

## **AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 1st day of July, 2023

BETWEEN:

HAMPTON LUMBER, BABINE FOREST PRODUCTS LTD.

(hereinafter known as the "Company")

OF THE FIRST PART

**AND:**

USW, LOCAL 1-2017, C.L.C.

(hereinafter known as the "Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

1. **WHEREAS** it is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto that this Agreement will promote and improve industrial and economic relationships between the employees and the Company, and to set forth herein the basic Agreement between the parties hereto, AND
2. **WHEREAS** the Company accepts responsibility to observe each and all provisions and conditions of this Agreement and to promote orderly and peaceful relations with the Employees, AND
3. **WHEREAS** the Union accepts responsibility to observe each and all provisions and conditions of this Agreement and to promote orderly and peaceful relations with the Company,

**NOW THEREFORE** the Parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE I - BARGAINING AGENCY**

### **Section 1**

The Company agrees to recognize and bargain with the duly elected bargaining representative on behalf of its Employees properly and duly certified under the appropriate regulations in effect from time to time.

### **Section 2**

The Party of the First Part agrees that the bargaining authority of the Party of the Second Part shall not be impaired during the term of this new Collective Agreement. The Party of the First Part agrees that the only certification they will recognize during the term of this new Agreement is that of the Party of the Second Part unless ordered by due process of law to recognize some other bargaining authority.

## **ARTICLE II - DEFINITION**

The term "Employee" as used and for the purpose of this Agreement shall include all persons employed by the Company on whose behalf the USW Local 1-2017, has been certified as bargaining agents, except and excluding supervisors and others having authority to hire and fire, office workers, supervisory officials and salespersons.

## **ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT**

### **Section 1**

The management of the operation and the direction and promotion of the Employees are vested exclusively in the management, provided however that this will not be used for the purpose of discrimination against employees.

### **Section 2**

The Company shall have the right to select its employees and to discipline them or discharge them for proper cause.

## **ARTICLE IV - UNION SECURITY**

### **Section 1**

The Company will co-operate with the Union in obtaining and retaining as members the employees as defined in this Agreement, and to this end will present to new employees, and to all Supervisors, the Policy herein expressed.

## **Section 2**

All employees shall, at the time hiring and as a condition of hiring or continued employment, become a member of the Union, and maintain membership therein.

## **Section 3**

Any employee who is a member in good standing, or is re-instated as a member of the Union, shall, as a condition of continued employment, maintain such membership in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement.

## **Section 4**

Any employee who fails to maintain their membership in the Union as prescribed herein by reason of refusal to pay dues and assessments, shall be subject to discharge after seven (7) days written notice to the Company of the said Employee's refusal to maintain their membership.

## **Section 5**

- a) No employee shall be subject to any penalties against their application for membership or reinstatement, except as may be provided for in the USW Local 1-2017 Constitution, as revised 1979, and in accordance with the Bylaws of Local 1-2017, which the Local Union certified as being correct as of April 1981.
- b) Any employee who applies to join the Union pursuant to the provisions herein and whose application is rejected by the Union, shall not be subject to discharge from employment.

## **Section 6**

The Company shall require all new Employees at the time of hiring, to execute the following assignment of wages in duplicate, the forms to be supplied by the Union. All check-off forms to be forwarded to the Local Union within fifteen (15) days of hiring.



## UNITED STEELWORKERS CHECK-OFF



DATE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT

OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYEE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL INSURANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of the United Steelworkers? \_\_\_\_\_

In what operation were you last employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize and instruct you to deduct from my wages and remit to Local 1-2017 the following in payment of the amounts setout below:

1. Union Initiation Fees in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Union Back Dues in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Union Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month  
commencing \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
4. Union Assessments in the amount and at the time stated in notice received by you from the Local Union designated above.

I hereby request and accept membership in the United Steelworkers, Local No. 1-2017, and agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the organization. In case of misstatement of qualification for membership I agree to forfeit all rights, privileges and moneys paid. This information is held in the strictest confidence in accordance with the confidentiality policies of the Local Union.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYEE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Keep Original, Forward YELLOW copy to Local Union

### Section 7

This assignment in the case of Employees already members of the Union shall be effective immediately and for those Employees not previously members of the Union, it shall become effective thirty (30) calendar days from the date of execution.

The Company shall remit the dues deducted pursuant to such assignment (until and unless said assignment is revoked by the employee) to the Local Union named therein, no later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which the deduction was made from the employee, with a written statement of names of employees for whom the deductions were made and the amount of each deduction.

### Section 8

The Company shall furnish the Union with the Social Security number of each employee on its payroll on the first occasion when dues are forwarded to the Union after the execution of this Agreement or after the Employee enters the employment of the Company, whichever date last occurs.

## **Section 9**

The Parties agree that the Company shall deduct from an employee's wages and shall remit to the appropriate employee benefit plan, the employee's contribution which is specified in any benefit plan agreed to by the parties.

## **Section 10 New Hire Orientation**

The Company will provide a Plant Committee member the opportunity to meet with new hires, without disruption to operations.

## **ARTICLE V - WAGES**

### **Section 1**

- a) Effective July 1, 2023, the wages of all hourly rated employees will be increased by three percent (3%).
- b) Effective July 1, 2024, the wages of all hourly rated employees will be increased by three percent (3%).

Effective July 1, 2024, the Oiler and Grinderson hourly pay rate will be adjusted by \$0.25 per hour applicable prior to the percentage increase outlined above.

- c) Effective July 1, 2025, the wages of all hourly rated employees will be increased by two and one half percent (2.5%). In addition, a lump sum payment of one thousand (\$1000) will be processed for all active regular employees as of July 1, 2025.
- d) Effective July 1, 2026, the wages of all hourly rated employees will be increased by two and one quarter percent (2.25%).
- e) The basic rate for common labour shall be:
  - i) Effective July 1, 2023                      \$33.05 per hour
  - ii) Effective July 1, 2024                      \$34.04 per hour
  - iii) Effective July 1, 2025                      \$34.89 per hour
  - iv) Effective July 1, 2026                      \$35.68 per hour
- f) The Company agrees to pay a Power Saw Allowance of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day to designated employees who supply and maintain their own saws.

