COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

FREEMAN DECORATINGLTD.

(hereinafter called "the Employer")

OF THE FIRST PART

-and

THE LABOURERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 506

(hereinafter called "the Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the parties hereto are desirous of establishing a form of standard Collective Agreement with respect to employees engaged in connection with or related to exhibit and display work so as to provide uniform interpretation, application and administration of the relationship established.

It is expressly agreed and declared by and between the parties hereto as follows:

ARTICLE ■ =	DURATION OF AGREEMENT:
1:01	This Agreement shall be effective and operative from the 1 st day of December, 1999 and shall remain in full force until the 31 st day of December, 2002.
1:02	Should either party desire to change, add to, amend or terminate this Agreement, written notice to that effect will be given on or before the first day of October prior to the termination date. On receipt of such notice the parties hereto shall meet and bargain in good faith for the purpose of renewing this Agreement. If no written notice is given, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed and remain in force from

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ARTICLE 2:	RECOGNITION:
2:01	The Employer recognizes that Labourers' International Union of North America, Local 506, is the bargaining agent for all its employees working in a Plant or Plants within O.L.R.H. Area 8. save and except non-working foreman, persons above the rank of non-working foreman office and sales staff, persons regularly employed for not more than twenty-four (24) hours per week and persons covered by the field Agreement between Freeman Decorating Ltd. and Labourers' International Union of North America, Local 506.
ARTICLE 3:	UNION SECURITY:
3:01	All employees under this Agreement, as a condition of continuecl employment, shall become and remain members of the Union during the life of this Agreement.
3:02	The Employer shall deduct from the wages of such employee covered by this Agreement regular union dues and <i>initiation</i> fees in such amounts as the Union may from time to time advise the Employer in writing. The amount of the dues and initiation fees so deducted shall be remitted to an official of the Union designated in writing within fifteen (15) days after the end of the month in which they were so deducted. At the time of sending such remittance the Employer will send to the Union a list of employees from whom such wages and initiation fees have been deducted.
3:03	In hiring, when the list of laid off employees who are subject to recall as provided in this Agreement has been exhausted, the Employer is free to engage employees from other sources, provided they apply for and secure membership in the Union upon the completion of the probationary period.
ARTICLE 4:	SUBCONTRACTING:
4:01 *`*	The Employer agrees not to subcontract work traditionally performed by bargaining unit employees and provided the employees are qualified to perform the available work. This clause does not apply to cleaning of display booths or specialty carpet laying , provided such

subcontracting of display booth cleaning is subcontracting to a contractor in contractual relationship with Local 506.

RTICLE 5: MANAGEMENT:

- 5:01 The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Company to hire, promote, demote, classify, transfer, retire and suspend employees, and also the right of the Company to discipline or discharge any employees for just cause provided that a claim by an employee, who has acquired seniority, that he has been discharged or disciplined without just cause of who has been dealt within a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided.
- 5:02 The Union further recognizes the right of the Company to operate and manage its business in all respects in accordance with its commitments and responsibilities. The location of plant premises, products to be manufactured, schedules of production, the work standards and production standards and methods, the processes and means of production and processing used, the right to decide on the number of employees needed by the Company at anytime, and the right to use new or improved methods, equipment and jurisdiction over all operations, buildings, machinery, tools and employees are solely and exclusively the responsibility of the Company. The Company also has the right to make, alter from time to time, and enforce rules and regulations not contrary to the provisions of the Agreement to be observed by the Employees. The Company shall post any written rules and regulations and any changes in such rules and regulations. The Company agrees to notify the Union in writing prior to the posting of such rules and regulations or amendments thereto.
- 5:03 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions, it is expressly understood and agreed that of any breach of the plant rules or any of the provisions of the plant rules or any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be conclusively deemed to be sufficient cause for discipline of an employee provided that nothing herein shall prevent a non-probationary employee going through the grievance procedure to determine whether or not such breach actually

