointment, except where such refusal could result in an interruption of any of the Company's operations. In such case, the junior qualified employee must accept the temporary promotion. This does not mean that the line of progression or all sections will have a Lead Hand classification, nor that there is an obligation to maintain such a position.

8.14 (b) - For lines of progression with lead hands, the Company will, as soon as practically possible, train volunteers on each shift to replace the lead hand on breaks and temporary absences.

Those employees who have accepted this training will give a written notice of up to three (3) months should they not wish to perform this work in the future, to allow the Company to complete appropriate training for another employee.

- 8.14 (c) An employee in the line of progression on a temporary basis will be the last to be promoted and the first to be demoted from such a position.
- 8.15 Employees being demoted for other than disciplinary reasons will move down through the line of progression by seniority with employees in the highest jobs displacing those employees who have less seniority in the jobs immediately below, regardless of the manner in which promotion was made, subject to Article 8. An employee(s) being demoted may remain in the job immediately below should the Company so choose.
- 8.16 (a) When filling vacancies in the line of progression, the company will canvass volunteers from the job immediately below the vacancy. If there are no volunteers then the junior employee in the job immediately below will be assigned to the vacancy, unless he has medical restrictions which cannot be accommodated.
- 8.16 (b) In the case of any vacancy, within the line of progression, which is not classified as permanent the Company may temporarily transfer an employee into said position as per the temporary transfer conditions of this collective agreement (i.e. said employee shall return to his regular job when the temporary transfer period is terminated. Similarly, all employees affected by this return shall also be returned to their previous jobs).
- 8.16 (c) Should a temporary position in the line of progression become permanent, the line of progression employee temporarily filling said position must first return to his permanent position before this position is filled on a permanent basis.

- 8.17 **An** employee will have the right to leave the line of progression. In such case he shall first present his request in writing to the Department Superintendent, accompanied and witnessed by a steward. When vacancies are filled which result from his request to leave the line, he will be transferred to another vacant classification that he can perform, or he can apply for any vacant job posted, as per the provisions of Article. 9.
- 8.18 An employee may request to revert to the next lowest job in the line of progression. In such case, he will present his request in writing to the Department Superintendent accompanied and witnessed by a Union Steward. Such request shall state his reasons. An employee who is allowed to move down for medical reasons will not be allowed to return to his former job without first being examined and approved for the move, by a Doctor mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Union.
- 8.19 The employee who is temporarily replacing another employee who is absent for a valid reason, shall return to his regular job when the absent employee returns to his regular job, or when the Company decides the absent employee's position should remain vacant.

Should more than one (1) employee be temporarily replacing other employees on the same job, the senior employee(s) will have the first option to return. The junior employee must return to his regularjob if the senior employee(s) elect not to return to his regularjob.

8.20 - When due to breakdown, changeover or other similar circumstances, production or maintenance employees in one area of the Mill or Melt Shop are idle, such employees may be assigned temporarily to assist in other areas of the

Mill or Melt Shop. Employees who are temporarily assigned shall receive their regular rate of pay during such assignment or the rate of the job if such rate is higher. For greater clarity, the normal posting, transfer and training provisions of the Agreement will not apply in such cases."

8.21 - Skilled trade and production employees may be assigned from the Melt Shop to the Rod Mill, and viceversa, as required in order to meet maintenance and production demands efficiently."

#### Article 9 - JOB POSTING

9.01 (a) ~ A permanent job becomes vacant when an employee dies, retires, leaves the service of the Company, is discharged, is promoted, demoted, promoted to day shift, or when a new job is created.

9.01 (b) A temporary job becomes vacant when an employee is ill, injured on an approved leave of absence, transferred to a non-bargaining unit work for a period of up to one (1) year or on an approved assignment for union business.

Posting for vacation replacement will be made for positions vacant thirty (30) consecutive days or more, between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, for non-continuous operations only. A temporary posting to replace an employee who is ill or injured terminates at the expiry of 36 months from the date of assignment to the job. The job, if still vacant, will be reposted as a vacantiob.

- 9.01 (c) Where an employee in the line of progression is applying for a temporary vacancy. only one (I) employee in the line of progression will be released to fill such temporary vacancies. No further employees shall be released from the line of progression until the first employee returns to the line of progression. Employees classified within a trade position are excluded from applying for a temporary vacancy.
- 9.01 (d) Employees on a temporary posting are excluded from applying for another temporary vacancy for a period of four (4) months. Employees classified within a trade position are excluded from applying for a temporary vacancy in a non-trade position.
- 9.01 (e) An employee will not be able to post on a job from which he posted out of for a period of twelve (12) months after he posted out.
- 9.01(f) An employee on WI or WSIB cannot apply for a temporary posting.
- 9.02 For purpose of posting, vacant jobs shall only occur:
- (a) in the posted jobs above the rank of Job Class No. I:
- (b) in the first step in the line of progression, inclusive of all maintenance, production, trade and craftjobs.
- 9.03 a) In the event the Company decides to fill any vacant job, a notice will be posted on the plant Bulletin boards for five (5) consecutive working days. During that

period any employce, or Union Representative should an employee be absent for a valid reason, may make application, in writing on forms provided for that purpose, for transfer to the posted vacancy. Applications shall be made in triplicate, with one copy being given to the employee's Foreman, one to the employee's steward and one retained by the employee. No later than five (5) days after the expiration of aforementioned time limits, the Company must post the award which then becomes executory.

9.03 b) - The notice of posting will indicate the vacancy, the operation (continuous or non-continuous) and the shift on which the vacancy occurred (A-B-C-D).

9.03 c) - An employee who is awarded a posting for a vacancy on an indicated shift, will be transferred to such shift. When required the Company may temporarily transfer employees within a classification on A crew to the D crew, and employees on B crew to C crew, and vice-versa for purposes of training and balancing of skills. Such temporary transfers will not last more than three months.

9.03(d) An employee who goes to a job either through posting or bumping will be required to stay on such job for a period of one year before he can apply on a posting.

9.04 All applications will be considered by the Company, and the assignment to the job will be subject to the conditions stipulated in Article 8.04. However, if none of those applying has the skill and ability or if no applications are received, then the vacant job may be filled from any source available that meets these requirements. In the future all trades positions will be filled by licensed tradespersons in

the specific trade required, except for those employees who held permanent postings in these positions in the past. The company will continue to provide trades training hours to employees with whom it has written agreements for this training.

9.05 **All** temporary transfers from one job to another job on the same shift will be assigned to the junior employee provided he has the skill and ability. **All** temporary transfers from one shift to another shall be from **A** crew to D crew and B crew to C crew and vice versa, and shall be assigned to the junior employee provided he has the skill and ability. When selecting the individual for transfer, junior full time employees will be given preference over students for such temporary transfers.

9.06 • If an employee receives a job through the posting procedure and is then unable to meet the requirements of that job, he will be returned to the job from which he was transferred. However, the job will not again be posted. Instead, the original posting will **be** re-examined for possible assignment in accordance with 9.04 above. Other employees displaced as a result of this posting will be returned to their former jobs, provided such jobs still exist.

9.07 • The Company may fill any vacantjob on a temporary basis while the posting procedures are being invoked. The experience acquired by the employee placed on the job during this temporary period will not be considered if he is one of the applicants, except on an apprenticeship program.

9.08 - A job shall not be considered vacant for posting where the job will not last beyond forty-five (45) working days.

- 9.09. The senior employee who is temporarily replacing another employee by the job posting procedure, shall have the first option to return to his permanent job when an absent employee returns to his permanent job. Similarly, all employees affected by this return shall also be transferred back to their permanent jobs. Should the senior employee refuse this option to return, then the junior employee must return to his permanent job, as per the method defined in article 8.19.
- 9.10 Prior to hiring new employees, laid-off employees from the other Bargaining Units at Ivaco Rolling Mills will be given an opportunity to fill these jobs, provided they have the skill and ability and a satisfactory employee record. They will accumulate seniority in each respective Bargaining Unit as per Art. 8. Benefits, vacation, and pension entitlement will be as per total accumulated service. The Pension Plan Texts will be amended to provide for transfer of credited service for the calculation of the pension payable, as well as for entitlement to early retirement.
- 9.11 In the event that an employee from either bargaining unit (7940 and 8794) is permanently laid off out of the plant such employee will be able to use his/her full seniority, from the date he/she was hired, to displace (bump) any employee from the other bargaining unit who was hired after September 1, 2005 whose work he is qualified to perform pursuant to Article 8.04. An employee exercising this right will accumulate seniority in each respective Bargaining Unit as per Article 8. Benefits, vacation, and pension entitlement will be as per total accumulated service. The Pension Plan Texts will be amended to provide for transfer of credited service for the

calculation of the pensions payable, as well as for entitlement to early retirement.

# **Article 10 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- 10.01 (a) A leave of absence without pay of one (1) working day or may be granted to an employee after verbal agreement with his Foreman. Such leave shall not affect the benefits and the seniority standing of the employee on leave.
- **10.01** (b) An employee may be granted a leave of absence for a longer duration for a personal reason:
- (a) if he makes a request in writing to Management; and,
- **(b)** if the request is well founded and if the leave of absence does not hinder the operations, except in emergency cases where the leave of absence will in any case be granted.
- 10.02 At most four (4) employees at a time, but not more than one (1) from any department, shall be granted leave of absence without pay to attend Union Conventions or to look after Union Affairs, including courses given by the Canadian Labour College. In case of seminars for officers, committee members, stewards, more than two (2) employees may be granted a leave of absence by the Company provided that there is not more than one (1) from each department. The Company must receive all requests in this article for a leave of absence at least one (1) week

before the leave is to commence, and such leaves shall be without pay and loss of seniority, but shall include all insurance and OHIP benefits if less than three (3) months. Employees on such leave will he paid their regular earnings and the union will reimburse the company on a monthly basis.

- 10.03 Should an incarcerated employee apply for an official temporary absence program when his sentence commences, the Company will grant said employee a leave of absence until such program is effective or denied.
- 10.04 Leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority up to forty-eight (48) consecutive months will he granted to an employee who is selected to work on a full-time basis for the Union. Any such request for leave under this clause shall be made at least thirty (30) days before the leave is to commence. During any such leave, there shall he no credit for, or accumulation of, employee benefits. An employee shall lose all claim to employment if he does not return at the expiry of such leave.
- 10.05 All authorized leaves of absence in excess of one (1) working day shall be in writing and shall not affect the benefits and the seniority standing of the employee on leave, provided the leave is used for the purpose for which it is intended, and further provided the employee returns to work at the expiration of his leave of absence.
- 10.06 An employee who accepts other employment while on a leave of absence as provided for in this Article will lose all seniority and have his services terminated.
- 10.07 With regard to pregnancy and parental leave, the provisions of the Employment Standards Act will

apply, except to the extent that greater benefits are provided by this collective agreement.

# Article 11 - SAFETY AND HEALTH

- 11.01 The parties desire to maintain high standards of safety and health in the plant and agree to co-operate in the continuing objective of developing a safe production environment by correcting unsafe conditions and unsafe acts in order to prevent and reduce industrial injury and illness.
- 11.02 The Company will make reasonable provisions for the safety and health of its employees during their hours of work. All safety devices the Company deems necessary or required by the Industrial Safety Act will be provided by the Company. In addition, the Company will supply the Safety items, clothing, and equipment as determined by the Joint Health and Safety Committee. "All employees will be required to attend a one hour safety meeting once per month. Employees may be required to attend the meeting on overtime or replace a co-worker on overtime who is attending the meeting.
- 11.03 In regard to safety glasses and lenses, the Company shall supply safety glasses as approved by the Joint Health and Safety committee. In regards to safety glasses with prescription lenses, the following is the accepted policy.
- i) The Company shall pay the price of the first pair, including the cost of examination, where applicable, the frame as approved by the Joint Health and Safety committee and the prescription lenses.
- ii) The Company shall pay the cost of replacement of safety

lenses and/or standard safety frames when these lenses or frames deteriorate through normal use at work in the plant.

- iii) In order to receive payment for lenses or glasses, including the examination, the employee shall request written permission from the Personnel Department and he shall present himself to the optometrist chosen by the Company.
- iv) The Company shall pay the employee his salary for time lost during his regular working hours for an eye examination when scheduled by the Personnel Department.
- 11.04 Employees on probation shall sign a form which entitles the Company to deduct from their last paycheque the cost of safety footwear and prescription safety glasses if they terminate before completing their probationary period.
- 11.05 An employee shall reimburse the Company for the cost of safety equipment lost or damaged through negligence on the part of the employee.
- 11.06 The Company and the Union shall name a Safety Committee comprised of three (3) Company Representatives and three (3) Union Representatives. The Committee's function will be to promote Safety and Industrial Hygiene in the Plant. The Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings and regular inspection tours and make written reports to the Plant Manager.