## **WELDERS**

- a) The following shall be the recognized classifications of “Welder” in the collective agreement as per the criteria established by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority’s (ITA).
  - 1. **Welder Level C** - means a person who has a “Welder C” qualification granted from the ITA
  - 2. **Welder Level B** - means a person who has a “Welder B” qualification granted from the ITA
  - 3. **Welder Level A** - means a person who has a “Welder A” qualification granted from the ITA
- b) Employees employed as Welders who are required to renew their Welding Ticket shall be granted up to five (5) days paid Leave of Absence to attend school for instruction. The Company shall pay the cost of instruction and examination.

## **Section 2 Grading Tickets**

- a) Lumber Graders - All Certified Lumber Graders shall receive the premium set out below, in addition to the Job Evaluation rate:  
  
Class A Grading Certificate – twenty five cents (25 ¢) per hour  
Class B Grading Certificate - twenty cents (20 ¢) per hour  
  
Provided that these premiums shall be paid only when actually engaged as Lumber Graders.
- b) Lumber Grading Certificates - Any employee holding a Class A or Class B Lumber Grading Certificate shall receive a premium of fifteen cents (15 ¢) per hour for all hours worked. There shall be no stacking or pyramiding of premiums.
- c) Grading Tickets shall be permanent and valid certificates, but Graders shall remain subject to the regulations of I.L.M.A., C.L.M.A., C.O.F.I., P.L.I.B. and other regulatory bodies.
- d) All Lumber Graders holding grading certificates shall attend upgrading classes as required.
- e) Lumber Graders who are required to attend upgrading classes (grading rule changes) shall receive their regular straight job rate for time spent in attending such classes.

### **Section 3     Scaling License Premium**

Effective the commencement of the first pay period following formal written notice of ratification of the 2023 to 2027 Collective Agreement the scaling license premium will be increased to fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per hour and applicable to employees when working as a scaler.

### **Section 4     First Aid Attendants**

Effective the commencement of the first pay period following formal written notice of ratification of the 2023 to 2027 Collective Agreement, Designated First Aid Attendants shall receive their job rate of pay plus the ticket premium rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour.

All other employees holding valid First Aid Tickets shall receive a premium of five cents (5 ¢) per hour over and above their job rate. There shall be no stacking or pyramiding of premiums.

### **Section 5**

The Wage Scale attached hereto as Supplement No. 1, effective July 1, 2023 is approved by both Parties and may, subject to mutual consent of both Parties, be revised once annually.

### **Section 6**

It is agreed that employees engaged on contract or piece work shall not receive less money than the equivalent of the hourly rate specified in the wage schedule for the number of hours worked in each pay period.

### **Section 7**

The first (1<sup>st</sup>) shift, which may vary in individual operations, is the recognized day shift. Hours worked outside the recognized day shift shall be regarded as the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) shifts.

Premium rate for second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) shifts shall be fifty cents (50¢) per hour. A day shift employee working in excess of this regular shift will be paid rate and one-half without the differential.

Any employee on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) or third (3<sup>rd</sup>) shift working in excess of their regular shift shall receive rate and one-half. For the purpose of the last sentence rates shall be rate plus fifty cents (50¢).

Persons employed on other than on regular shifts, shall be paid the fifty cents (50¢) premium rate for all hours worked outside the recognized day shift.

## **Section 8**

In the event that job conditions change, or new machinery is installed, or a new category is established, the Union and the representatives of the Company agree to meet to evaluate and implement the wage rate(s) in accordance with the Job Evaluation Program.

## **ARTICLE VI - PAY DAYS**

- a) The Company shall provide for pay days every second (2nd) week.
- b) Each employee shall be furnished with an itemized statement of earnings and monthly deductions.

## **ARTICLE VII - HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

### **Section 1**

- a) The regular hours of work shall be eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours per week, Monday to Friday inclusive.
- b) Overtime will be paid at rate and one-half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) in a day, and for Saturday and/or Sunday, with the following exceptions.
- c) Double straight time rates shall be paid for the following:
  - i) Hours worked in excess of eleven (11) hours per day.
  - ii) Hours worked on Sunday by employees who have worked five (5) shifts during the preceding six (6) days.
  - iii) Item (ii) above shall not apply to employees who work on Sunday as a regular scheduled day.
  - iv) For purposes of this provision, a Statutory Holiday shall be considered as a shift worked.
- d) If a Statutory Holiday occurs during the work week, the employees shall only be required to work on Saturday and/or Sunday for the time lost due to the Statutory Holiday by mutual consent. For such work the Employee shall be paid rate and one-half.



**Section 2 Millwrights, Maintenance, Repair, Construction Employees and Watchpersons.**

- a) The regular hours of work shall be five eight-hour days with two days of rest each week Monday through Sunday. Such days of rest will be consecutive days unless mutually agreed to be otherwise between the employee and the Company.
- b) Overtime shall be paid at rate and one-half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day, on Sundays and upon the employee's two designated rest days, if worked, with the following exceptions:
- c) Double straight time rates shall be paid for the following:
  - i) Hours worked in excess of eleven (11) hours per day.
  - ii) Hours worked on Sunday by employees who have worked five (5) shifts during the preceding six (6) days.
  - iii) Item (ii) above shall not apply to employees who work on Sunday as a regular scheduled day.
  - iv) For purposes of this provision, a Statutory Holiday shall be considered as a shift worked.
- d) Designated Cleanup Crew:

It is agreed that a designated cleanup crew may be scheduled Tuesday to Saturday.

**Section 3 Three-Shift Operations**

- a) The employer shall have the right to operate their plant or any part thereof on a three-shift basis and all employees working under this arrangement shall receive eight (8) hours pay upon completion of the full hours established as their regular shift. Details of shifts shall be varied at the Employer's option.
- b) It is agreed that Clause (a) above shall only apply to those employees actually working on a three-shift basis.
- a) The Employers shall have the right to determine the number of shifts operated in any unit or department of the operation.