	took place and or if there was just cause for such discipline.
5:04	A Committee of one (1) labourer from the Shop Bargaining Unit and the Warehouse Supervisor will meet twice (2) a year mid March and Mid October to discuss shop related items in the areas covered by this Agreement.
	The meetings will be chaired by the Director of Operations. The meetings will take place at 61 Browns Line after work hours and all members of the bargaining unit may attend as observers. Any items to be discussed must be presented in writing to Director of Operations five (5) days prior to day of meeting. Additional meeting if agreed by committee.
ARTICLE 6:	PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND SENIORITY:
6:01	During the first ninety (90) calendar days of employment with the Employer, an employee shall be considered a probationary employee, and on qualifying, his seniority shall date back to the time of hiring. During his probationary period an employee shall be subject to all the provisions of this Agreement, save and except the grievance procedure in the event of discharge.
:02	In the event that the probationary period of employment with the Employer is interrupted by a lay-off, the employee, ifrehired within a period equal to his former service with the Employer, shall receive credit for the number of calendar days previously employed by the Employer.
6:03	Any lay-off of employees shall be carried out in order of seniority so long as it does not prevent the employer from maintaining an adequate work force of employees who have the ability to perform the work to be dome. Where it is necessary to retain employees with special skills and ability in order to maintain an adequate work force than the senior employees having the specific skills and ability to perform the work in question shall be retained. Where the ability of two (2) or more employees to perform the work to be done is relatively equal, then seniority shall be the deciding factor.
6:04	In the event of a termination due to lack of work an employee shall receive notice in accordance with the Employment Standards Act. In the event of a temporary lay-off, an employee shall receive

	no less than one (1) week advance notice. Employees who are laid off shall retain their full seniority for a period equal to their length of service or twelve (12) months, whichever is shorter.
6:05	Preferential seniority shall be given to each Shop Steward and provided he is able to perform the work which is available he shall be one of the last two (2) men retained by the Employer. Laid off employees, provided they are able and willing to do the work, shall have preference of
6:07	When a senior employee is recalled for work and is unable to return, he will be first recalled on the next recall. The Employer shall not be required to recall any employee who has three times refused recall.
6:08	The seniority of all employees in the bargaining unit shall be set forth on a list showing the employees' name and dates of hiring. The Warehouse Manager and Union Steward will submit list to Union as changes occur and will also post seniority list.
ና:09	The Union will provide to Freeman Decorating Ltd., a list of their members who are willing to work in the Shop as casual labourers under Article 6:02 of the Shop Agreement. Freeman DecoratingLtd., will use these members as their first choice of hiring for casual work in the shop. The list will include name, address, phone number and S.I.N. It will be the responsibility of the labourer to up-date any changes to the shop Supervisor. This list will have no seniority basis.
ARTICLE 7:	LOSS OF SENIORITY:
7:01	An employee shall lose his seniority rights and shall be deemed to be terminated if he:
	(a) voluntarily quits the employ of the Employer;
	(b) is discharged and is not reinstated through the grievance and arbitration procedure;
	(c) is laid off and not recalled within the period provided for in Article 6;
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	 (d) fails to return to work, except as provided for in Article 6:07, within two (2) days after he has been notified by the Employer to return to work. Notice to be given by Registered Mail; (e) is absent for two (2) consecutive working days without notifying the Employer.
7:02	The Employer will notify the Union Steward in the event that an employee loses his seniority for any of the above reasons.
ARTICLE 8:	NO DISCRIMINATION:
8:01	There shall be no discrimination, restraint or coercion against any employee by either the Employer or the Union because of race, creed, colour, age, sex or national origin.
ARTICLE 9:	HOURS OF WORK:
9:01	The maximum number of working hours per day shall be eight (8) and the maximum number of working hours per week shall be forty (40), Monday to Friday inclusive, any work outside of these hours shall be overtime work, save and except the provisions of this Agreement relating to Shift Work.
9:02	Employees who have worked in excess of 7 consecutive days or a total of 60 working hours in a period of less than 7 consecutive days shall be entitled to a break of no less than 48 hours.
ARTICLE 10:	OVERTIME:
10:01	All work performed in excess of the regular working day of eight (8) hours from Monday to Friday inclusive shall be deemed overtime work. The rate of wages shall be time and one half the regular day shift rate.
10:02	All work performed on Saturdays and Sundays shall be paid for at time and one-hal f the regular day shift rate for the first eight (8) hours and double time after that.
10:03	All work performed after 10 hours per day shall be paid for at Double the Regular Day Shift Rate ?