Each party will appoint one of its representatives as co-chairman; each co-chairman will act as chairman of the Joint Committee on alternate months.

Both the Company and Union agree to abide by and respect the applicable Ontario Health and Safety Acts.

- 11.07 The Joint Health and Safety committee shall be notified of all accidents, incidents or any illness designated by a doctor as an "Industrial Illness". A joint inquiry shall be conducted. as to the nature and the cause of these accidents/incidents or illnesses. A completed copy of the Workers' Compensation Board's Form 7 as well as the Foreman investigation report and any other pertinent documents, will be given to the Union and to the Joint Health and Safety committee as well as to the employee.
- 11.08 **An** employee who is injured at work and, because of the injury, requires medical attention will, if prevented from continuing at work, be paid for the balance of his regular shift hours at his applicable rate of pay.
- 11.09 The Company shall provide appropriate transportation for the employees, during their shift, when an accident occurs which requires medical treatment.
- 11.10 It is not the intent of the above provisions to make the Company responsible for the payment of such time and transportation which is compensated by the Workers' Compensation Board.
- 11.11 The Company shall assist in reporting accident related injuries or industrial illnesses, to the Workers' Compensation Board of Ontario.

The Company will report all accident related injuries to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario.

- 11.12 An employee or group of employees who believe they are being required to work under conditions which are unsafe or unhealthy beyond the normal hazard inherent in the operation in question shall have the right to file a grievance at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step of the grievance procedure for preferred handling in such procedure and arbitration.
- 11.13 It is the Company's intent to follow its standard practice in assisting employees to perform their job responsibilities during abnormal weather conditions.

The employees working during such conditions will also be given the opportunity to take relief breaks as agreed to by their Foreman.

- 11.14 The Union Health and Safety Committee Chairman will be released from his regular work on a full-time basis in order to work on health and safety functions.
- 11.15 The Joint Health and Safety committee shall recommend training programs for committee members. Upon approval by the Company, the Company will provide paid time off without loss of earnings for the representatives to participate in this training.
- 11.16 The Joint Health and Safety committee will recommend the testing and monitoring to be done for any substance, material, agent or chemical that may present a risk for health and safety in the workplace. The results of such will be given to the committee.
- 11.17 When an employee requires replacement of safety clothing, he will be required to return items requiring replacement to the authorized person of the Company. Should the equipment prove to be faulty or unsafe, an

approved authorisation form will be issued to the employee entitling that employee to proceed with replacement. The employee then may, at an approved supplier, secure a new unit. The approved authorisation form must be left with the supplier after the employee has signed acknowledging receipt, for attachment to the invoice and forwarding to our Accounts Payable.

Disagreement regarding replacement decisions will be discussed with the Union representative.

Authorized suppliers for safety clothing not distributed through Ivaco Rolling Mills stores will be Collins and **Work** World.

The Company will discuss with the Union prior to adding to or deleting suppliers.

- 11.18 The Companywill respond in writing, within 21 days, to all written recommendations from the Joint Health and Safety Committee. The response shall contain a timetable for implementation of the recommendations with which the Company agrees.
- 11.19 The JHSC will be informed of any new substance, material, agent, or chemical introduced into the workplace and shall be provided by the Company with pertinent information regarding same.
- 11.20 When it is necessary to conduct ergonomic assessments on a specificjob, or physical ability assessments on an employee, the Company will consult the union prior to making arrangements, and will seriously consider the Union's input in the selection of who will provide such services. In addition, these assessments will be conducted at

a time which is mutually convenient to allow the presence of the appropriate Union representatives. All written reports, including preliminary reports, will be forwarded to the Union upon receipt by the Company.

### **Article 12 - BULLETIN BOARDS**

12.01 - The Companywill provide three (3) bulletin boards in the Plant for the purpose of posting Union notices and official documents. These bulletin boards will be located in the areas designated by the Union and approved by the Company. The notices will be posted only by the Union officers and must be in conformity with the spirit and intent of this agreement.

### **CANTEEN**

12.02 - The Company and the Union will jointly administer all canteen facilities / vending machines at the Melt Shop. It is agreed that in so doing the Union will be responsible for the canteen facilities / vending machines' operations, while the Company will continue to supply and maintain all existing facilities which it does now. It is also agreed that any rebates arising from the canteens' / vending machines' operations shall continue to be disbursed in the same manner as in the past (i.e. children's Christmas party, family picnic, family sugar party).

# **Article 13 - COPIES OF AGREEMENT**

13.01 • The Company and the Union desire that the provision of this agreement and the rights and duties under it be familiar to each employee. For this reason the Company will have the agreement printed in pocket book form, in English and French, and will give a copy to each employee, twenty-four (24) copies to the International

Representative, and seventy-five (75) copies to the Local Union.

Where any dispute arises in connection with any of the terms of this Agreement, the English text shall govern.

### **Article 14 - HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEES**

14.01 (a) • In cases where employees are permanently physically diminished or incapacitated, following a sickness or accident, the primary goal is to return the injured worker to the pre-accident job.

To this end, the Company will make every reasonable effort to effect appropriate modifications as may be necessary, so the employee can perform the duties of the job.

14.01 (b) - Where the above is not possible, the employee will have the right to bump as per the clauses of the collective agreement regarding bumping rights.

This bumping is conditional on the injured employee being medically capable of performing the job as determined by the Company's assigned doctor and the employee's doctor.

- 14.01 (c) Where the above is not possible, the employee will be given full consideration for suitable employment.
- 14.01 (d) The parties may avail themselves of the services of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and/or the Ministry of Labour to assist in making determinations related to this article.

### Article 15 - JURY DUTY

15.01 • An employee who is required to serve on a jury or who is subpoenaed as a Crown witness will be paid his full regular wages for each day lost from work, provided he endorses to the Company the fees received for acting as a juror or a Crown witness, and further provided he reports to work for any day(s) he is not required to serve on any case or remain in the Courtroom.

Employees who are scheduled to work the previous and/or the following night shift will be paid for the previous shift, will not be required to work either of such shifts, and will be paid the following shift if the court or jury appearance was for four (4) hours or more.

### Article 16 - BEREAVEMENTLEAVE

16.01 - An employee will be allowed up to four (4) consecutive days leave from work with pay, including the day after the funeral or the memorial service in case of cremation in the event of the death of his father, mother, sister, brother, wife, husband, son, daughter, grandparents, grand-children, father-in-law and mother-in-law as well as stepmother and stepfather where such person has participated as a parent in the raising of the employee. Such leave shall be for the purpose of attending the mourning and the funeral. Only the portion of four (4) working days that would otherwise have been time lost from work will be paid.

16.02 - In the event of the death of such employee's brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or spouse of a parent who is not a stepparent, this employee may obtain a four (4) consecutive days leave of absence, of which he shall be paid for one (1) of the four (4) days at his regular hourly rate.

# Article 17 - HOURS OF WORK

17.01 • The regular work week will consist of forty (40) hours to be worked in five (5) days of eight (8) hours each day. This shall not be construed as a guarantee of daily or weekly hours.

# 17.02 a) - NON-CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS

Employees will be scheduled as follows as the company determines:

- (i) Day shift and one shift operation between 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours or 07:30 hours to 15:30 hours or 07:00 hours to 15:00 hours Monday to Friday
- (ii) Two shift operation between 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours and 16:00 hours to 24:00 hours Monday to Friday
- (iii) Three shift operation between 00:01 hours to 08:00 hours and 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours and 16:00 hours to 24:00 hours Monday to Friday
- (iv) 12 hour day shift operations between 07:00 hours and 19:00 or between 08:00 hours and 20:00 hours"

# 17.02 b) - CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS

The continuous twelve (12) hours shift operations will

normally be scheduled to work as follows: from 20:00 hours to 08:00 hours for the night shift and from 08:00 hours to 20:00 hours for the day shift.

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17.03 - The scheduled pay week for the twelve (12) hours shifts will be from 20:00 hours Saturday to the next Saturday at 19:59 hours.

### METHOD OF PAY CALCULATION

On a four (4) week period an employee will be eligible to be paid thirty-six (36) hours at straight time for his first and second three shift schedule; forty-four (44) at straight time and four (4) at overtime for his first and second four-shift schedule, conditional upon article 18.

### 17.04 - MEAL PERIODS

Employees on non-continuous day shift and one shift operation will be granted thirty (30) minutes paid lunch period to be taken between 11:30 hours and 12:30 hours.

Employees on non-continuous two shifts operations will be granted thirty (30) minutes paid lunch period to be taken during the middle two (2) hours of their shift.

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Employees on non-continuous three shifts operations will be granted thirty (30) minutes paid lunch period to be taken during the middle three (3) hours of their shift.

Employees on twelve (12) hour shift will be granted two (2) thirty (30) minutes paid lunch periods, to be taken so that no employee has to work more than five (5) hours without a meal period.

- 17.05 Employees working a non-continuous operations where no relief is scheduled on the following shift will be permitted to cease work and leave their work place five (5) minutes before the end of their work shift.
- 17.06 An employee who is to be relieved at the end of his shift shall not leave his work if his replacement has not arrived until a suitable replacement is found, unless he received permission from his Foreman to leave his work station. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld and if not granted immediately shall be granted within one (1) hour.
- 17.07 The choice of whether it will operate on an eight, ten or twelve hour schedule will be determined by the Company. Start and finish times will also be determined by the Company. The company reserves the right to operate one and two shift operations at times other than day shift Monday to Friday. Employees working this shift will, however, have every second weekend off.

All schedules presently in effect, and not included in article 17 of the collective agreement, shall remain, subject to above paragraph.

- 17.08 The normal rest periods shall be as follows:
- -8 hour shift; atotal of one hour of rest and meal periods.
- -10 hour shift; a total of one and one-half hour of rest and meal periods.
- -12 hour shift; a total of two hours of rest and meal periods.

### Article 18 - OVERTIME

- **18.01** Overtime at the rate of one and one-half times (150%) an employee's regular hourly rate will be paid to any employee who is authorized to **work** in excess of his regular daily and weekly hours, but not both.
- 18.02 (a) Employees required to work on a Paid Holiday will be paid at double time (200%) of their regular hourly rate for all hours so worked in addition to any holiday pay to which they may be entitled, provided they are otherwise qualified to receive pay for the holiday.
- 18.02 (b) When the Company requires employees to **work** on a paid holiday when the mill is down, the work shall be offered on a voluntary basis to 1) the person(s) normally performing the work on the shift in question; and 2) to other persons who normally perform the work, according to the procedure for overtime distribution.
- 18.03 An employee who has worked what would normally be overtime hours but who has been absent during the week without a valid reason shall only be paid for the hours worked in excess of his regular work week.

- 18.04 There shall be no pyramiding of overtime hours. Overtime will only be paid for periods of fifteen (15) minutes so worked, or multiples of fifteen (15) minutes.
- 18.05 Employees performing the same work may exchange shifts with one another, provided permission is granted in writing by their shift Foreman. In such cases, an employee performing work in the place of another employee shall not benefit by being paid overtime during his regular work hours.
- **18.06** The Company shall give notice of overtime work as far in advance as practicable. All overtime work is on a voluntary basis, but an employee shall not refuse to work overtime without a valid reason or where such refusal could result in an interruption of any of the Company's operations.
- 18.07 a) - Overtime will be divided as equitably as practicable, on a quarterly basis, amongst those permanent employees normally performing the work on which the overtime is required; this includes employees performing the work on a temporary basis of one week or more. Employees who are so entitled to overtime on the job to which they are temporarily assigned will not be entitled to overtime on their regular jobs for the period of the temporary assignment. Where an inequity in the division of overtime is shown to exist, no payment will be made, but further overtime opportunities will be provided to satisfy the inequity. Overtime refusal shall be considered as overtime worked for the purpose of this article, but no overtime shall be paid. When employees are called for overtime, 'no answer' or 'answering machine' will count as a refusal to work. An employee will be paid overtime at the job class of the job being performed.

18.07 b) - Overtime for general labour work will be divided as equitably as practicable on a quarterly basis amongst those employees who can perform the work and who have notified the company of their availability for such.

Where an inequity in the division of overtime is shown to exist, no payment will be made, but further overtime opportunities will be offered to satisfy the inequity.

The basis of distribution will be the total hours of overtime worked and refused by an employee in the quarterly period. When employees are called for overtime, 'no answer' or 'answering machine' will count as a refusal to work.

18.08 • The Company will maintain for each department an up-to-date list of the acceptance and the refusals by employees of overtime opportunities. These lists will be posted and upon request a copy will be given to a Union Shop Steward. A refusal to work overtime shall be counted as overtime having been worked for the purpose of an equal distribution of overtime opportunities.

18.09 - The Company consents to pay an employee who is asked, by the Company, to change his shift or work outside of his regularly scheduled hours during his normal work week time-and-one-half his hourly rate for the first shift, unless the employee has received a thirty-six (36)

hour prior notice, subject to clause 18.10.