#### **Section 4 Alternate Shift Scheduling**

a) Management shall have the right to implement the following shift schedules:

- 4-10's between Monday and Thursday
- 4-10's between Tuesday and Friday
- 4-10's Split Monday-Friday
- 3-12's Friday-Sunday
- 3-12's Saturday-Monday
- Week 1 – 4x9 & 1x8, Week 2 – 4x9 – Monday to Friday (no alternating down days)

If the “4-10's Split Monday-Friday” is implemented:

- a) A seventy five cent (\$0.75) per hour premium will apply.
- b) The parties must mutually agree on details of the shift as per Article VII, Section 4 a), C.

When alternate shift schedules have been implemented in accordance with the above, the following overtime provisions will apply:

A. Rate and one-half shall be paid for the following:

- i) After the completion of the regularly scheduled shift.
- ii) Hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week or forty (40) hours average when there is an averaging period.
- iii) All hours worked on an employee's scheduled rest day, unless a change in rest day has been agreed to between the employee and the Company.
- iv) All hours worked on Sunday except those excluded in the casual section.

B. Double straight time rates shall be paid for the following:

- i) All hours worked in excess of eleven (11) in any day of the week except for twelve (12) hour shifts. For twelve (12) hours shifts, all hours in excess of the regular shift.
- ii) All hours worked on Sunday when Sunday is also an employee's scheduled rest day, if the employee has worked forty (40) straight-time hours in the preceding six (6) days, unless a change in rest day has been agreed to between the employee and the Company.
- iii) For those employees that complete the alternate weekend shift, the second overtime shift worked in a given week outside the shift schedule will be paid double-time for hours worked.

C. The parties must mutually agree on resolution of issues such as:

- i) Details of shift, i.e. start and stop times. This is not intended to restrict the Company's ability to modify the details of shifts for legitimate operational reasons.
- ii) Maximum length of shifts for physically demanding work. Accident prevention is a factor to be taken into account in determining shift lengths.

### General Principles

When these alternate shift schedules are in effect other provisions of the Collective Agreement will be administered on the principle that an employee will not lose or gain any benefits over their normal five-day schedule.

1. The Company agrees that alternate shift schedules will not be introduced where the intention is to increase the use of casual employees in place of regular employees.
2. Different parts of an operation may be scheduled on different shifts.
3. This Section shall not change existing operational alternate shift agreements, unless mutually agreed to by both parties. The Employer will not introduce any alternate shift that has the result of replacing an existing operational alternate shift. An existing alternate shift agreement will cease to exist if it has not been operational for one year.
4. Earned vacations will be scheduled on the same basis as days and hours worked under the alternate shift schedule.
5. Other Articles of the Collective Agreement, which provide benefits after eight (8) hours, are extended by the amount the regular hours of work have been increased beyond the eight (8) hours per day.
6. An employee whose rest days are changed by the Company under an established alternate shift schedule shall receive rate and one-half for work performed on their rest days unless a change in rest days results from the application of seniority or has been agreed to between the employee and the Company.
7. There shall be no premium pay paid to any employee whose rest days are changed because of the implementation of an alternate shift schedule.

8. When an alternate shift schedule is in effect, hourly-based benefits (LTD, Pension, Education Trust Fund, SHARP), under the Collective Agreement will be administered on the basis of hours paid.
9. The Company will not change an employee's work schedule to avoid a statutory holiday.

Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day are operational down-days.

Statutory and Floating Holidays will be paid as per the employee's regular schedule.

#### **4 x 10 Shift Schedules**

For all statutory holidays falling by calendar on a scheduled work day, the statutory holiday will be observed on that day unless otherwise agreed to by the Company and the Plant committee. Employees will be paid ten (10) hours statutory holiday pay at their regular job rate.

For all statutory holidays falling by calendar on a rest day, employees will be required to work their full regular schedule and will receive their regular pay. In addition, employees will be paid ten (10) hours statutory holiday pay at their regular job rate.

#### **3 x 12 Shift Schedules**

For all statutory holidays falling by calendar on a scheduled work day, the statutory holiday will be observed on that day unless otherwise agreed to by the Company and the Plant committee. Employees will be paid twelve (12) hours statutory holiday pay at their regular job rate.

When a Statutory Holiday falls on or is observed on a Sunday employees will be paid time and one half for hours worked.

For all statutory holidays falling by calendar on a rest day, employees will be required to work their full regular schedule and will receive their regular pay. In addition, employees will be paid twelve (12) hours statutory holiday pay at their regular job rate.

#### **9 Day Fortnight Shift Schedule**

For all statutory holidays falling by calendar on a scheduled work day, the statutory holiday will be observed on that day unless otherwise agreed to by the Company and the Plant Committee. Employees will be paid nine (9) hours statutory holiday pay at their regular job rate.

For all statutory holidays falling by calendar on a rest day, employees will be required to work their full regular schedule and will receive their regular pay. In addition, employees will be paid nine (9) hours statutory holiday pay at their regular job rate.

10. For ten (10) hour shifts, rest periods will be one (1) ten (10) minute break and one (15) minute break plus a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid meal break.
  11. For twelve (12) hour shifts, rest periods will be one (1) ten (10) minute break and one fifteen (15) minute break plus a one-half (1/2) hour paid meal break.
  12. Bereavement Leave and Jury Duty shall be paid consistent with Article IX. These days will be paid at the regular daily wage consistent with the work schedule.
  13. Shift Differential shall be paid only for those hours worked outside the recognized dayshift for those employees working the alternate schedule in effect for that crew working in that part of the operation.
  14. The Company will provide notice of two weeks to the Local Union prior to the introduction of and/or the discontinuance of any alternate shift, except where a change in shift schedule is due to other circumstances not in the control of the Company.
  15. For those employees working an alternate shift, the sixty (60) working days referenced in the probationary period section of the Seniority Article will be changed to four hundred and eighty (480) working hours.
  16. On a split 4x10 shift, the schedule will delineate the employee's rest day.
  17. All other provisions of this collective agreement will apply except for those that are modified by this section.
- b) Management, Plant Committees and the Local Union shall have the right under the terms of the Collective Agreement to agree upon and implement other schedules which, except for production shifts in manufacturing operations, many include Sundays, without overtime penalty, provided the principle of the forty (40) hour week is maintained over an averaging period. Rate and one-half shall be paid for hours worked on Sunday unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