	Monday through Friday inclusive.
10:04	Should overtime be scheduled, then the Employer should distribute overtime on an equal and non-discriminatory manner, provided they are capable of performing the available work.
10:05	All work performed on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, civic Holiday, Dominion Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day, shall be deemed to be premium and to be paid at the rate of twice the regular day shift rate. Where an employee commences a shift on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday as defined above, premium rates shall apply until the shift is completed. There shall be no pyramiding of overtime premium with premium pay for work performed on a holiday.
10:06	An employee after finishing a shift of any duration shall be given a minimum of eight (8) consecutive hours off before being required to report for another shift otherwise overtime rates will apply. Any shift starting at midnight could start at 11:30 p.m. previous and be paid at the next days rate, and anyone having to leave work early to accommodate the 11:30 p.m. start and starts the 11:30 p.m. shift will be paid for the 1/2 hour that they lost.
<u>ARTICLE 11:</u>	SHIFT WORK:
11:01	A premium of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per hour in addition to the employee's classified rate shall be paid For all hours worked outside of 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A premium of One Dollar and seventy-five (\$1.75) cents per hour in addition to the employee's classified rate shall be paid for all hours worked between 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. (midnight shift only) No pyramiding of premium\$.
11:02	Each Employee who works a split shift will receive a half hours pay for travel if the second portion is worked. Travel Time to be paid at the rate of second half of split shift.
ARTICLE 12:	REPORTING DAY:
12:01	Any employee who is scheduled to report for work and who does report for work , unless previously'

notified not to report, shall be guaranteed four (4) hours pay at his regular hourly rate. To qualify for such pay the employee affected would be required to take such alternate work as may be available, in the event that his normal work is not available. In the event that an employee has been scheduled to work on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, and who does report for work, unless previously notified not to report, then overtime rates shall apply for the call In period.

ARTICLE 13:	PAYMENT OF WAGES:
13:01	All time cards are to be closed weekly and employees shall be paid by direct deposit each Thursday. Employees will be allowed one change per calendar year.
13:02	When an employee is laid off or discharged, his final wages and separation documents will be available at the office by the following Thursday. Should the employee not pick up his pay or separation documents on the Thursday, then they will be immediately sent to his last known address by registered mail.
13:03	Accompanying each payment of wages shall be a separate statement identifying both the employer and the employee showing:
	 (a) the name of the employer and employee; (b) total hours worked at straight time; (c) hourly rates of pay; (d) total hours worked at overtime rates; (e) the pay period; (f) the amount of vacation pay; (g) details of all deductions and contributions;
ARTICLE 14:	VACATION
14:01	All employees covered by this Agreement shall receive vacation pay at the rate of six percent (6%) of gross wages earned for first three years, 7% after three years, 8% after six years and 9% after 10 years. In calculating Vacation pay, no account shall be taken of vacation pay previously paid.
14:02	The Employer reserves the right to schedule vacations but every effort shall be made to schedule Vacations by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee. Any member having reached seniority status is eligible for three