- 18.10 Overtime at the rate of two-hundred percent (200%) will be paid to employees who work outside their normal schedule on a Sunday for work performed on that day.
- 18.11 An employee who works unscheduled overtime after the termination of his regular work period shall be provided with either a meal allowance or meal ticket of \$10.50, on condition that said employee works two (2) hours or more after the termination of his work period. A second meal shall be provided from the same basis upon working six (6) consecutive hours of overtime.

#### Article 19 - CALL-IN PAY

- 19.01 a) An employee who has left the premises of the Company after completing his full shift of work, and is then called to work, shall be paid time and one-half (150%) his regular hourly rate or double time (200%) on a scheduled holiday or non-scheduled Sunday for all hours worked during his recall until the beginning of his regular shift, but in any case for not less than the equivalent of four (4) hours at his regular hourly rate.
- 19:01 b) **An** employee who is called for a meeting on an off-day, shall be paid four (4) hours minimum or overtime whichever is greater.

### **Article20 - REPORTING FOR WORK GUARANTEE**

20.01 • An employee who reports for work without having been advised in advance not to report, will be given work, or pay in lieu thereof, for four (4) hours, if the

employee is on an eight (8) hour schedule, for six (6) hours if the employee is on a twelve (12) hour schedule, at his regular hourly rate. The terms of this Article shall not apply where an employee is prevented from working because of fire, flood, strike, explosion, lack of power or any other circumstance beyond the control of the Company

### **Article 21 - VACATION**

21.01 - The employees are entitled to paid vacations as follows:

- i) One (I) to three (3) years of service: two (2) weeks at 4% of salary earned;
- ii) Three (3) to eight (8) years of service: three (3) weeks at 6% of salary earned;
- iii) Eight (8) to ten (10) years of service: three (3) weeks at 8% of salary earned;
- iv) Ten (10) to sixteen (16) years of service: four (4) weeks at 10% of salary earned;
- v) Sixteen (16) to twenty-eight (28) years of service: five (5) weeks at 12% of salary earned.
- vi) Twenty-eight (28) years of service and more: five (5) weeks at 14% of salary earned.
- 21.02 For vacation purposes, continuous service shall be calculated as of May  $l^{st}$  of each year.

- 21.03 Employees with less than one (1) year of continuous service as of May 1<sup>st</sup> shall be granted a vacation of one (1) day for each complete month of continuous service to a maximum of ten (I 0) days, with pay equal to four percent (4%) of earnings prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 21.04 In case of termination of employment for any cause whatsoever, excluding lay-off, the employee shall be paid any outstanding vacation pay to which he may be entitled but has not yet received. In lay-off cases the employee may, if he so requests, receive any outstanding vacation pay to which he may be entitled but has not yet received.
- **21.05** Employees shall receive their vacation pay on the pay day one (1) week prior to their departure on vacation.
- 21.06 Employees will be required to take their vacations in the year in which they become due.
- 21.07 If a Paid Holiday, as set out in Article 22 occurs during an employee's vacation, the employee will be paid a day's pay in lieu of the holiday or if requested will be granted a paid leave of absence, provided he is otherwise qualified to receive pay for the said holiday. Such leave must be taken on his last scheduled shift(s) before, or his next scheduled shift(s) following his vacation.
- 21.08 (a) The Company may, at its discretion, close the plant for vacation purposes, such closing to take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and the end of August. The Company will notify the Union not later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year if it intends or does not intend to close the plant, and when it is to be closed, the duration of the closing will

be stipulated. Those employees required to work during a shutdown period will have the right to select available vacation dates on the basis of seniority by departments.

- 21.08 (b) Those Maintenance employees required to work during a shutdown period will be allowed to take their vacation on a ratio of one (1) employee out of each full six (6) employees, or a majority portion thereof, per department or section at any time outside the period the plant is closed for vacation. All other employees whose vacations are scheduled outside the shutdown period will be allowed to take vacation on a ratio of one employee out of each full six (6), or a majority portion thereof, employees per department or section, (i.e. one (1) out of six (6); two (2) out of ten (10); three (3) out of sixteen (16); four (4) out of twenty-two (22); etc.)
- 21.08 c) If the Company requires employees to work during the period the plant is closed for vacation, employees with the most plant seniority will be given the option to work.

During the vacation shutdown period should the Company require any position to be worked during the shutdown, the employee with the most plant seniority in said position will be given the option to work in said position during the shutdown. Should all employees refuse such option, the Company may then schedule those required to work by reverse order of seniority.

21.08 d) - The Company will pay the employees taking their vacation between the first pay period of November and the last pay period of April a vacation bonus of 15% of the employee's total gross vacation pay taken during this period.

21.08 e) For clarification, the reference to department in Article 21.08 (b) above is as follows:

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21.09 —(a) Vacation selection will be made in the following manner. The most senior one third of employees in a department will make their vacation selection between April 1 and April 5. Any conflicts will be resolved by April 10. The second one third of employees in a department will make their vacation selection from remaining available vacation dates between April 11 and April 15. Any conflicts will be resolved by April 20. The last one third of employees in a department will make their vacation selection from remaining available vacation dates between April 21 and April 25. The vacation schedule is to be posted no later than May 1.

21.09 (b)- Employees who have not scheduled vacation in accordance with Article 21.09 will be granted available vacation on a first come, first serve basis. Requests for vacation will be made one week in advance and will be granted, unless to do so would cause an interruption in operations.

The availability of vacation will be determined by the ratio described in Article 21.08 based on a schedule posted as described in Article 21.09 with any additions made by this clause.

In the case where a previously scheduled week(s) of vacation

is cancelled by an employee, the available week(s) will be posted in the department for one (1) week. During this week, employees may apply for the vacation and it will be awarded to the senior employee who so applies.

**21.10** • Employees who are sick before the start of their vacation will have the right to transfer their vacation to any available dates within the vacation year.

If an employee is ill during his/her vacation, he may cancel any weeks of vacation subsequent to the week in which his illness arose. The employee must return to the Company any vacation pay he received for the week(s) to be cancelled, This must be done no later than the first Monday of the period of vacation to be cancelled.

Employees entitled to be reavement leave as per article 16, during their vacation will have the right to transfer such days to the end of their vacation period.

- 21.11 An employee who has not worked during the total period which is used to determine the vacation pay shall receive his vacation pay calculated on the number of hours which he has worked plus the amount which he has received from the Workers' Compensation Board or the Private Insurer as temporary total disability compensation benefits (including any offsets from such benefits due to an existing pension or LTD) during the period which is used to determine the vacation pay, based on the percentage he is entitled to under Article 21.
- 21.12 When one (1) or more employees working on the same job choose to take their vacation during the same

period and this could affect the continuity of the operations, the employee(s) with more seniority shall have preference.

### Article 22 - PAID HOLIDAYS

22.01 a) - The following days are recognised as paid holidays during each calendar year.

New Year's Eve	Civic Holiday
New Year's Day	Labour Day
Day After New Year's Day	Thanks giving Day
Good Friday	Christmas Eve
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day

- 22.01 b) For each of the above holidays each employee shall be paid the equivalent of eight (8) hours or twelve (12) hours pay, whichever is the case, at the applicable rate of the job to which he is assigned.
- 22.02 To qualify for holiday pay, an employee shall be required to have worked the last full scheduled shift preceding a holiday and the first full scheduled shift succeeding a holiday, unless his absence on the said days only, was due to:
- i) verified personal illness which commenced not more than forty-five (45) calendar days before the holiday;
- ii) permission having been granted in writing, to be absent on either of the said days;
- iii) attendance at Court as a crown witness or juror;
- iv) absence due to bereavement leave;

- v) lay-off due to lack of work which commenced not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the holiday.
- vi) lateness with a valid reason
- **22.03** If a said holiday falls on a Saturday or on a Sunday the Company will advise the employees at least two (2) weeks in advance if the holiday is to be celebrated on either the preceding Friday or the following Monday.

However, in the case of regularly scheduled employees who are required to work during a holiday, the holiday will be celebrated on its calendar day.

**22.04** - **An** employee required to work by the Company on any of the above holidays will be paid two hundred percent (**200** percent) of his regular hourly rate in addition to any holiday pay to which he may be entitled in accordance with the terms of this Article.

# Article23 - WAGES

 $23.01\,$  (a) - From the date of the signature of this agreement the employees covered by this collective labour agreement shall be paid the following standard hourly rate wage:

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Job	Effective January	Effective January	Effective
Class	10 <sup>th</sup> , 2006 (No	10 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 (No	January 10 <sup>th</sup> ,
	increase on the base)	increase on the	2008 (No
		base)	increase on the
<b></b>			base)
1	\$22.36		
2	\$22.57		
3	\$22.78		
4	\$22.99		"
5	\$23.20		"
6	\$23.41		
7	\$23.62		
8	\$23.83		
9	\$24.04		
10	\$24.25		
11	\$24.46		
12	\$24.67		
13	\$24.88		
14	\$25.09		
15	\$25.30		
16	\$25.51		
17	\$25.72		
18	\$25.93		
19	\$26.14		
20	\$26.35		it
21	\$26.56		
22	\$26.77		
23	\$26.98		
24	\$27.19		
25	\$27.40		
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t per job grade			
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- 23.01 (b) Lead Hands will be paid two (2) job class increments above the highest paid hourly employee under them. Lead hands will perform the normal production or maintenance work of the department to which they belong. The parties agree that the current application and practice of overtime distribution will continue.
- 23.02 (a) Starting in the first year of this collective agreement (i.e. January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006), a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) equivalent to one cent (\$0.01) per hour for each three-tenths (0.3) of a point increase of the Consumer Price Index as issued by Statistics Canada (1971=100) shall be calculated. The first reference month shall be the month of November, 2005 (issued in December 2005), to which shall be compared the C.P.I. for the month of February 2006 (issued in March 2006). The first adjustment shall then be calculated and added to the base hourly rate effective the first complete pay period of April 2006. This formula shall then be repeated every three months thereafter until the expiration of the present collective agreement (i.e. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009).
- 23.02 (b) This cost-of-living allowance shall not be capped and each adjustment shall be built-into the wage rates scale.
- 23.02 (c) Students will be paid at 75% of the applicable rate.

### **CWS PROGRAM**

23.03 • The parties agree to maintain a job classification and description according to the Cooperative Wage Study. The Cooperative Wage Study (C.W.S.) Manual for job

description and wage administration dated February 18, 1970 shall be incorporated into this agreement, along with the "Job Description and Classification Manual" dated 1 August 1971.

- 23.04 Effective the dates specified in Article 23.01 allemployees shall have their rate of pay adjusted as follows:
- 1. If the employee is not receiving an out-of-line differential prior to the dates specified in section 23.01, the rate of pay of such employee shall be adjusted to conform to the standard hourly rate for that employee's job as provided in section 23.01 of this agreement.
- 2. If the employee is receiving an out-of-line differential prior to the date specified in section 23.01, the rate of pay of such employee shall be increased by the amount by which the rate for job class 1 has been increased as provided in section 23.01 of this agreement, and the following shall govern:
- (a) If the employee's new rate resulting from such increase is greater than the standard hourly rate for the job, as provided in section 23.01 of this agreement, the amount by which such employee's new rate is greater shall become such employee's new out-of-line differential which shall replace the former out-of-line differential and shall apply in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.
- (b) If the employee's new rate resulting from such increase is equal to or less than the standard hourly rate for the job as provided in section 23.01 of this agreement, the rate of pay of such employee shall be adjusted to conform to the standard hourly rate for the job, as provided in section 23.01 and the former out-of-line differential shall be

terminated.

- 23.05 As of the date the standard hourly wage scale becomes effective, the standard hourly rate for each job class shall be the standard hourly rate for all jobs classified within such job class and shall so continue for the duration of the standard hourly wage scale and shall be applied to any employee in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.
- 23.06 As the respective dates become effective, the standard hourly rate established under section 23.01 shall be:
- (a) The established rate of pay for all hours paid for a non-incentivejob; and,
- (b) The established hourly base rate and minimum guaranteed rate of pay under any incentive applied to the job in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- 23.07 Except as otherwise provided by this agreement, the established rate of pay for each production or maintenancejob, other than a trade or apprenticejob, shall apply to any employee during such time as the employee is required to perform suchjob.
- **23.08** Except as otherwise provided by this agreement, the established rate of pay for a trade or apprenticejob shall apply to any employee during the time such employee is assigned to the respective rate classification in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Even though the trade jobs are classified in the Cooperative Wage Study Manual, the parties agree that their classifications will be increased by two (2) additional

classes.