- c) Any variation(s) to the preceding Sections denoting normal hours of work, other than those addressed in (a) above, shall be implemented only upon completion of the following steps:
  - i) Negotiated agreement between the Local Union and Local Management.
  - ii) At any point in the negotiation of an Alternate Shift Agreement either Party may request the assistance of CONIFER and/or the USW District 3 Office in the negotiation of an Alternate Shift Agreement.
  - iii) At any point in the negotiation of an Alternate Shift Agreement either Party may request the assistance of a mediator in the negotiation of an Alternate Shift Agreement. The individual selected to act as mediator will be by agreement.
  - iv) Majority approval by the employees involved in the proposed variations.
- d) When alternate shift schedules have been implemented in accordance with b) and c) above, the following overtime provisions will apply:
  - A. Rate and one-half shall be paid for the following:
    - i) After the completion of the regularly scheduled shift.
    - ii) Hours worked in excess of (40) hours per week or forty (40) hours average when there is an averaging period.
    - iii) All hours worked on an employee's scheduled rest day, unless a change in rest day has been agreed to between the employee and the Company.
    - iv) All hours worked on Sunday except those excluded in the casual section.
  - B. Double straight-time rates shall be paid for the following:
    - i) All hours worked in excess of eleven (11) in any day of the week except for twelve (12) hours shifts. For twelve (12) hour shifts, all hours in excess of the regular shift.
    - ii) All hours worked on a Sunday when Sunday is also an employee's scheduled rest day, if the employee has worked forty (40) straight-time hours in the preceding six (6) days, unless a change in rest day has been agreed to between the employee and the Company.
  - C. Supplement No. 7, Alternate Shift Scheduling, contains the agreed upon general principles and parameters for the establishment, implementation or discontinuance of alternates shift schedules established in accordance with section b) through d) above.

### **Section 5**

It is agreed between the Parties that if three (3) hours or less are necessary after midnight Friday, or on a Statutory Holiday, to complete the shift which commenced on Friday afternoon, or the afternoon preceding the Statutory Holiday, time worked after midnight to complete this shift will be paid at straight time.

### **Section 6**

The foregoing provisions of this Article shall not be construed as guaranteeing to any employee any number of hours of work per day or per week.

### **Section 7**

Any employee called for work and finding no work available due to reasons beyond their control shall be entitled to two (2) hours pay at the usual rate. This shall apply unless the Company gives notice canceling the said call. Such notice shall be considered given by phone call or text message not later than one hour before the shift is scheduled to commence.

### **Section 8**

When an employee is called for work and starts work, they shall receive four (4) hours pay at their regular rate unless their work is suspended because of inclement weather, or other reasons completely beyond the control of the Company.

### **Section 9    Call Back Time**

Employees called back to work after completion of their regular scheduled shift shall be paid a minimum of three (3) hours at rate and one-half.

### **Section 10**

All employees in manufacturing plants shall be entitled to two (2) ten (10) minute rest periods during each regular shift.

### **Section 11   Casual Work**

- a) The term "Casual Work" as used in this Agreement shall apply only to work performed on Saturday and/or Sunday by either laid-off regular employees or other persons hereinafter referred to as "Casual Employees".
- b) Casual employees on maintenance, repair or preparatory work shall be paid straight-time rates, and those on production shall be paid rate and one-half for all work performed on Saturday and Sunday.

- c) Casual work on maintenance, repair and preparatory work will be paid at straight-time job rate.
- d) Regular laid-off employees shall not be classified as Casual Employees, and shall have preference for available work over the said casual employees.
- e) The employer agrees to keep a separate seniority list of casual employees who have worked at least ten (10) working days, exclusively for recall purposes and, subject to clause (d), further agrees to recall casual employees in accordance with their seniority as set forth in this list.

## **Section 12**

When an employee is unavoidably prevented from reporting for their scheduled shift, if reasonably possible, they must give notice to their supervisor, or at the Company office, at least two (2) hours before the shift commences.

## **Section 13 Hot Meals**

Where maintenance, repair and construction employees are required to work two (2) hours or more overtime beyond their normal shift, the Company shall provide a hot meal. Such hot meal to be consumed by the employees on Company time before beginning the overtime work.



## **ARTICLE VIII - SENIORITY**

### **Section 1**

- a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, it shall be mutually agreed that all employees are hired on probation, the probationary period to continue until sixty (60) days have been worked, during which time they are to be considered temporary workers only, and during this same period no seniority rights shall be recognized.
- b) Upon completion of sixty (60) days worked, they shall be regarded as regular employees, and shall be entitled to seniority dating from the day on which they entered the Company's employ, provided however, that the probationary period of sixty (60) days worked shall only be cumulative within the six (6) calendar months following the date of entering employment.
- c) It is agreed that probationary employees will have preference over Casual employees for any work performed during the normal work week, subject to competency.
- d) It is further agreed that in the application of c) above, probationary employees will be called in for work in accordance with their hiring date, unless such call-in is beyond the control of the employer, and is subject to the employee being competent to perform the work. This obligation does not apply where the employee cannot be readily contacted or where the employee has worked one shift in the 24 hour period.

### **Section 2**

- a) The Company recognizes the principle of seniority, competency considered.
- b) Where the Company operates more than one plant, each such plant will be considered separately for seniority purposes; except where the Union and Company agree upon some different arrangement.

### **Section 3**

- a) When making promotions, the Company agrees to give due consideration to length of service.
- b) In the event of a reduction of the forces, the last person hired shall be the first released, subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article.

- c) During a reduction of forces where an employee's seniority is such that they will not be able to keep their regular job they may elect whether or not to apply their seniority to obtain a lower paid job or a job paying the same rate of pay or accept a layoff until their regular job becomes available, provided however:
  - i) If during the layoff period the employee wishes to return to work and so notifies the Company, they shall be called back to work as soon as their seniority entitles them to a job.
  - ii) The application of this provision shall not result in an employee, in the exercise of their rights, bumping an employee with less seniority.
- d) During a reduction of forces where an employee's seniority is such that they will not be able to keep their regular job they may elect to apply their seniority to obtain a job paying a higher rate, subject to the competency of the person involved and the provisions of Section 1. Details to be worked out between the Local Union and the Company.