	(3) weeks vacation in each calendar weeks vacation after 10 years with a weeks if mutually agreed upon. An to take a fourth week may do so only if the Company agrees to the timore than 2 members will be eligib calendar month, where practical, s be the deciding factor. Where a hol a vacation period an additional day granted. Vacation pay will be paid and the first Thursday of December exceptions to these payouts. A prois to be filled out by the employee Manager by April 15 th for summer vacations	option for five (5) y member wishing iming and no le in any eniority will iday occurs during of vacation shall be the first Thursday of June r. There will be no oper vacation schedule for approval by Warehouse acations and by
ARTICLE 15:	STATUTORY HOLIDAYS:	
15:01	All employees covered by this Agreement who have obtained seniority with the Employer shall be paid for the following statutory holidays:	
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15:02	Payment to an employee for such h eight (8) hours pay at his regular ho provided he qualifies for such payr	ourly rate
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15:04	To qualify for payment for a holida must have worked the scheduled s working day immediately precedin scheduled shift Immediately follow holiday, unless permission to be ab either or both such scheduled shift by the Employer.	hift on the g and the ing the sent from
ARTICLE 16:	EMERGENCY CALL IN:	
16:01	Employees called back to work after their regular shift shall be paid the overtime rate, but in no case shall be less than the equivalent of four (4) his regular hourly rate.	appropriate ne be paid

	17	INJURY ALLOWANCE:
17:01		An employee injured on the job shall be paid for the balance of the shift in Which the injury occurs, if, as a result of such injury, the employee is sent to the hospital on the Employer's instructions. He or she shall return to work on the same date, unless otherwise instructed by the medical attendant.
	ARTICLE_18:	COFFEE BREAKS:
	18:01	The Employer agrees that all employees will be allowed a fifteen (15) minute paid coffee break during each half of their respective shifts.
	18:02	In the event an employee is scheduled to work in excess of eight (8) hours on a shift, he shall be entitled to a fifteen minute paid break or an unpaid break of up to one hour prior to commencing work in excess of eight (8) hours, the duration of the break to be arranged by mutual agreement.
	<u> </u>	PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:
	19:01	where it is deemed necessary to do so, the Employer will provide special protective equipment to employees who are exposed to hazardous conditions in the performance of their jobs. i.e. work gloves where necessary. Company will provide the Warehouse with two (2) heavy duty jackets per year for outdoor work. These jackets are to remain in designated areas when not it use.
	19:02	The Company will provide aprons in the Shop (Carpentry/Paint Areas) only, Company will provide coveralls where needed and will also provide proper masks. Coveralls and aprons are not to be worn if they are a possible safety concern while operating machinery (e.g. loose clothing could get caught up in moving parts).
	19:03	In the event it becomes a condition of employment or a requirement of law that employees wear safety shoes on the Job, the Employer agrees that after probationary period is completed to pay 100% (to maximum \$100.00) of the cost of the first pair of safety boots or Shoes and 100% of the cost of a second pair (to maximum \$100.00)

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	with a maximum of two pairs of approved safety boots or shoes per employee per calendar year to be purchased from a supplier designated by the Employer.
ARTICLE 20:	BEREAVEMENT PAY:
20:01	In the event of the death of an employee's immediate relative (father, mother, spouse. son, daughter, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or grandparent) the employer will grant three (3) days leave of absence, excluding weekends with pay for eight (8) hours per day to him for the purpose of attending the funeral. In the event of the death of a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, (1) one day leave of absence shall be granted with pay.
20:02	Should the employee be required to travel in order to attend or arrange for the funeral, an additional unpaid leave of absence may be granted.
ARTICLE 21:	CLASSIFICATION AND WAGES:
21:01	Appendix "A" is attached hereto and forms part of this Collective Agreement.
ARTICLE 22:	JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES:
22:01	When a work claim dispute arises between the Union which is a party to this agreement and any other union, persons or organization which cannot be settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, such dispute shall immediately be processed as a complaint to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, requesting an order from the Board as outlined in Section 91, of the Labour Relations Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 228, as amended, and in the meantime work shall continue as assigned by the Employer until otherwise directed by the Ontario Labour Relations Board.
ARTICLE 23;	BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE AND SHOP STEWARD:
23:01	The business representative of the Union shall have access to the job during working hours, but In no case shall his visits interfere with the progress of the work. When visiting a job he will first advise the superintendent or other

supervisory personnel of the Employer. It is agreed that a shop steward may be appointed at the plant of the employer by a representative of the union who shall in turn notify the Employer in writing before the steward will be recognized. The shop steward Will be responsible for reporting any disputes to the authorized representative of the Employer and union representatives that these can be taken up in the proper manner without delay.