# Out-Of-LineDifferentials

- 23.09 **The** Company shall furnish to the Union a list agreed to by the Company and the Union of employees who are to be paid "out-of-line differentials". Such list shall contain the following information:
- (a) name of incumbent to whom such "out-of-line differential" is to be paid;
- (b) job title of job on which out-of-line differential is to be paid;
- (c) job classification of such job;
- (d) standard hourly rate of suchjob;
- (e) amount of out-of-line differential;
- (f) date such out-of-line differential became effective.
- 23.10 Except as such out-of-line differential may be changed by the means hereinafter provided, any employee included in the list referred to in Article 23.09 shall continue to be paid such out-of-line differential during such time as the employee continues to occupy the job for which the differential was established.
- 23.11 If an employee with an out-of-line differential is transferred or assigned to a job having a higher standard hourly rate, then the differential shall be reduced by the amount of the increase in the standard hourly rate.

basic skill and ability he will be trained concerning the change affecting his job.

In the event of job class decrease the employee will be red circled.

Notice of technological change shall be in writing and shall state:

- the nature of the technological change;
- b) the date upon which the employer proposes to effect the change;
- c) the approximate number and type of employees likely to be affected by the change;
- d) the effect the change is likely to have on the security of employment, rights, wages and/or working conditions of employees affected.
- 23.24 The Company agrees that when two (2) jobs are combined, the job class of the new job as determined by using the job classification procedures in the C.W.S. Manual, will not be less than the higherjob class of the two (2) jobs which were combined.

The Company will advise the CWS Committee of job amalgamations as follows: the nature of the amalgamation, the jobs which may be affected, the tentative date when such amalgamationmay be effective and the approximate number of employees likely to be affected by the amalgamation. Such notice will be given thirty (30) days prior to the amalgamation.

23.25 - The Company must comply within fifteen (15) days to a request for any documents regarding C.W.S.

- 23.12 If, as a result of lay off and the exercise of seniority rights, an employee with an out-of-line differential is moved to a job having a lower standard hourly rate, then the out-of-line differential shall be cancelled.
- 23.13 If such employee referred to in Articles 23.11 and 23.12 shall be returned to the job for which the out-of-line differential was established, the out-of-line differential shall be reinstated except as it may have been reduced or eliminated by other means.
- 23.14 When an employee would, in accordance with the terms of this agreement, be entitled to receive his regular rate, he shall also receive any out-of-line differential to which he is entitled.
- 23.15 In addition to the means herein provided, increases in the increment betweenjob classes shall be used to reduce or eliminate out-of-line differentials.
- **23.16** Except for the application of the out-of-line differentials as called for herein, the terms of this agreement governing transfers shall apply.

## 23.17 - TEMPORARY TRANSFERS

An employee who is temporarily transferred from his regular job for a period of one (1) hour or more shall be paid the standard hourly rate of the job to which he has been transferred, provided such rate is not less than his regular rate. If the rate of the job to which he is temporarily transferred is less than the rate of his regular job, he shall be paid the rate of his regular job during this temporary transfer, except in the case where the bumping

procedure has been exercised or where the employee has requested such transfer.

23.18 - The Company will maintain an apprenticeship program which applies to all of the trade or maintenance positions as listed in Appendix "E" of the apprenticeship program agreement.

### 23.19 - INCENTIVES

Should the Company desire to install incentives to cover any jobs, the following shall govern:

A) The standard hourly rates for the respective jobs shall be the base rates and minimum hourly guaranteed rates for such incentives:

and,

- B) Before an incentive plan is installed the matter shall be the subject of negotiations between the Company and the Union.
- 23.20 Any mathematical or clerical errors made in the preparation, establishment or application of job descriptions, classifications or standard hourly rates shall be corrected to conform to the provisions of this agreement.
- 23.21 Except as otherwise provided, no basis shall exist for **an** employee covered by this agreement to allege that a wage inequity exists.

# 23.22 -JOINT C.W.S. COMMITTEE

- An equal number of representatives of the Union and the Company, i.e. three (3) for each party, will comprise the Joint C.W.S. Committee.
- Employees who are members of the Joint C.W.S.
  Committee shall be paid at their regular rate in
  accordance with this agreement for the hours spent at
  meetings with the Company, or otherwise, when
  authorized by the Company.
- 3. The Company agrees to authorize the absence of three (3) employees from their regular working hours who are chosen by the Union to sit on the C.W.S. Committee. The employees so chosen:
- a) Will accumulate all seniority to which they would normally have been entitled;
- b) Will return to their regular employment when their work within the C.W.S. Committee is terminated.

### 23.23 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

The Company will meet with the C.W.S. Committee of local 8794, U.S.W.A., as required, to advise them of the general plans regarding technological change, as well as to discuss potential changes that are likely to adversely affect security of employment. Such meeting will be held ninety (90) days prior to the implementation of any such change.

If an employee affected by technological change has the

### **Article 24 - PREMIUMS**

• The shift premiums shall be paid as follows:

Afternoon shift: \$0.35/hour Night shift: \$0.55/hour Sunday: \$1.25/hour

24.02 - The shift premiums set out above will be paid even if the overtime rate is applicable.

# Article 25 - INSURANCE PROGRAM

25.01 • The parties agree to maintain during the duration of this agreement the insurance program as outlined below for non-occupational sickness and injury. The Employer's obligation hereunder is solely to pay ninety percent (90%) of the premiums to provide the benefits hereunder. The employees shall take all such benefits subject to the terms and conditions of the respective plans. The Company agrees that it will make its best efforts to contract with an Insurance Carrier which is prepared to agree that any dispute concerning an employee's entitlement to disability benefits will be resolved through the Grievance and Arbitration procedures set out in the Collective Agreement.

(a) Life Insurance: \$45,000/employee; \$10,000.00/spouse; \$7,500.00/child; \$7,500.00/future retirees.

<u>Conversion</u>: - Employees who retire will be able to convert up to the difference between the employee life and the retiree life insurance (\$37,500) to an individual policy upon paying the premium for coverage.

- (b) Accidental Death and Dismemberment: Double Indemnity.
- (c) Weekly Indemnity Sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) per week of regular earnings, payable under the Group Insurance Program for a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks, commencing on the first day of a non-compensable accident, the first day of hospitalisation, or the fourth day of an illness, whichever is applicable.
- (d) Long Term Disability \$1,200.00 per month effective for disability claims which commence after 6 November 2002, and \$1,300.00 per month effective for disability claims which commence after 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2004, for a maximum of ten (10) years of payment. Disabled is defined as a complete and uninterrupted disability caused by a non-occupational sickness or injury which prevents the employee from engaging in the tasks of his own occupation during the first twenty-four (24) months of payment and in any occupation, either in the Company or elsewhere, for which he is qualified by education, training, or experience for the rest of the benefit period. The benefit becomes payable after the greater of twenty-six (26) weeks if the 'employee does not qualify after such period to receive UIC benefits, or the total of twenty-six (26) weeks and the period during which the employee docs qualify to receive UIC benefits.
- (e) Medicine: All prescription drugs prescribed by a doctor will be reimbursed at 100 percent (100%) with a \$1.00 charge per prescription on presentation of a personal pay direct drug card.

- (f) Dental:
- (i) Basic program as provided by the Insurer; no deductible; 80/20 co-insurance; S3,000.00 maximum per person per calendar year; based on the schedule of fees, updated yearly, enforce in the employee's Province of residence when the treatment is rendered.
- (ii) Prosthetic Services: 60/40 co-insurance; SI,000 maximum per person per calendar year; integrated with the \$2,500 00 maximum per person per calendar year under the Basic dental plan. Reimbursement of eligible expenses for the first three (3) years of the agreement shall be based on the 1 January 2002 dental schedule of fees in effect in the employee's Province of residence.
- (iii) Orthodontist? for child only: 50/50 co-insurance; life-time maximum of \$2,000.00.
- (g) Semi-private Hospital Room: One hundred percent (100%) reimbursement.
- (h) Osteopaths/Naturopaths/Chiropractors/Acupuncturists /Massotherapists/Dieticians: \$50.00 per visit, combined maximum of \$1,500.00 per person per calendar year; in addition one (1) X-ray per year at a maximum of \$45.00. Payable on an 80/20 co-insurance basis.
- i) Prescription lenses/contact lenses, including eye examination; for the employee and eligible

dependants, 80/20 co-insurance, up to a maximum of \$275.00 once every two (2) years effective 6 November 2002, up to a maximum of \$300.00 once every two (2) years effective 1 September 2003 and up to a maximum of \$325.00 once every two (2) years effective 1 September 2004.

25.02 The cost of the premiums for the benefits outlined in 25.01 above shall be borne ninety percent (90%) by the Company and ten percent (10%) by the employees. Any and all costs associated with the Ontario Health Premium shall be borne solely by the employee.

- In the event that during the term of this agreement the Federal and/or Provincial governments introduce Health and/or Welfare Insurance to which the employees of the Company are required to contribute, through taxation or otherwise, it is agreed that the benefits contained in 25.01 of this agreement shall be co-ordinated with any benefits that may be available under such Federal and/or Provincial plan. If as a result of this the costs of the benefits outlined in 25.01 decrease, the parties shall agree to amend the plan to provide additional health and/or welfare benefits to the extent available from the savings gained from the introduction of the co-ordinated plan. In the event that the costs of the co-ordinated plan are greater than the costs of the benefits outlined in 25.01 the parties agree to pay the additional costs on the same percentage basis as indicated in article 25.02 above.

25.04 • A laid-off employee is entitled to the benefits listed in Article 25.01, with the exception of Subsections (c) and (d), for three (3) months (unless the employee obtains similar coverage elsewhere.) If the employee is recalled for more than ten (10) working days during this

three (3) month period, the employee will be entitled to benefits for a three (3) month period following any subsequent layoff. Benefits will not be extended for recalls of ten (10) working days or less.

If a laid-off employee for whom the three (3) month period referred to above has expired is recalled for ten (10) working days or less, the employee will be covered by the benefits listed above for the duration of his/her recall. If the recall is for more than ten (10) working days, the employee will be entitled to benefits for a three (3) month period following any subsequent layoff.

**25.05** a) • Prescribed drug and Dental coverage will be available for future retirees and their eligible spouse from the date of early retirement until each one respectively attains the age of 65. Coverage then terminates.

25.05 (a)(i) Anybody who retired during the labour dispute shall have their retirement health care benefits reinstated retroactive to the date of retirement.

25.05 b) Prescribed drug coverage will be available for future recipients of long term disability benefits and their eligible dependants from the date of first payment until recovery or until a maximum coverage extension of 120 months. Coverage terminates at age 65.

### Pension

25.06 All eligible employees covered by this collective

agreement shall —be enrolled in a pension plan which became effective I September 1978 and amended repeatedly to date, as described in the pension plan booklet. However, all rights of any plan member and plan interpretation are governed solely by the official plan text, amended to include the thirty and out early retirement clause on a permanent basis (as per the Company letter dated August 31, 2000) and the September I, 2002 memorandum of agreement. Subject to this, the plan provides a normal retirement benefit for each year of credited service for a maximum of 40 years, and an early retirement benefit for each year of credited service for each year of credited service for a maximum of 35 years, for eligible employees, as outlined below:

Basic Monthly Benefit		Bridge Monthly Benefit		
per year of		per year of Service as of 1		
Service as of 1	September of:	September of	f:	
year	Amount	year	Amount	
2002	\$52.00	2002	\$24.00	
2003	\$54.00	2003	\$26.00	
2004	\$56.00	2004	\$28.00	
August 31st,		August 31 st	,	
2005	\$58.00	2005	\$30.00	

The existing indexation formula shall be maintained. For the period from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005, all retirees will be entitled to a minimum indexation of eighty percent (80%) of the Consumer Price Index, with a two percent (2%) cap on adjustments. **All** retirees are entitled to receive the greater amount of the above two benefits.

A pension plan and benefits booklet will be provided to all employees.

The 80% indexation formula of the Pension Plan to the cost of living which was inserted as a window for the 2002-2005 Collective Agreement will continue as a window for the 2006-2009 agreement.

A bonus of up to \$25,000.00 maximum, minus normal statutory deductions, to be paid to employees who actually reach 35 years of service under the DB plan (based on a formula of \$5,000.00 per year of active service completed after the ratification of this Collective Agreement). Such bonus will be offered for the next seven (7) years.

The defined benefit pension plan outlined above will be maintained only for employees hired before the date of ratification.

## Article 25.07 Pension for employees hired after ratification.

Effective one month following date of ratification, the Company will, subject to the second note below, introduce a defined contribution plan (the "Ivaco Employees **D.C.** Plan") for all employees hired subsequent to the date of ratification. The Ivaco Employees **D.C.** Plan will be identical in all relevant respects to the **D.C.** Plan provided to Ivaco salaried employees, and in particular, in all matters pertaining to costs and eligibility. Those employees hired subsequent to date of ratification will not participate in the existing defined benefit plan provided to employees hired prior to ratification. The Ivaco Employees D.C. Plan will be as follows:

Years of Service	Employer basic	Employee Vol.	Employer Match
		Contr.	
0 – 5	2%		
5 – 10	2%	2%	2%
10 – 15	2%	3%	3%
15 and	2% -	4%	4%
more			

### Article 26 DISTRICT 6 SAVINGS PLAN

- 26.01 The Company agrees to make a weekly payroll deduction for the District 6 Savings Plan, as per an employee's request.
- 26.02 The amount of payroll deduction will be made from the employee's paycheque, and may be changed every four months (Jan. I, May I and September I). Employees may cancel the deductions at any time, but may only re-enrol every 4 months (i.e. Jan. 1, May 1, and September 1).
- 26.03 The amounts deducted from the employee's paycheques as per Art. 26.01 (savings plan) will be remitted to the District Six Savings Plan every week.