#### **Section 4**

- a) It is agreed that when employees are to be re-called after a lay-off, it shall be done on the basis of the last person released shall be the first person recalled, subject to provisions of Section 2(a).

It is agreed that in cases of emergency the application of plant seniority may be postponed for such period as may be necessary, but not exceeding three (3) days. If the Company decides to exercise its rights under this provision it shall notify the Committee or the Local Union immediately.

- b) Where a reduction of forces is caused by emergency conditions, the application of seniority may be postponed for such period as may be necessary but not exceeding five (5) working days. If the Company decides to exercise its rights under this provision, it shall notify the Shop Committee as soon as possible.

#### **Section 5**

- a) When re-calling employees, in accordance with Section 4, after seasonal shut-down, all employees shall be notified by telegram or registered letter at least seven (7) days before re-starting of operation. The employees must reply by telegram or registered letter in the affirmative within ninety-six (96) hours of the telegram or registered letter being sent out by the Company, and appear for work not later than the above stated seven (7) day period.

- b) Employees resident in the Province of Alberta or the Yukon Territories shall be entitled to one (1) additional day to report and employees residing in any other Canadian Province or the United States shall be entitled to two (2) additional days to report.
- c) It shall be the employee's responsibility to keep the Company informed of their address during the period of shutdown.
- d) It is agreed that all employees shall, upon returning to employment, in accordance with this Section, retain all seniority rights.

## **Section 6**

It is agreed that upon the request of the Union a list will be supplied by the Company setting out the name and the starting day with the Company of each regular employee; however, such request shall not be granted more than twice during each year of the term of this Agreement.

The Company will advise the Union once each month of changes to the said list.

## **Section 7**

It is agreed that companies signatory to this agreement shall give preference in hiring, competency considered, on the following basis, in the following order:

1. laid off employees of the Company who have previous Company seniority and are seeking employment as a result of operational closures or crew reductions in other divisions of the Company.
2. previous employees of the Division who have both previous seniority and an application on file
3. previous employees of the company who have previous company seniority and are seeking employment as a result of operational closures or crew reductions in other operations of the company
4. laid off employees of other forest industry companies in the communities, who are seeking employment as a result of operational closures or crew reduction in excess of ninety (90) days
5. laid off forest industry USW members of Local 1-2017 who are seeking employment as a result of operational closures or crew reduction in excess of ninety (90) days
6. persons who qualify for preference, and wish to exercise their rights to preference, must make application within six (6) months of the operational closure or the ninety (90) day layoff period.

Applications will be kept on file as active for sixty (60) days. After which time, applications must be renewed by the person seeking employment, or no preference shall be considered.

### **Section 8**

It is agreed between the Parties that seniority during lay-offs shall be retained on the following basis:

- a) Employees with less than one (1) year service will retain their seniority for a period of eight (8) months.
- b) Effective July 1, 2003, employees with one (1) or more years service shall retain their seniority for one (1) year, plus one (1) additional month for each year of service, up to an additional twelve (12) months for a maximum period of twenty-four (24) months.
- c) It shall be the employee's responsibility to keep the Company informed of their address during a lay-off.
- d) A laid-off employee's seniority retention is reinstituted on the completion of one day of work.

### **Section 9**

It is agreed that when an employee has been transferred by the Company to a supervisory or staff position, they will continue to accumulate seniority for a period of ninety (90) days. At any time during this ninety (90) day period the individual shall have the right to return to the bargaining unit in the job which they would have held if they had not left the bargaining unit. (In special cases this ninety (90) day period may be extended for up to a further ninety (90) days by mutual agreement between the Company and the Shop Committee.) At the expiration of the period mentioned above, their seniority will be frozen. Thus, if at a later date, they cease to be a supervisor or staff worker and the Company desires to retain their services, it is hereby agreed that reinstatement can be made within the bargaining unit provided however, that any employee so reinstated must return to the job held at the time of their promotion to the supervisory or staff position.

### **Section 10 Transfer of Company Seniority**

- i) Where Employees of a Company operation are offered, and accept, a position in another division of that Company and successfully complete their probationary period, then their prior Company service date will be applied for annual vacation entitlement and vacation pay purposes.
- ii) Employees will be entitled to a maximum of one floater per Employee per year in the event of transfer.

## **ARTICLE IX - LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **Section 1**

- a) Any employee desiring leave of absence for any reason other than those set out in Section 2 and 3 of this Article must obtain same in writing from the Company a copy of such leave to be forwarded to the Local Union.
- b) Where any employee is granted a leave of absence under this Section for a period of longer than thirty (30) calendar days, the Company agrees to notify the Job Steward and the Union as to the circumstances for the granting of such period of leave.

### **Section 2**

The Company will grant leave of absence to employees suffering illness or injury, subject to a medical certificate if requested by the Company. The employee shall report, or cause to have reported, to the Company the injury or illness which requires their absence from the operation. The employee shall have a reasonable period of time to present a medical certificate if requested by the Company.

### **Section 3**

- a) The Company will grant leave of absence to employees who are appointed or elected to Union office. The employee who obtains this leave of absence shall return to the Company within thirty (30) calendar days after completion of their term of employment with the Union.
- b) The Company will grant leave of absence to Employees for any Union Business applied for by the Union in order that they may carry out their duties on behalf of the Union.
- c) It is agreed that before the employee receives this Leave of Absence as set forth in Clauses a) and b) above, the employer will be given notice in writing (in the case of a) – fifteen (15) calendar days, in the case of b) – five (5) calendar days) by the Union in order to replace the employee with a competent substitute.
- d) The Union will make every effort in requesting such leaves of absence to avoid requests that will unduly deplete the crew in any one department which will impair production or inhibit the normal functioning of the operation. In such cases, the Union will cooperate with the Company in making substitute employee's available or select alternate delegates to attend Union functions.