23:02 It is agreed that for the purposes of collective bargaining one (1) *union* member may be appointed to a negotiating committee by the Union. The Union shall notify the Employer of the name of such employee appointed.

ARTICLE 24: WELFARE:

- 24:01
 It is agreed that the established Labourers' Union, Local 506, (Industrial Division)Employee Benefit Trust shall continue and the Employer shall pay an amount of One Dollar and Thirty Cents (\$1.30)per hour earned, effective **December 1, 1999** by each employee covered by this Agreement having attained seniority. Such monies shall be entered on a form as designated **by** the Trustees from time to time and remitted directly to the said Welfare Fund by the fifteenth (15th)of the month following the month for which contributions are made.
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- 24:02 Once an employee has completed his/her probationary period, the Employer shall pay an amount of one Dollar and Thirty Cents (\$1.30)per hour earned, effective December 1, 1999 by such employee into the fund retroactive to the date of hiring. At no time shall a contribution be paid directly to the employee. If payment is OVEr thirty (30) days late, interest at one percent (1%)per month shall be paid from the-due date provided the Employer is given five (5) days after notice to correct such delinquency.

ARTICLE 25:PENSION:25:01It is agreed

It is agreed that the established Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada as established **by** a Trust Agreement dated February **23**, **1972** and **all amendments** thereto, shall continue and effective **December 1**, **1999** the Employer agrees to contribute the amount of One Dollar and Twenty-six Cents (\$1.26) per hour worked by each employee covered by this Agreement. Effective December 1, 2000 this contribution shall be increased to One Dollar and Thirty-one Cents (\$1.31) per hour worked and effective December 1, 2001, this amount shall be increased to One Dollar and Forty-one Cents (\$1.41) per hour worked. Such monies shall be entered on a form as designated by the Trustees from time to time directly to the said Fund and remitted before the fifteenth (15th)of the month following the month for which contributions are made.

ARTICLE 26: PREPAID LEGAL:

- 26:01 The Employer agrees to contribute into the L.I.U.N.A. Local 506 Prepaid Legal Plan, Five Cents (.05C) per hour earned for each employee covered by this Agreement.
- 26:02 Each monthly report and contribution shall include all obligations arising from hours worked up to the close of the Employer's payroll ending nearest to the last day of the preceding calendar month.

RTICLE 27 : NO STRIKES. NO LOCK-OUTS:

27:01 It is agreed by the Union that there is to be no strike or stoppage of work, either complete or partial, and the Employer agrees that during the term of this Agreement there shall be no lock-Outs.

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- 28:01 Any dispute, difference, controversy or grievance affecting or arising out of the interpretation or administration of this Agreement shall be adjusted, if **possible**, by negotiations between representatives of the Employer and the Union.A meeting to discuss any such dispute or grievance shall be called within five (5) days after the circumstances giving rise to the dispute or grievance became known to the party complaining and the parties shall endeavor to reach a decision within two (2) days thereafter.
- 28:02 Where a difference arises between any of the parties hereto relating to the interpretation,

	including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, either the parties may, after exhausting the grievance procedure described
	above, notify the other party in writing of the desire to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration, and the notice shall contain the name of the nominee of the party wishing to bring the matter to arbitration. Such written notice shall also state clearly, the matter or matters in dispute to be dealt with by the arbitration board and what relief, if any, is claimed by the parties requesting arbitration. The Party receiving such notice shall within five (5) days advise the other party of the name of its nominee to the arbitration board.
28:03	The two (2) nominees so selected shall, within five (5) days of the appointment of the second of them appoint a third party who shall act as chairman of the arbitration board.
28:04	If the recipient of the notice fails to appoint an arbitrator, or if the two (2) appointees fail to agree upon a chairman within the time limits set out herein, the appointment should be made by the Minister of Labour for Ontario upon request of either party.
28:05	The Arbitration Board shall hear and determine the difference of differences between the parties and shall issue a decision in writing, which decision shall be final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee affected.
28:06	The decision of the majority of the board will be the decision of the board and if there is no majority, the decision of the Chairman shall govern. However, it is understood that the authority of the arbitration board or the decision made by such a board is limited in that there shall be no alteration to or subtraction from or modification or amendment to any part of this agreement.
28:07	Fees and expenses of the Chairman shall be borne one half by the Union and one half by the Employer. Any other costs and expenses in connection with such arbitration shall be borne by the party which incurs them.
ARTICLE 29:	JOB POSTING:
29:01	When a vacancy occurs in a job classification