Each remittance shall include a list of names of employees on whose behalf remittances are being made, their S.I.N.'s and the amount which the employee is voluntarily contributing.

- 26.04 The information referred to in Article 26.03 will be made available to the Union upon request.
- 26.05 The cheques will be made payable to: "CM Investment Management, c/o District 6 Savings Plan" and mailed to the attention of John Cocurullo, Atlas Investment Management, 633 Colborne St., London, Ont., N6B 2V3.

### Work Rules-

1) Employees on days must be on the job and ready to work for the start of their shift. Lunch periods and breaks will be observed and will follow the contract.



- 2) The Company will adhere to the law during heat stress periods.
- 3) Employees must have permission from their foreman to go to union trailer unless they are on their scheduled break.
- 4) All contact between the union and the Company will be through HR and the Superintendent.
- 5) Continuous improvement is an important part of Mill operations. Employees will be required to fully participate in continuous improvement projects and the Quality System.

### Article 27 - DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

27.01 - This Agreement, which supersedes all previous Collective Agreements, shall remain in full force and effect from and including the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2006 to and including the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2009.

Notice that either party wishes to terminate or amend the terms hereof may be given during a period of ninety (90) days proceeding the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 or any succeeding anniversary date. If no such notice is given then this agreement shall continue from year to year thereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have signed this collective agreement by their duly authorized representatives on the day of: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

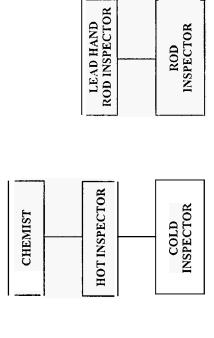
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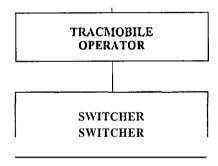
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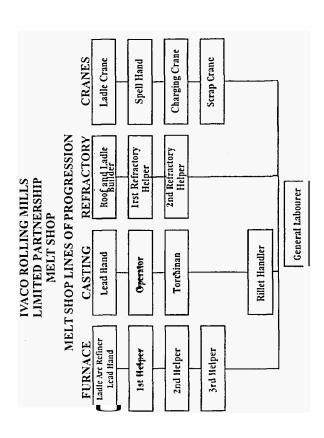
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Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### RETENTION AND LAYOFF OF LEAD HANDS

The parties have agreed on the following language, which will apply in the event of any layoff.

- I. The Company will not retain any lead hands with **less** seniority than any employees who are laid off from the plant. (i.e. who arc unable to bump into any other positions.)
- 2. Any such lead hands will be laid off. If the Company still requires the lead hand position to be filled, it will **be** filled from within the bargaining unit.
- 3. Any such lead hands who are laid off will have recall rights as per the collective agreement.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc USWA Local 8794

### LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The Company and the Union agree to a "schedule change" arrangement to accommodate non-continuous operations employees.

Employees wishing a "schedule change" will use the EMPLOYEE SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM here attached, which must be approved by their immediate

### foreman

It is agreed that employees who made a "schedule change" arrangement with their foreman, must make up their time, as indicated on request form, prior to any overtime being paid. In other words their weekly hours must be complete prior to any overtime being paid.

It is agreed that time off regular hours as a result of the "schedule change" agreement will not be considered as a LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

This agreement is for the duration of the CLA. This agreement may be cancelled by giving a, two (2) week written notice, by either party.

Agreed Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

# PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Company and the Union agree that the PMIS system will not be used to discipline any employee for matters involving productivity.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### U.S.W.A. UNION FLAG

The Company agrees to fly the U.S.W.A. Union flag, as provided by Local 8794, for special events only, alongside the other flags at the entrance way.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc

Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

### **LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Jan 10th, 2006

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR UNION STAFF**

If the provisions of Article 10.04 are applied, the International Union agrees during an employee's probationary period of employment with the Union to reimburse the Company the full amount of the cost of the welfare, insurance and pension programs until he/she either returns to work with the company or that he/she is hired full time for the International Union.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaço Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN PLANT**

The Company will continue in its efforts to improve environmental conditions in the Plant, including exposure to total dust and airborne lead concentrations.

The Levels of airborne lead will be maintained below standards set by the Ontario government.

Regarding casting mould lubricant fumes: The Company will take further steps to reduce the level of fumes.

The Joint Health and Safety Committee will be kept up to date on progress.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **TOOLS**

The Company will review its policy re: tool list, and update such as need be after consultation with employees affected.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **DISABILITY INCOME – LETTER #1**

Ivaco Rolling Mills will continue its past practice of considering am employee's request for advance from the Company of the disability income such employee is due to receive from either the Worker's Compensation Board or the carrier of the Company's private insurance program, where such income is unduly delayed.

These advances are made with the understanding that the employee will reimburse the Company such advances as soon as payment is received from either the Worker's Compensation Board or the insurer, as the case may be, or as soon as the case is settled, whichever comes first.

The Company will instruct the insuring Company to make any necessary income tax deduction from the indemnity payments.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **DISABILITY INCOME - LETTER #2**

In the event the approval of an initial claim for Weekly Indemnity is delayed by more than ten (10) working days from the date that the application is given to the Company's medical department, the Company will, upon the request of the employee, make arrangements for the

employee to attend a third-party medical consultant for evaluation of his/her illness or injury. Such arrangements will be made within the shortest possible delay.

If the consultant determines that the employee is suffering from an illness preventing him from performing the duties of his job, the employee will execute a consent permitting the consultant to release his report to the Medical Department and the Company's insurer. The insurer or the Company will commence payment within the shortest possible delay of a sum corresponding to the amount of Weekly Indemnity payments. In the event the Company makes payments it will continue such payments until a final decision has been made by the insurer, or the employee returns to work. Final decision shall mean that the insurer has denied the claim and not requested any specific medical information. The employee will assign weekly indemnity payments to the company should there be any overlap.

In the event that the consultant determines that the employee is able to perform his job, the employee will not be asked to authorize that this information be sent to the, Company or the insurer.

All costs of the consultant will be paid by the Company. The Consultant will be directed to consider any other medical reports that are made available. Any reports of the Consultant will be given to the employee upon request.

The Company will continue to assist employees with their applications for disability insurance. The Company agrees to meet with the Union with a view to streamlining the

administration of benefits and to solve any problems. When authorized by the employee, the parties agree to exchange necessary information

The medical consultant referred to herein will be Source Unique in Hawkesbury. In the event that it becomes necessary to change the medical consultant, the Company will first discuss with the Union.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

### **LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Jan I0", 2006

### **MEDICAL REPORTS**

In the event that the Company's insurance carrier requires a medical report from a physician with a medical specialty, the Company will reimburse the employee up to fifty dollars (\$50 00) for the cost of the report upon presentation of the invoice

For any medical reports subsequent to the initial benefits application that arc required by the insurance carrier, employees have the option of attending the Company's medical advisor and the medical reports would then be at no cost to the employee. Such medical reports are for the purpose of establishing benefits entitlement and will be provided to the insurance carrier only.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
lvaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

Jan IO", 2006

### MPR - MANPOWER RESERVE

The Company (Ivaco Rolling Mills / Melt Shop) and the Union (United Steelworkers of America L U 8794) agree on the following

1. Method of pay calculation:

Where a Manpower Reserve employee is scheduled to follow a 12 hour shift for less than 2 full weeks, the basic agreement will apply. Ex. Overtime 150% after 40 hours. Where he is scheduled for 2 full weeks or more (on the same shift) he will be paid as per the other employees on 12 hour shifts.

- 2. The Manpower Reserve schedule will be posted by 16:00 hours on Thursday each week for the following week.
- 3. A copy of the schedule, including changes, must be given to the Union on each week.
- 4. Employees not available for three consecutive shifts will attend a meeting with the Local Union President or designate and the Personnel Office for an investigation into reason(s).
- 5. All leaves of absence of 1 shift or less will be reviewed by the person responsible for the MPR prior to

the schedule making on Thursday at noon each week preceding leave of absence.

- **6.** Employees are entitled to telephone after 14:00 hours on Friday to find out their schedule for next week.
- 7. Any changes in the schedule will be made by the person responsible for the MPR (or his designate). The employee will be phoned and notified of said changes.
- 8. All scheduled Manpower Reserve employees are subject to change.
- 9. Any mistakes in scheduling or typing should be reported to the person responsible for the MPR (or his designate) immediately.
- 10. When an employee is called and a message is given to a person other than the employee (wife, mother, father, answering device), it is as good as a message given directly to the employee.
- 11. If an employee is not available to come to the phone when he's called he has 15 minutes to return the call.
- 12. Employees equipped with pagers also have 15 minutes to return the call.
- 13. Tradespersonnel in the MPR are assigned to trades as requested- Electricians, Welders, Mill Mechanics,- by seniority and qualifications.
- 14. All production requirements are filled by seniority.

- 15. Senior personnel in the MPR are kept on the same job and shift as long as that request is still needed.
- 16. Regular hours in the MPR will be distributed amongst MPR employees on a weekly basis, as per past practice.
- 17 With the exception of those employees mentioned in Para 21, senior employees in the MPR are kept on the same job and shift as much as possible as long as that request **is** still needed.
- 18. Training will be given equitably as much as practical amongst the MPR employees on a seniority basis.
- 19 Statutory holidays will be paid as for either the last day worked before, or the first day worked after the holiday whichever gives greater benefit.
- 20. Safety equipment shall be available in good working order for MPR employees at all times.
- 21. The four (4) senior personnel in the MPR will be kept scheduled on the same shift on a permanent basis.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills • USWA Local 8794

Jan IO", 2006

### **IMPROVEMENT AND CHANGES**

The Company will implement the following, if not already done:

- (1) Contractors will be allocated a designated area for parking and will not be permitted to use the canteen during lunch breaks except to buy food.
- (2) I.M.S. employees will not use the Melt Shop punch clock.
- (3) A locker list will be formulated and presented to the Union.
- (4) The ventilation in the locker rooms will be reviewed.
- 15) The Company **will** make arrangements for employees to have access to washing and drying facilities for their work clothes

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

### LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Jan 10", 2006

### CANTEEN

The Company will discuss the canteen with the Union so as to ensure a clean and acceptable environment is maintained

During the 12 months following ratification of the collective agreement, the Company will enlarge the canteen and will consult the Union regarding plans.

Agreed: Pierre.Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

### LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Jan 10th, 2006

### UNION RELATIONSHIP

There is a need to continue in the development of short and long term goals pertaining to customer satisfaction, quality, costs, yield, man-hours per ton, on-time delivery, attendance, safety performance, energy utilization and other performance indicators as may be determined.

The guiding principle to accomplish these ends is that Ivaco Rolling Mills, Locals 7940 and 8794 of the United Steelworkers, and employees all share a community of interest and have common goals that will only be achieved through teamwork and joint participation. It will be necessary for the Union Locals to work very closely with management to ensure a cooperative partnership among all concerned in a framework built on mutual trust, respect, and a sense of dignity.

As of this day and until August 31, 2005 (i.e. for the duration of this Collective Agreement), the Presidents of both Locals will be seconded to Union duties on a full time basis and will be reporting directly to their respective Plant Superintendent. Together, the Presidents and Plant

Superintendents will develop a close and effective relationship to create and nurture an employee involvement program that will not only accomplish these goals, but will ensure a more satisfying and secure future for all of us at L'Orignal

Agreed Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc

Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794



# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **HEALTHANDSAFETY**

It is the intent of both parties to work together in the spirit of achieving an injury-free work environment for all employees and visitors of the mill. It is with this objective in mind that the Company has accepted to release the Union Health and Safety Co-chair on a full time basis so that s/he may direct his/her attention towards participating in actions to further thisjoint objective.

The Union Health and safety co-chair will report directly to the Manager of Health and Safety and will perform such functions as are consistent with the JHSC's terms of reference.