#### **Section 4    Compassionate Leave**

By mutual agreement leave of absence will be granted to a maximum of six (6) months without pay to the employees for compassionate reasons or for educational or training or extended vacation purposes, conditional on the following terms:

- a) That the employee apply at least one (1) month in advance unless the grounds for such application could not reasonably be foreseen.
- b) That the employee shall disclose the grounds for application.
- c) That the Company shall grant such leave where a bona fide reason is advanced by the applicant or may postpone leave where a suitable replacement is not available.
- d) That the Company will consult with the Shop Committee in respect of any application for leave under this section.
- e) That the Company will only be obliged to grant leave of absence for educational and training purposes to employees who intend to take training that will assist the individual in obtaining skills related to the industry.
- f) That the Employees granted leave of absence pursuant to this section shall be required to pay the appropriate premiums for health and welfare, dental and medical coverage.
- g) That it is agreed that Employees requesting leave of absence for the purpose of extended vacations, shall only be granted such leave once every three (3) years, and that a record shall be kept for the purpose of ensuring that such leaves are properly rotated.
- h) That the Union agrees it will provide a letter regarding problems which arise from extended vacation applications.

#### **Section 5    Maternity Leave**

To provide for a reasonable period of time for extended maternity leave without pay to female employees where there is a valid medical reason.

#### **Section 6    Pregnancy and Parental Leave:**

- a) Employees shall be entitled to unpaid pregnancy leave of up to seventeen (17) weeks.

- b) An employee is entitled to up to 6 additional consecutive weeks of unpaid leave if, for reasons related to the birth or the termination of the pregnancy, they are unable to return to work when their leave ends under sub-section a).
- c) On the advice of their doctor, if a pregnant employee requests a transfer due to workplace conditions, they will be provided alternate work, if available.
- d) Employees shall be entitled to unpaid parental leave of up to thirty-seven (37) weeks.
- e) If the child has a physical, psychological or emotional condition requiring an additional period of parental care, the employee is entitled to up to an additional 5 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, beginning immediately after the end of the leave taken under sub-section (d).
- f) An employee's combined entitlement to leave under section (a) and (d) is limited to 52 weeks, plus any additional leave the employee is entitled to under sub-section (b) or (e).

#### **Section 7 Family Responsibility Leave**

An employee is entitled to up to 5 days of unpaid Family Leave during each employment year to meet responsibilities related to:

- a) the care, health or education of a child in the employee's care, or
- b) the care or health of any other member of the employee's immediate family.

#### **Section 8 Compassionate Care Leave**

**(To Provide Care Or Support To Family Member with Significant Risk Of Dying):**

- a) In the following sub-sections "family member" means a member of the employee's immediate family and includes the spouse, child, parent, guardian, sibling, grandchild or grandparent of any person who lives with an employee as a member of the employee's family. It includes common-law spouses, step-parents and step-children and same-sex partners and their children as long as they live with the employee as a member of the employee's family.
- b) An employee who requests Compassionate Care Leave under this section is entitled to up to eight (8) weeks of unpaid leave to provide care or support to a family member if a medical practitioner issues a certificate stating that the family member has a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death within twenty-six (26) weeks, or such other period as may be prescribed after:

- i) The date the certificate is issued, or
  - ii) if the leave began before the date the certificate is issued, the date the leave began.
- c) The employee must give the employer a copy of the certificate as soon as practicable.
- d) An employee may begin a leave under this section no earlier than the first day of the week in which the period under subsection (b) begins.
- e) A leave under this subsection ends on the last day of the week in which the earlier of the following occurs:
- i) the family member dies;
  - ii) the expiration of 26 weeks or other prescribed period from the date the leave began.
- f) A leave taken under this subsection must be taken in units of one or more weeks.
- g) If an employee takes a leave under this section and the family member to whom the subsection applies does not die within the period referred to in that subsection, the employee may take a further leave after obtaining a new certificate in accordance with this subsection.

## **Section 9 Bereavement Leave**

- a) When death occurs to a member of a regular full time employee's immediate family, the employee will be granted an appropriate leave of absence for which they shall be compensated at their regular straight time hourly rate of pay for hours lost from their regular work schedule for a maximum of three (3) days.
- b) Piece workers who are entitled to bereavement leave shall be compensated in accordance with the principles established in Article XI, Section 2(b).
- c) Members of the employee's immediate family are defined as the employee's spouse, mother, father, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparents-in-law, step-parents, grandparents, grandchildren, step-children, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law.
- d) Compensable hours under the terms of this Section will be counted as hours worked for the purpose of qualifying for vacations and for recognized paid holidays, but will not be counted as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime.



### **Section 10 Jury Duty**

- a) Any regular full-time employee who is required to perform Jury Duty, Coroner's Duty, or as a Crown Witness or Coroner's Witness on a day which they would normally have worked will be reimbursed by the Company for the difference between the pay received for Jury Duty and their regular straight time hourly rate of pay for their regularly scheduled hours of work. It is understood that such reimbursement shall not be for hours in excess of eight (8) per day or forty (40) per week, less statutory pay received for Jury Duty. The employee will be required to furnish proof of Jury Service and Jury Duty pay received.
- b) Any piece-worker who is required to perform Jury Duty shall be compensated for the difference between Statutory pay received for Jury Duty and their job rate in accordance with the principle established in Article XI, Section 2(b).
- c) Hours paid for Jury Duty will be counted as hours worked for the purpose of qualifying for vacation and for recognized paid holidays, but will not be counted as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime.

### **Section 11 Public Office**

- a) The Company will grant leave of absence without pay for campaign purposes to candidates for Federal, Provincial or Municipal elective public office for periods up to and including eight (8) weeks, provided the Company is given due notice in writing of twenty (20) calendar days, unless the need for such application could not reasonably be foreseen.
- b) Employees elected or appointed to Federal, Provincial, or Municipal office shall be granted as much leave without pay as is necessary during the term of such office. Municipal office holders, where the term of public office is served intermittently, shall give the Company reasonable notice for absences from work for conducting Municipal business.
- c) The employee who obtains this leave of absence shall return to their Company within thirty (30) calendar days after completion of public office.