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above that of unskilled labour, the Employer will post a notice of the vacancy on the plant bulletin board for two (2) days, Employees wishing to apply for the postedjob vacancy may do so by completing forms provided for that purpose. In filling a job vacancy, the employee with the most seniority among the applicants for the position who is capable and qualified to perform the job shall be awarded the job. Where there are no suitable applicants for a position, the Employer may fill the job from any source or it may be offered to the most senior employee who is capable of being trained to perform the job an opportunity for reasonable training period not to exceed thirty (30) days provided that where the Employer offers such a training period to an employee the decision as to whether or not he has satisfactorily learned the job will be at exclusive discretion of the Employer. Employees can apply for Non-Bargaining positions where practicable.

ARTICLE 30: JURY DUTY :

30:01 Anon-probationary employee who is summoned to perform jury duty shall be paid eight (8) hours pay at the employees regular straight time hourly rate for time lost from Work while serving on jury duty less the jury duty fee paid by the court. The Employee shall provide the employer with proof of the amount paid in jury duty fees by the court. The Employer shall not be required to pay more than eighty (80) hours pay under the provisions of this clause.

ARTICLE 31: GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION:

- 31:01 In the event that any of the provisions of this Collective Agreement are found to be In conflict with any valid and applicable federal or provincial law now existing, or hereinafter enacted, it is agreed that such law shall supersede the conflicting provisions without in any way affecting the remainder of the Collective Agreement.
- ARTICLE 32:PROTECTIVE CLAUSE:32:01No employee shall suffer a reduction in wages,
conditions or allowance\$as a result of this
Agreement.

ARTICLE 33:

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

33:01	(a) Any employee assigned to perform work outside of the Employer's shop and/or plant in connection with or related to Exhibit and Display work shall not be paid less than the prevailing rates and conditions of the Freeman Decorating Ltd. Field Agreement and the Labourers' <i>International Union</i> of North America, Local 506 covering such work.
33:02	Whenever practical, Employees shall be assigned to perform outside work on a seniority basis.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER:

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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION:

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APP ENDIX "A"

Forming an integral part of a Collective Agreement between Freeman Decorating Ltd. and Labourers' International Union of North America, Local 506.

Working Foreman will be paid a premium of one Dollar (\$100) over classified rate.

DEC. 1, 1999	<u>DEC.</u> _2 000	DEC. 1, 2001
\$18.21	\$18.76	\$19.42

Employees assigned to perform Shop Carpentry work shall be paid at a premium of \$1.75 over the classified rate.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD RATES

<u>DEC. 1,1999</u>	DEC. 1, 2000	DEC. 1, 2001
\$13.66	\$14.07	\$14.57

Regular rates on completion of probation period in accordance with Article 6.

DEPARTMENT

DEC. 1999	DEC. ■_2000	DEC. ■_2001
\$12.37	\$12.74	\$13.19

*The Cleaning Department when established shall consist of full time employees who shall be paid Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of the classified rate less the Contribution for Welfare and Pre-Paid Legal Benefits but with no Contribution to the Pension Fund. (The Probationary/Seniority provisions of Article 6 will not apply).

The Company and Union agree that if the Company sets up a Carpet Cleaning Division in new warehouse, they will meet and negotiate wages, seniority, etc., as to new department.