The parties recognise the need to develop specific terms of reference for the JHSC. Within three (3) months of ratification, the JHSC will develop these terms of reference. In the event the parties are unable to reach agreement on terms of reference, they shall request mediation assistance from the Ministry of Labour.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

### LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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To the duration of the Collective Agreement, the Company will continue to provide to the Local Union the actual office facility, or a similar one, which it currently provides to the Local Union.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc

Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

### **LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Jan 10th, 2006

### **MELT SHOP PREMIUM**

**OFFICE FACILITY** 

As agreed during the last Collective Agreement negotiations, the Company is paying a Melt Shop premium of fifteen cents (SO 15) per hour to each employee effective September 1, 2002

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# $\frac{\textbf{LETTER OF AGREEMENT}}{\text{Jan 10}^{\text{th}}, 2006}$

# **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION ACCESS - (CLAUSE 5.05)**

The Union will be provided electronic access at the Union office on site through the Company's computer network to Employee reports on the following schedule:

### Within 2 months of ratification:

MSDS reports

### Within 3 months of ratification:

Weekly work schedules and overtime reports.

### Within 6 months of ratification:

Employee reports, which will provide sortings seniority, employee number, etc. Employee reports will also provide information on employee addresses, phone numbers, position and recall status.

### Employee history

Agreed: Pierre Lessard

Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT IN LINES OF **PROGRESSION**

When there is a temporary vacancy in the line of progression, employees will be asked by seniority on a voluntary basis in the line of progression on the same shift for openings of less than 30 days, and if all employees refuse then the junior qualified employee must move up. The vacancy at the bottom of the line of progression will be filled from available MPR. For vacancies over 30 days, employees will be asked by seniority on a voluntary basis in the line of progression (department), and if all employees refuse, then the junior qualified employee must move up and the bottomjob will be posted as per CLA (subject to any recalls).

Accordingly, departments must train employees to assure that they have qualified employees capable of doing the job.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10th, 2006

### JOINT BARGAINING UNITS COMMITTEE

The Company. Rod Mill Local 7940, and Melt Shop Local 8794 ('The Parties') agree to establish a committee to discuss issues in relation to a sharing of resources between the Rod mill and Melt shop. The Company has informed the bargaining units of its desire for increased operational efficiency by way of the movement of manpower.

Each party will be represented on the Conunittee by four (4) members. The Union committees will be comprised of the local union president/unit chair and three (3) designates.

The committee mandate will be to arrive at a proposal that will be voted on by the members of the respective bargaining units. In the process, the committee will examine all issues related to a merger, including identifying the potential benefits for the Company and the members of the bargaining units.

The committee will meet at least once a month for a period of nine (9) months, unless an impasse is reached. At the conclusion of the nine month period, the parties will agree on a proposal to be voted on by their respective memberships. The Company will provide the union committees with a detailed agenda at least one week in advance of the first meeting, and will circulate minutes and the agenda for subsequent meetings at least one week prior to such meetings.

All time spent in meetings will be paid by the Company In addition, four (4) hours of preparation time, paid by the Company, will be allowed for the Union commuttees prior to each meeting

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

Jan 10th, 2006

### JOINT TRAINING COMMITTEE

A Joint Training Committee will be established comprising three (3) members of the Union to be appointed by the Union, and three (3) members representing Management to be appointed by the Company.

This Joint Committee will make recommendations on training to the Company.

The committee will meet as required and a meeting of the committee may be requested by either the Company of the Union. The parties will exchange agendas one (1) week prior to any scheduled meetings.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

# LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### ROD MILL AND MELT SHOP STORES

The company will combine the job of Receiver (Melt Shop) and Storesman (Rod Mill). The new jobs will be posted in alternating bargaining units to ensure the same number of employees from each unit. The company may, at its discretion, decide to have some of the receiving done at the final destination/department by employees in such areas as required.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard · Richard Leblanc

Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

Jan IO", 2006

### **WORK REFUSAL**

The following procedure will be implemented should the Government of Ontario amend the current Occupational Health and Safety Act and remove or weaken the "Right to Refuse or to Stop Work where Health or Safety is Danger" clause in said Act.

An employee who has reason to believe that he is being required to perform a job in conditions that may endanger himself or another employee may refuse to perform such job until such time that the situation is satisfactorily resolved with his Supervisor; failing this, until a decision is reached by one of the following:

- two (2) JHSC representatives (i.e. one (1) from the Company and one (1) from the Union);
- a third party mutually agreed to by both the Company and the Union;
- or the appropriate Department of Labour representative, in that order.

The employee will be required to perform other assigned work while the above procedure **is** in progress.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

Jan 10th, 2006

### **Q.A. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

For Quality Assurance positions, the academic requirement will be grade twelve (12), or a "letter of recognition for equivalency to grade twelve (12)". (i.e. the Algonquin College program or one of a similar institution), or the successful completion of a program in Metallurgy which will be offered by the Company from time to time. Employees who take the course in Metallurgy offered by the Company will not lose pay for scheduled work hours used in attendance at this course. Such employees will not be compensated for any non-working hours which are required to be spent in attendance at this course.

If an employee who has not been offered the opportunity to take the Metallurgy course is offered the position, then he will be assigned to the position conditional that he / she successfully completes the course the next time it is offered to him / her. Until successful completion of the course, the employee will not be eligible to move up the Quality Assurance line of progression.

If the employee is unsuccessful in completing the course when offered to him / her, or if any employee refuses to take the course, he / she must return to the job he / she previously held, if still available; if not available, he / she will bump in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

#### **LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

#### TEMPORARY FOREMAN

Employees temporarily transferred to a non-bargaining unit job will be utilized for vacation, illness, and training purposes. It is not the intent of the Company to use bargaining unit employees in lieu of creating additional staff or non-bargaining unit positions.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc

Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

#### **LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

#### OVERTIME DISPUTES

In cases where there is a dispute as to whether or not an employee has been called for overtime work, the following paragraphs will govern.

The Union will be provided a copy of the computer printout of telephone activity at the extension concerned. It is understood, however, that at the present time, these printouts are not completely reliable.

Supervisors will keep accurate records of phone call made. These records will include: the name of the employee called; the telephone number; the date of the call; the job for which he was called; the number of hours overtime available; and

the result of the call (i.e. accepted, refused, answering machine, no answer.) These records will be considered to govern in the event that the call is not registered on the computer printout. These records will be filed where they can be inspected and photocopied upon request.

The Company will look into ensuring that the computer system continues to register calls made from the plant. If any problems with the system cannot be solved for technical reasons or if the cost of upgrading the system is prohibitive, the company will communicate these facts to the union as they are known to the company.

When a supervisor is required to place calls for overtime from outside the plant, the supervisor will fill in the call-in sheet as described above and will file this sheet before the end of the next working day where it can be inspected and photocopied upon request.

The Company will leave a voice message on answering machines.

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

## LETTER OFAGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## WELDERS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT RIECHANICS

Re: To economically provide the welding and heavy equipment needs during off hours while all welders and heavy equipment mechanics work days.

- 1. The regular work week for the welders and heavy equipment mechanics will consist of forty (30) hours to be worked in five (5) days of eight (8) hours each day, 07:30 hours to 15:30 hours, Monday to Friday. This shall not be construed as a guarantee of daily or weekly hours.
- 2 On a rotation basis. one (I) welder and one (I) heavy equipment mechanic may be scheduled "on call" from  $15\,30$  hours on Friday to  $07\,30$  hours of the following Friday
- 3. Employees arc required to report to work within a reasonable period of time from the time the call is placed.
- 4. The employee on call will be utilized for emergencies which occur outside regular working hours, and which cannot be repaired by personnel available at work. It is understood that upon completion of the specifiedjob which was identified when the call was placed, that the employee can return home, subject to any additional emergencies which may arise while the employee is on site. Should additional help be required, than additional employec(s) shall be called in on overtime as per the collective agreement.
- 5. The name of the welder and the heavy equipment mechanic "on call" shall be posted weekly.
- 6. Substitutions for "on call" duty are permissible provided the Foreman is informed in advance and agrees to the change.
- 7. In addition to any overtime pay for work performed,

each employee shall receive two (2) hours of pay at the regular rate of pay for each full day that he is available on call.

- 8. Long range pagers will be provided by the company.
- 9. All hours paid in overtime which is a result of "on call" periods will not be counted as overtime for the purpose of the overtime distribution list. (re; article 18:08 of the CLA).

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc
Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## <u>VACATION SCHEDULING CLARIFICATION</u> - (RATIO)

For the purpose of article 21.08 (b) of selecting vacation dates, the number of employees in the department includes all employees on posted jobs during the vacation selection period except employees on Long Term Disability leave. The employees on LTD, at their return to **work**, will be accommodated to take vacation during the summer period if required.

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#### OVERTIME DISTRIBUTION CLARIFICATION

- 1. The parties agree for the duration of the current collective agreement, to the following procedure regarding the assignment of overtime for temporary vacancies:
- 2. All overtime to be as per article 18 of the collective agreement. Article 18.07 (a) provides a definition of employees who are "normally performing the work". Pursuant to that definition, "Normally performing the work" as used in this agreement includes an employee who is performing the work on a temporary basis of one week or more. Such employees will not be entitled to overtime on their regular jobs for the duration of the temporary assignment.
- 3. The Company retains the right to fill temporary vacancies at straight time rates, without incurring any overtime costs by moving its employees up the line of progression and using the manpower reserve pool to fill a vacancy in the line.
- 4. Where the Company cannot fill temporary vacancies at straight time rates as outlined in (3) above and must incur overtime costs, it agrees to fill the original temporary vacancy by a full overtime shift with an employee who normally performs the work by reverse order of overtime hours worked / refused;

- 5. Where the Company cannot fill the temporary vacancies as outlined in (4) above it agrees to fill the vacancies by:
- a) offering four (4) hours of the overtime shift to the employee finishing the shift before the shift on which the overtime is requires and who normally performs this work; or by offering four (4) hours of overtime to the employee normally performing the job on the incoming shift but, not to both and by,
- b) offering the balance of the overtime shift to any employee who is qualified to perform the work (employees normally performing the work in the line of progression! Department will have priority;);
- 6. Where the Company cannot fill the temporary vacancies as outlined in (5) above it agrees to fill vacancies by a full overtime shift with a qualified employee normally performing the work in the line of progression by reverse order of overtime hours worked / refused:
- 7 Where the Company cannot fill the temporary vacancies as set out (6) it agrees to fill the vacancies by a full overtime shift with any employee who is qualified to perform the work.

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#### **INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 18.03 - "VALID REASONS"**

- For the life of the collective agreement, the Company will administer article 18 defining valid reasons as follows:
- Doctor's note covering personal sickness; a)
- All paid leaves, including WI and WSIB; b)
- Granted Union leave c)
- Granted unpaid leave d)

All other absences will not be considered for valid reason within the meaning of article 18.03 and overtime will be paid only for "hours worked in excess of his regular work weck".

For the purposes of the calculation of overtime, including for the "44" and "4" shift schedule, the above valid reasons shall be considered to be time worked. All other absences shall not be counted as time worked.

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#### PENSION PLAN "GROW-IN WINDOW"

An employee who retires between September 1, 2002 and August 31, 2005 will be eligible for the "Grow-in Window" and will receive their pension based on the members Credited Service and the Basic and Bridge benefit rates in effect on the date of retirement.

The Basic and Bridge benefit rates will increase, for all years of Credited Service, for members who retire between September 1, 2002 and August 31, 2005 on the dates specified below:

	Basic Benefit	Pension	Bridge Benefit	Pension
September 1, 2004	\$56		\$28	
Au <sub>3</sub> ust 31, 2005	\$58		\$30	

The above noted benefit increase will include any cost of living adjustments provided during the term of this Window. In any event the increase shall not be greater than the above-specified benefits. Upon the expiration of the "Grow-in Window" members will receive pension indexing provided under the current indexing formula.

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## "FURNACE OPERATOR - EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP)"

#### **Preamble**

This Employee development programme will replace the Furnace Line of Progression when ratified by the incumbents according to Paragraph 14. When ratified, the provisions of the collective agreement relating to Lines of Progression will not apply.

Article 9.01(e) of the collective agreement will apply to this EDP. Article 9.05 (temporary transfers) does not apply within the EDP group.

#### 1. Content of Program.

There shall be three (3) "Knowledge Blocks" with various corresponding skill requirements and operating responsibilities.

Level III :Ladle Arc Refiner + 1st Helper EAF+ 2nd

**Helper EAF** 

Level II : Ist Helper EAF+ 2nd Helper EAF

Level I :2nd Helper EAF

#### 2. Entry into the Program.

Employees will enter the "FURNACE OPERATOR" - Employee Development Program" in accordance with Article 8 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Employees who enter the program will be advised of the requirements to successfully complete each knowledge block to attain the required level of skill and ability.

## 3. Minimum/Maximum Training Times for knowledge Blocks.

Employees will receive the training required in each knowledge block to become proficient with the tasks in that knowledge block. The normal minimum time period required to gain reasonable experience on a knowledge block is 148 completed work hours and the maximum training period is 240 completed work hours. Concerns about training will be addressed by the Committee referred to in Paragraph 13. The normal minimum training may not apply depending upon the job, the individual's prior knowledge, and the individual's aptitude for the job. The Company agrees to consult with the Committee in cases where the minimum training period appears to be excessive in light of the above factors. Training will include doubling up with an experienced worker and evaluation. The training period may vary depending upon the prior knowledge of the individual.