### **Section 12 Domestic Violence Leave**

An employee may take 10 days of unpaid domestic violence leave each calendar year for the following purposes:

- to allow the employee, employee's dependent child or a protected adult to seek medical attention for physical or psychological injury caused by domestic violence
- to obtain services from a victim services organization

- to allow the employee, employee's dependent child or a protected adult to obtain psychological or other professional counselling
- to relocate (temporarily or permanently)
- to seek legal or law enforcement assistance, including time relating to legal proceedings

Any leave days not used by an employee cannot be carried over into a new calendar year.

There will be no waiting period for employees who qualify for short term disability due to an injury caused by domestic violence.

Reasonable documentation may be required to take domestic violence leave.

## **ARTICLE X - VACATIONS WITH PAY**

With respect to annual vacations and vacation pay the following provisions will apply.

### **Section 1 One to Two Years Service**

The annual vacation for employees with one (1) or two (2) years of service covered by this Agreement shall be two (2) weeks, and the pay therefore shall be based upon five percent (5%) of the total wages or salary earned by the employee during the period of entitlement, or eighty (80) hours at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job, whichever is greater.

### **Section 2 Two to Seven Years Service**

- a) The annual vacation for employees with two (2) to seven (7) years of service covered by this Agreement shall be three (3) weeks, and the pay therefore shall be based upon seven percent (7%) of the total wages or salary earned by the employee during the period of entitlement, or one hundred and twenty (120) hours at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job, whichever is greater.
- b) The additional one (1) week vacation provided for in this Section may be taken when convenient for the Company but does not have to be consecutive with the vacation period provided for in Section 1 herein.

### **Section 3 Seven to Fifteen Years of Service**

- a) The annual vacation for employees with seven (7) to fifteen (15) years of service covered by this Agreement shall be four (4) weeks, and the pay therefore shall be based upon nine percent (9%) of the total wages or salary earned by the employee during the period of entitlement, or one hundred and sixty (160) hours at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job, whichever is greater.

- b) The additional one (1) week vacation provided for in this Section may be taken when convenient for the Company but does not have to be consecutive with the vacation periods provided for in Sections 1 and 2 herein.

#### **Section 4 Fifteen to Twenty-four Years Service**

- a) The annual vacation for employees with fifteen (15) to twenty-four (24) years of service covered by this Agreement shall be five (5) weeks, and the pay therefore shall be based upon eleven percent (11%) of the total wages or salary earned by the employee during the period of entitlement, or two hundred (200) hours at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job, whichever is greater.
- b) Subject to the provisions of Section 8 herein, the additional one (1) week vacation provided for in this Section may be taken consecutively with the vacation periods provided for in Sections 1, 2, or 3.

#### **Section 5 Twenty-four to Thirty Years Service**

- a) The annual vacation for employees with twenty-four (24) to thirty (30) years of service covered by this Agreement shall be six (6) weeks, and the pay therefore shall be based upon thirteen percent (13%) of the total wages or salary earned by the employee during the period of entitlement, or two hundred and forty (240) hours at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job, whichever is greater.
- b) Subject to the provisions of Section 8 herein, the additional one (1) week vacation provided for in this Section may be taken consecutively with the vacation periods provided for in Sections 1, 2, 3, or 4.

#### **Section 6 Thirty Years Service**

- a) The annual vacation for employees with thirty (30) years of service covered by this Agreement shall be seven (7) weeks, and the pay therefore shall be based upon fifteen percent (15%) of the total wages or salary earned by the employee during the period of entitlement, or two hundred and eighty (280) hours at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job, whichever is greater.
- b) Subject to the provisions of Section 8 herein, the additional one (1) week vacation provided for in this Section may be taken consecutively with the vacation periods provided for in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

#### **Section 7 Vacation Pay on Termination**

An employee whose employment is terminated shall receive vacation pay at the appropriate percentage of the wages or salary earned during the period of entitlement in accordance with the employee's years of service.

## **Section 8 Vacation Time**

- a) Vacations for employees shall be taken at such time as mutually agreed upon by the Shop Committee and the Company when quantity and regularity of production shall not be impaired.
- b) All earned vacation shall be taken.

## **Section 9 Payment of Vacation Pay**

- a) The calculation and comparison of the vacation pay amounts developed by the percentage of gross wages method and the hours times the regular job rate method will be completed and the greater amount paid to the employee within fourteen (14) days of the common vacation cut-off date or the employee's anniversary date. The Company's present cut-off or anniversary date method shall be continued unless a change is agreed upon between the Company and the Local Union.
- b) For the purposes of this Article, the rate of the employee's regular job will be the rate of the employee's regular job at the date of the common vacation cut-off date or the employee's anniversary date, as the case may be.
- c) In the case of a pieceworker, the rate of the employee's regular job will be determined by computing the employee's hourly average earnings for the days actually worked during the pay period immediately preceding the common vacation cut-off date or the employee's anniversary date, as the case may be.
- d) On the date when an employee completes one (1), two (2), seven (7), fifteen (15), twenty-four (24), or thirty (30) years of service and where there is a common cut-off date for all employees in the operation, the employee will receive:
  - i) In the case of one (1) year, one percent (1%) of their gross earnings between the date of employment and the date of the last common cut-off date;
  - ii) In the case of two (2), seven (7), fifteen (15), twenty-four (24), or thirty (30) years, two percent (2%) of their gross earnings between the date of their last anniversary date and the date of the last common cut-off date.

### **Section 10 Vacation Pay - Percentage of Wages Method**

The following shall be considered as days actually worked for determining vacations with pay for an employee after one (1) continuous year of employment:

- a) Absence on Workers' Compensation up to a period of one (1) year, provided that the employee returns to their employment.
- b) Absence due to illness up to a period of one (1) year, provided that the employee returns to their employment. The employer shall have the right to require a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner.
- c) Absence due to bereavement leave in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article IX, Section 6.
- d) Absence due to time served on jury duty, including Coroner's Jury, or time served as a Crown witness or Coroner's witness in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article IX, Section 7.
- e) Any other absence duly approved by the employer in writing shall be credited towards entitlement for annual vacation, but time spent on such leaves of absence shall not be counted in computing vacation pay.