Where possible, the training period will be uninterrupted. However, if it is necessary to interrupt the training period due to operational reasons, the training will be continued as soon as possible.

Evaluation on a knowledge block will include practical demonstration of operating ability coupled with written and/or oral demonstration of knowledge.

Note: "Double up" training means that the trainee is assigned to learn the tasks by working on them along with an experienced worker.

#### 4. Pay for each Knowledge Block.

The minimum rate of pay will be the rate for Knowledge Block 1. Employees will be paid the rate for the appropriate knowledge block when the "double up" training for that knowledge block is complete.

#### 5. Movement Through the Development Program.

The Company will provide the training and operating exposure to ensure that every employee entering the program has the opportunity to complete the program in a period of 12 months from the date of entry.

The Company will ensure that employees will commence training on different knowledge blocks within intervals of not more than 3 months.

When an employee commences training in a knowledge block the employee will remain in training in that knowledge block until hc/she successfully completes the knowledge block or reaches the maximum training time of 240 hours, subject to Paragraph 3.

Where it is possible to move employees in intervals shorter than those specified herein, the employees to get first opportunity for training will be selected in accordance with the seniority principles of the collective bargaining agreement.

The parties are in agreement that the success of this EDP depends upon a commitment to complete the required training in a timely fashion. Therefore, if the Company cannot meet its commitment to commence training at the end of the 3 month intervals, it will consult with the Local Union president or designate in order to discuss arrangements to commence training as soon as possible thereafter.

#### 6. Skill Maintenance and Rotation.

In order to maintain the level of skill and ability, all employees will be required to rotate on all knowledge blocks, for which they are qualified every3 weeks. This period may be increased up to a maximum of 10 weeks by consensus of the Committee.

For purposes of overtime distribution, all the employees in the EDP will **be** considered **to** be "normally performing the work" of Furnace Operator.

## 7. Placement of employees mho do not complete the Development Program.

The Company will determine the employee's level of skill, and ability in a fair and equitable manner. As part of the evaluation process the Company will inform the employee of problem areas and provide an opportunity to acquire the required level of skill and ability. If an employee is unable to attain the required level of skill and ability, the Company may remove such employee from the program and place them in accordancewith the terms of the current collective bargaining agreement. Prior to doing this, the Committee referred to below will be consulted. If the employee does not agree with



such decision, it may be appealed through the grievance procedure.

Where an employee has completed most of the program and is subsequently limited by reasons of health from performing the full scope of the program, the Company will endeavour to assign the employee work which they can perform, recognizing both the individual's limitations and the training and rotational capabilities of the group. The employee will be compensated on the basis of work performed.

#### 8. Incumbent Employees.

Incumbent employees in the program will be named, assessed and slotted into the different levels of each knowledge block of the Employee Development Program by the appropriate Supervisor from each area in accordance with the employees' demonstrated skill and ability and attached to this agreement as "Appendix A".

The initial rate of pay for those incumbent employees will be that of the highest knowledge block they have achieved. All further increases for these incumbent employees, their replacements or new participants will be under the terms and conditions of this "Letter of Agreement".

#### 9. Previous Experience.

Employees with previous experience who return to the program under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement will enter the program according to the seniority provisions of the current Collective Bargaining

Agreement. These employees will be required to demonstrate skill and ability on each knowledge block of the program and any required training time to complete the program will be reduced in recognition of the level of skill and ability attained while previously in the Employee Development Program.

#### 10. Grandparent Protection.

On the date of implementation of the Employee Development Program, a maximum of 4 (based on 16 incumbents and based on the specific conditions in this department) employees who are unable or do not wish to participate in the program, will be afforded "grandparent" protection at their present level and will be paid at that level. These employees will be expected to rotate on all positions below their present level. Those employees who are protected will be named and slotted in "Appendix B".

#### 11. Rates of Pay:

Knowledge Block	Job Grou
Block III	Class 23
Block II	Class 21
Block I	Class 14

#### 12. Trial and assessment period

This agreement is subject to a trial period of 12 months duration. During this period, the parties will assess the programme and will diligently discuss and endeavor to resolve any problems. At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the 12 month period, the parties will confirm to

each other in writing their intention to either continue or cancel the programme. Continuation of the programme requires the written agreement of both parties. This programme may be extended, with appropriate modifications, to other sections of the mill.

In the event that the programme is discontinued, the remaining employees listed in appendix A will be slotted back to their original positions. Any vacancies that have occurred during the trial period will be filled by seniority as per the terms of the collective agreement by these employees and any employees who have posted into the EDP since its implementation.

#### 13. Committee

The Company recognizes that the Union plays an integral role in the success of this Employee Development Programme. Therefore, a Consultation Committee for this Employee Development Programme will be constituted. Such committee will consist of the Department Head or designate, one shift foreman from the Furnace area, the Local Union President or designate, and one employee appointed by the Union.

The committee will meet as required. A meeting of the Committee may be requested by either of the represented parties.

#### 14. Vote

A vote will be held by the Union among incumbents of the jobs covered by this Development Programme at the earliest opportunity following the ratification of the collective agreement. A majority of at least 75% of employees working in these jobs is required. The

programme will proceed if this majority is attained. If the majority is not attained, or if the programme is cancelled in accordance with Paragraph 12, then the provisions of the basic agreement, including those relating to lines of progression, will apply.

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#### PLANT CLOSURE

The Company and the Union agree that if the Company ceases steelmaking operations, the following provisions will take effect:

1. The Company will notify the Local and the International Union, as well as all employees, as soon as possible but in no event less than three (3) months (subject to such greater notice as may be provided under the *Employment Standards Act*) prior to the cessation of operations. If the required notice is not given to employees, payment in lieu will be made.

#### **Employee Records**

2. The Company will retain all employee records, including disability and Workers Compensation records, for seven (7) years from the date of closure.

Reasonable access to and or copies of such employee records shall be provided to the Union. In no event will the Company deny the Union access to or copies of such records where employees consent to the release of such

records.

#### Bargaining Rights

3. Successor rights shall be as per the Ontario Labour Relations Act, as amended.

#### Recall Rights

4. At the date of closure, terminated employees will maintain recall rights for a period of three (3) years.

#### Severance Pay

5. All employees, including those who retire during the closure without an actuarially unreduced pension, will receive severance pay based on the following formula. This is inclusive of any amounts of severance payment required under provincial legislation. Severance pay will be paid within 14 days of termination. An employee may opt to retain recall rights for up to the period specified in Paragraph 4 above and will then receive severance pay when recall rights expire or when the employee opts to relinquish his recall rights.

The rights of employees who' are eligible to receive an actuarially unreduced pension will be governed by the *Employment Standards Act* 

Years of service	Multiplier
One month or more and less than 5 years	1 week X all years of sewice
5 years or more and less than 15 years	1.25 weeks X all years of service
15 years or more and less than 25 years	1.5 weeks X all years of service
25 years or more and less than 30 years	2 weeks X all years of sewice

Subject to a maximum of G0 weeks of severance pay.

Payment is based on the employee's regular non-overtime work week (i.e. 40 hours for workers on 8-hour shift, or 43 hours for workers on 12-hour shift) and hourly rate at the time he received his termination notice.

Payment **is** provided to the employee either a) 100%, within two weeks; orb) partial or complete payment into the employee's RRSP, in accordance with legislation.

Vacation pay will not take into consideration the severance pay period.

#### Health and Group Insurance Benefits

6. All benefits (except STD and LTD) will continue after remination for a period equal to the severance period of the employee, subject to a maximum of six (6) months. Coverage will terminate earlier if an employee finds alternate employment that provides similar benefits. The employee has the option to convert his life insurance into a personal life insurance policy.

7. The Company will establish a procedure for processing of benefits for terminated employees and retirees and advise them of the location.

#### **Employees on Disability**

8. Employee m receipt of STD or LTD is also eligible for termination pay and severance pay as outlined above, provided he has employee status at the time of the closure. In calculating the severance payment, years of service shall include the period during which the employee was in receipt of disability benefits.

#### **Workers Compensation Benefits**

9. **An** employee in receipt of Workers Compensation Benefits (WCB) is also eligible for severance pay as outlined above. In calculating the severance payment, years of service shall include the period during which the employee was in receipt of WCB.

#### **Grievances**

10. The parties will attempt to resolve all outstanding grievances within four (4) weeks of closure. Those grievances not settled within the 4-week period will be sent to arbitration forthwith.

#### Labour Adjustment

- 11. A Labour Adjustment Committee consisting of 3 union representatives and three management representatives will be established. The Committee will be responsible for overseeing the following:
- a) **Seek** financial assistance from the federal and provincial governments.
- b) Every worker who is to be laid off will receive onehour individual needs assessment conducted on paid company time, and provided at company expense.
- c) The representatives on the Adjustment Committee will be provided two (2) days of training on adjustment issues and processes. The training will be conducted on paid company time and at company expense.
- d) The Company will provide adequate paid release time to members of the Adjustment Committee to effectively do their jobs.
- e) Office space for an Action Centre equipped with computers, telephones, and other office machines will be provided by the company.

#### **Preferential Hiring Rights**

12. Employees affected by a closure and who are not expected to be recalled, will be placed on a list in order of seniority.

- 13. The list will be provided to the IVACO plants in Ontario and Quebec. The adjustment committee will be provided with application forms for these plants. Employees who are offered work at one of these plants will receive reimbursement for relocation expenses of up to \$5,000, upon provision of receipts.
- 14. If a vacancy becomes open at the Rod Mill that is not filled from the Rod Mill bargaining unit, employees on the list will be given preference in order of seniority, provided they are qualified. Seniority accumulation for the purpose of layoff and job preference will be as the Rod Mill agreement. Service will be retained for the purpose of vacation entitlement.

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#### **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

- I: According to the Company's need, and solely at the Company's discretion, the employees who have the required qualifications and skills are eligible for specialized apprenticeship training in the various trade positions.
- 2: A -There will be one apprentice per trade, to be filled when an employee in this trade has reached the age of 60, unless there is an apprentice "on the shelf" in that trade. The trades covered by this program are:

Machinist, Mill Mechanic, Welder, Pipefitter, Electrician, Heavy Equipment Mechanic and Carpenter (i.e. Appendix "E").

- B i) When the apprentice has completed his training program he will be assigned to work in his trade as a Beginner.
- ii) If an apprentice leaves his/her program prior to completion, a new apprentice in that trade will not be assigned until such time as that individual would normally have completed his/her program. If the trigger in Paragraph 2(A) is attained after the individual leaves the program but before the individual would normally have completed his/her program, the assignment of a new apprentice will be delayed until such time.
- $C \bullet$  There will be a maximum **of** one (1) apprentice on each trade and the apprentice job posting will indicate the tradesman to be replaced at retirements. No posting will be required for this replacement upon the retirement of said tradespeople.
- D For vacancies arising from termination, resignation, early retirement and newjob creations, the job will be posted as per the Collective Agreement.
- E i) Present apprentices (on the shelf) who have completed their training periods will fill vacancies in their trade as per the job posting procedure, or remain on their existing job as per the Collective Agreement.
- ii) Present apprentices on training will be covered by Section

- 2 (B) of this agreement if there is an employee above 60 years of age in this particular trade. If no employee in the trades has attained the age of 60 by the time the apprenticeship is complete, they will be covered by Section 2 (E) (1).
- F A candidate for apprenticeshipjobs is required to have successfully completed the Bennett Mechanical Comprehensiontest.
- 3: The applicants for the apprenticeship program must not be qualified in one of the regulated trades. Employees may apply in accordance with the procedures provided in the Collective Agreement.
- 4: The applicants for the apprenticeship program must have the following qualifications:
- A) **An** employee who qualifies for credits in one period or more in the apprenticeship program schedule as a result of having acquired experience in the position concerned while working for Ivaco Rolling Mills in a position which is closely related will be given the credit(s) as follows:
- a) less than one (I) year of experience: nil
- b) 1 to 2 years of experience: 1 period
- c) 2 to 3 years of experience: 2 periods
- d) 3 years or more of experience: 3 periods

#### B) Education

I. Employees comprised in Group A) herein above must have, as a minimum condition of acceptance, a grade ten high school certificate, a specialized trade school certificate or pass the aptitude and reasoning tests prepared by the

Company. Should an employee who lacks the qualifications be offered an apprenticeship position, such employee will be allowed to take the necessary courses required to pass such tests. During this period the apprenticeship position shall be held open for the employee. Each apprenticeship application set forth as appendix "A", complete with documented proof of education and experience, shall be submitted to the appropriate Provincial Government Department. All applicationswill be reviewed by the CWS committee.

- 2. All other employees must have, as a minimum a grade ten high school certificate attesting that they have completed with success the preparatory courses for the position to which they wish to apply.
- 3. Should the Provincial Apprenticeship Acceptance requirements be greater than the Company's requirement, the Provincial Requirement shall be the minimum condition of acceptance into an apprenticeship program.
- 4. The candidates to apprenticeship who have more education than the minimum required under 1 and 2 above, shall be granted credit as follows:
- a) I year more than the minimum: I period
- b) 2 years more than the minimum: 3 periods
- **5: As** a condition of their being accepted as apprentices, the candidates must complete and sign the special application formula and the apprenticeship agreement which respectively appear as Appendices "A" and "B" of this Agreement.
- 6: The Company must give the Union a list showing the chosen apprentices and any subsequent change in their training periods. Such list includes:

- a) the job title;
- b) the name of the apprentice;
- c) the training period to which he is assigned;
- d) the date of his assignment to such training period
- 7: All those undertaking an apprenticeship program must sign an "Apprenticeship Agreement" with the Company. This Agreement stipulates the length of the apprenticeship, the salary rate and any other applicable condition. A sample of this agreement appears as Appendix "B" of this Agreement.
- 8: The Company must advise the Union when an Apprenticeship Agreement is cancelled for whatever reason. If the Union does not agree with the Company's decision it may file a grievance in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- 9: A candidate hired from the outside and who qualified for an apprenticeship course starts his training at the beginning of the first 1040 hour period and is paid at the standard hourly rate of a job class 5 unless he is assigned to a different 1040 hour period in accordance with section 4, and in such case he is paid the applicable standard hourly rate for that period to which he is assigned. Subsequently, at the end of each 1040 hour period of effective work in the Company's employ, he is given the standard hourly rate of the next following job class, the whole as stipulated in the training program which appears as Appendices "C" and "D" of this Agreement.
- I0: **An** employee presently in the Company's employ and who qualified for an apprenticeship program will be trained in accordance with the provisions of section 4 above mentioned but the following provisions apply with respect to his hourly rate:

- A) If his regular hourly rate is that of the standard hourly rate of job class 8 or above, he will be paid a salary rate corresponding to the job class S standard hourly rate for as long as that rate is equal or above the rate for the various periods on the apprenticeship schedule, subsequently his rate will increase in accordance with such schedule
- B) If his regular hourly rate is that of the standard hourly rate of job class 5 up to and including job class 7, he will be paid a salary rate corresponding to the job class 5 standard hourly rate for as long as that rate is equal or above the rate for the various periods on the apprenticeship schedule; subsequently his rate will increase in accordance with such schedule.
- C) If his regular hourly rate is lower than the standard hourly rate of job class 5, he will be paid the standard hourly rate provided in the schedule of apprenticeship periods in accordance with the periods to which he is assigned.
- 11: At the end of their apprenticeship, employees who have followed an apprenticeship program must submit to an examination in accordance with the provisions of section 5.05(E) of the C.W.S. Manual.
- 12: The rate changes determined by the 1040 hour period are effected at the beginning of the pay period which next follows the expiry of the 1040 hours.
- 13 a): When an apprentice has completed his training as per 2 (E) (i) (ii), he shall be returned to his previous job, provided such job still exists. If such job docs not exist, he will have the right to bump as per the bumping clauses of the Collective Agreement. Employees displaced by this move may exercise their bumping rights as per the Collective Agreement.

- 13 b): If a job becomes vacant in a position related to an apprenticeship which an employee has successfully completed within the Company's apprenticeship program, the employee is assigned to this vacant job in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Collective Agreement and he is paid the beginner's rate for the job in question except as stipulated in section 10 herein above.
- 14: If there is no vacantjob in the position in which an employee has satisfactorily completed his apprenticeship in the apprenticeship program, the apprentice is none-the-less considered as having a journeyman's qualifications at a beginner's rate in the job in question. The provisions of section 13 apply when the employee is subsequently transferred or assigned to the job for which he has qualified.
- **15**: An employee accepted in **an** apprenticeship program for a given job cannot terminate his apprenticeship unless so authorized by the Company.
- 16: The Contract of Apprenticeship properly completed, will be distributed to the apprentice, the Company, the appropriate Provincial Government Department, and the Union. In addition, the Company will supply the apprentice with a record book.
- 17: Should an employee who has been a successful applicant into the Company's apprenticeship program have to take the approved Provincial Apprenticeship training courses in a location outside of the Ottawa Hawkesbury Cornwall region, the Company's policy regarding financial assistance in such cases is the following:
- 1) Transportation expenses to and from such location will

be reimbursed by the Company on the following basis:

- (a) said transportation is a maximum of every week at the course location;
- (b) the method of transportation must be approved by the Company;
- (c) The Company's transportation reimbursement policy will be used to calculate the amount of reimbursement.
- 2) Sleeping accommodation expenses will be reimbursed by the Company. The Company must first approve the choice of accommodationmade by the employee. In any case such reimbursement or advancement will not exceed \$700.00 per month.
- 3) The Company will reimburse to the employee any wages which he may not be eligible to receive, while on such training courses, from government programs regardless of the location.
- 4) Should the courses be in Ottawa or Cornwall the Company will supply an employee with the necessary travel allowance for his own car as per Company policy.
- To be eligible for such reimbursement the employee must successfullypass the apprenticeship courses he takes.
- 18: All expenses incurred during the school terms (e.g. books, clothing, boots, equipment, etc.) as approved by the Company, and all appropriate expenses incurred in order to

obtain Provincial Licenses, including salary, as approved by the Company, will be reimbursed.

- 19: The Joint CWS Committee will review the apprenticeship program on a tri-monthly basis so as to advise the Company of any problems, suggest recommendations, periodically review the progress of apprentices, and evaluate the administration of the program.
- 20: The installation of the Apprentice Training Program shall come under the jurisdiction of the Personnel Department. The Joint CWS Committee duties shall include recording the progress of apprentices; assuring that they are trained according to schedule; assuring that course work is being completed and generally assisting the apprentices in every way possible.

The Personnel Department shall co-operate with the Joint CWS Committee in its work.

- 21 a): The Departmental Supervisor shall keep accurate records of the progress of each apprentice in his department as to practical and related training; and report to the CWS Committee at specified intervals regarding the progress of apprentices, usually at the end of each month.
- 21 b): The apprentice's immediate supervisor shall ensure that the apprentice obtains the practical work experience outlined in the Schedule of Job Training as established for the respective trade and Related Organized Training and is given instruction in safe working methods in each operation as it is encountered throughout the terms of the apprenticeship. The apprentice shall receive active instruction from journeymen and not be put on the job and expected to learn it alone. He must be given every assistance by qualified

journeymen in learning all phases of the trade.

The apprentice shall regularly attend any scheduled lecture courses and do such reasonable home study work as may be prescribed by the Company from time to time in order to assist him with his training. All time spent at any such lectures shall be considered as time worked.

- 22 a) An apprentice who is in the program as of the date of ratification, or who enters the program thereafter, must obtain his/her provincial qualifications with 12 months of completion of the program.
- 22(b) Current incumbents in trade jobs are deemed to be qualified for the trade in which they are employed even if they are not licensed.
- 23 In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the apprenticeship program and those of the Collective. Agreement in effect, the Collective Agreement has priority.

Signed this 10th, day of January, 2006

Agreed: Pierre Lessard Richard Leblanc Ivaco Rolling Mills USWA Local 8794

#### APPENDIX "A"

THE APPRENTICESHIP

TO

APPLICATION

**PROGRAM** 

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3. Technical school.....

Year completed.....

Specialized in.....

Experience acquired at Ivaco Rolling Mills on this job or on

a closely relatedjob		
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Signature		
Date	Time	•
Foreman signature		
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## APPENDIX "B" APPRENTICESHIPAGREEMENT IVACO ROLLING MILLS L'ORIGNAL, ONTARIO

This agreement, in triplicate, executed thisaay
of 20 between Ivaco Rolling mills,
L'Orignal, Ontario (hereinafter the "Company") and
(Hereinafter the "Apprentice"),
age born on the, day of
19, witnesses that the above mentioned parties agree that:
1. The Apprentice will work as an apprentice for the
Company to learn the job of
for a period of hours of work commencing
<ol><li>The apprentice will comply with the provisions of the Collective Agreement in effect and to the rules and regulations in effect.</li></ol>
3. The Company will take all adequate and reasonable means to properly teach the Apprentice the job of
to which he is bound by these conditions, and once the

Apprentice will have completed the apprenticeship program to the Company's satisfaction, the latter will submit to the Apprentice an apprenticeship certificate attesting his competence and knowledge of the position in which he was bound.

- 4. The Company may terminate this agreement by giving a notice to the Apprentice to this effect of at least seven (7) days, the whole subject to the grievance procedure of the Collective Agreement In effect.
- 5. The Apprentice will be subject to all the provisions of the agreement concerning the apprenticeship program, which provisions are shown in Appendix "A.

N WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereinafter signed
Apprentice
IVACO ROLLING MILLS
Per:

#### APPENDIX "C"

#### TRAINING PERIODS

	Tr	aini	ng F	Perio	d	
Apprenticeship Trade Job	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Jol	Cl	asse	es		
Electrician (Wireman)	5	б	7	8	10	12
Machinist "A"	5	6	7	8	10	12
Millwright	5	6	7	9	11	<b></b>
Pipefitter(Steamfitter)	5	6	8	10		
Welder	5	6	8	Ю		••
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	5	6	8	10		
Carpenter	5	6	8	10		

## APPENDIS "D" APPRENTICES HIP TRAINING SCHEDULE Training periods of 1040 hours

JOB													
CLASS	Ι	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 14
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#### Job classes

I8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 12   14 16   18
17	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 11 13 15 17
16	1 2 3 4 5 6 8 10   12 14   16
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#### APPENDIX "E"

#### **APPRENTICESHIP POSITIONS**

MILLWRIGHT

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PIPEFITTER (STEAMFITTER)

MACHINIST

HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC

RE: Laundry

The Union will establish a "bleach committee" to administer the laundry facilities.

The Company agrees to purchase and donate to the Bleach Committee coin-operated industrial washers and dryers when the existing employee purchased washers and dryers cannot be repaired for \$150 or less, or the Company elects not to pay an amount over \$150 to effect the repair.

The Union agrees that the cost of repairs and replacement of the coin-operated units will be at the sole expense of the Committee. All proceeds from the units will be the property of the Committee.

RE: Discipline

Effective the date of ratification, the Company will remove all reference on the discipline form to the discipline that was imposed, except for cases involving health and safety violations and cases where the discipline is active and in process.

This includes cases where a grievance is active, or the time period to file a grievance has not expired.

Upon ratification, the Company will remove the demerits for all employees whose disciplinary measures are not active or in process. In addition, the Company will not refer to such discipline in grievance or arbitration to support any subsequent discipline.

# **EXTRAS**

#### UNION REFERENCES

Local Union President

At plant: 613-675-4671 ext. 6431

Mobile: 613-551-5000 Hall: 613-632-1622 Fax: 613-632-3449

e-mail: uswa8794@hawknet ca

#### Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee

At plant. 613-675-4671 ext. 6389

Mobile: 613-676-1948 Hall: 613-632-1622 Fax: 613-632-3449

#### COMPANY REFERENCES

Medical Departement: 613-675-4671 ext. 6690 Human Resources Departement: 613-675-4671 ext. 669 I

Guard House 613-675-4671 ext. 6205 (Please take note that if you have to call  $_{111}$  sick, try to call at least 2hrs before the start of your shift)

#### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

#### $E.A.P.\ COMMITTEE\ MEMBERS$

Roger Pelletier Keith Murray Robert Berniqué 6414 6295-6308 ext.: ext.: 6262 ext.: Roch Laflamme Lynn Brosseau 6471 ext.: 6364 ext.: 6645-6228 Robert Lalande ext.: Paulette Julien ext.: 6690 Luc Ladouceur ext.: 6082 Corporate Health Consultants: English: 1-800-268-5211

EAP= EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### **WORKPLACE HARASMENT POLICY**

Ivaco Rolling Mills is committed to provide a working environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. All employees have the right to freedom from harassment in the workplace while performing their duties, at other work related business and social functions. There shall be no discrimination based on sex, race, religion, disability or nationality. The harassment of a colleague, supervisor or subordinate constitutes a serious disciplinary infraction and will be subject to disciplinary measures up to and including immediate termination of employment.

Any employee who thinks that he/she is subject of harassment should make his/her disapproval and unease known to the harasser immediately. If the situation is not resolved, it should be reported confidentially with specific details such as dates, time and names to the Manager, Personnel & Industrial Relations. The Manager, Personnel & Industrial Relations shall deal with any complaint in total confidence involving only the complainant, the alleged harasser and, in the case of a unionized employee, the Unit Chairperson.

G.D. Silverman Vice President & General Manager



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