### **Section 11 Qualifications for Vacation Pay Regular Job Rate Method**

- a)
  - i) In order for an employee to qualify for the amount generated by the hours times the regular job rate method, the employee must have worked a minimum of fifteen hundred (1,500) hours in the employee's first year of service and a minimum of one thousand (1,000) hours during the employee's succeeding years of entitlement.
  - ii) Where there is a common vacation pay cut-off date, for the purposes of calculating minimum hours as in (1) above, the calculation period shall be from the cut-off date in one year to the cut-off date in the succeeding year.
  - iii) Where there is no common vacation pay cut-off date, for the purposes of calculating minimum hours as in (i) above, the calculation period shall be from the employee's anniversary date in one year to their anniversary date in the succeeding year.
- b) For the purposes of computing the requisite hours the following will be included:
  - i) All hours worked;
  - ii) Statutory Holiday hours;
  - iii) Jury and Crown Witness duty;
  - iv) Bereavement leave;
  - v) Vacation hours;

- vi) Time not exceeding one (1) year, lost as the result of an accident recognized as compensable by the Worker's Compensation Board and suffered during the course of employment, shall be considered as time worked for the purpose of qualifying for vacation, provided that the employee returns to their employment;
- vii) Time not exceeding one (1) year, lost as the result of a non-occupational accident or illness, shall be considered as time worked for the purpose of qualifying for vacation, provided that at the time of the accident or illness the employee has been on the payroll for not less than one (1) year and that they return to their employment. It is understood that the employer may require that the employee provide a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner;
- viii) Time lost as a result of layoff shall not be considered as time worked for the purpose of qualifying for requisite hours;
- ix) Employees who report for work and who receive call time payment shall be credited with eight (8) hours for any such shift for purposes of computing requisite hours under this Section. Any employee who qualifies for call time in a day shall receive credit under this Section for eight (8) hours or credit for the hours for which wages were paid, whichever is greater.
- x) All hours worked in more than one (1) division of the parent company as a result of transfer or layoff.

## **Section 12 Employment Standards Act**

Part 4 - Annual Vacation of the Employment Standards Act, S.B.C., 1980, c. 10, and amendments thereto, except where varied or modified by the provisions herein, shall become part of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XI - STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

### **Section 1**

- a) All hourly-rated employees who work on New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, British Columbia Day, Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day shall be paid rate and one-half for all hours so worked.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed on September 30th unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties.

- b) In the event one of the above Statutory Holidays falls on a Sunday, the previous Friday or the following Monday shall be observed as the Holiday. In the event that one of the within named Statutory Holidays falls on Saturday it shall be observed on the preceding Friday or succeeding Monday as agreed between the Company and the Shop Committee.
- c) In the case of a maintenance employee where one of the Statutory Holidays is observed on their rest day, they shall have a day off without pay in lieu thereof at a mutually agreeable time.

## **Section 2**

- a) All hourly-rated and piece-work employees who qualify for the paid holiday under the conditions set out below shall be paid for the holiday at their regular job rate of pay for their regular work schedule. The Parties hereto agree that the paid Statutory Holidays shall be as follows:

New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, British Columbia Day, Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day.

- b) Piece work employees shall receive pay for the Statutory Holidays for which they qualify, based on the daily average earnings for the days actually worked during the previous thirty (30) working days.
- c) All hourly rated employees working on a paid holiday shall receive rate and one-half for hours worked on such day in addition to the holiday pay to which they may be entitled.
- d) Cook and bunkhouse employees who work on a statutory holiday shall receive at the end of their regular work schedule, an additional day off with pay to be added to their leave and vacation allowance accumulated in accordance with Article VII, Section 3.
- e) To qualify for statutory holidays, an employee must have been on the Company payroll for the thirty (30) calendar days immediately preceding the statutory holiday and must have worked their last regularly scheduled work day before, and their first regularly scheduled work day after the holiday, unless their absence is due to a compensable occupational injury or illness, which occurred within six (6) months of the holiday, or the employee is on authorized leave of absence in accordance with Section 2 or 3 of Article IX.

- f) In the case of illness or injury, the Company shall have the right to request a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner.
- g) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, the employee must have worked one day before and one day after the holiday, both of which must fall within a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

### **Section 3**

- a) In the event of a Statutory Holiday falling on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, and where the Company and Shop Committee mutually agree, the said holiday may be observed the preceding Monday or following Friday respectively.
- b) At the Option of the Company, but whenever possible by mutual agreement with the Shop Committee, either Good Friday or Easter Monday shall become the designated Easter Holiday and the Company shall notify its employees of the designation at least one (1) week prior to the said holiday.
- c) When a Statutory Holiday falls on Friday, employees working on a Tuesday to Saturday work week by mutual agreement between the Company and the Plant Committee may work on the Friday statutory holiday at the straight time job rates and substitute Saturday as the statutory holiday.

### **Section 4    Personal Floating Holiday**

This Section becomes effective September 1, 1978. This Personal Floating Holiday is in lieu of the proposed Heritage Day but this Section shall come into operation on its effective date even if Heritage Day has or has not been proclaimed.

- a) **Personal Floating Holiday** - Regular full time employees will be granted one Personal Floating Holiday during each contract year of the Agreement, to be arranged at a time suitable to the Employee and the Company, so that there will be no loss of production.
- b) **Qualifying Conditions** - When the Personal Floating Holiday is taken, an employee shall be paid for the said holiday at their regular job rate of pay for their regular work schedule, subject to the following conditions:
  - i) A new employee must have been on the payroll for not less than ninety (90) consecutive calendar days to qualify for the Personal Floating Holiday.
  - ii) An employee will not qualify for the Personal Floating Holiday if on leave of absence for more than nine (9) months in the contract year, except in the case of sickness or injury.



- iii) An employee shall apply on an approved form, at least seven (7) days in advance, for their Personal Floating Holiday. The employee shall receive notice of the disposition of their request a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours prior to the requested Personal Floating Holiday.
- iv) If an employee is required to work on their Personal Floating Holiday after a definite date has been designated for such holiday, the employee shall be paid overtime for such work at the rate of time and one-half. The employee will then be entitled to take the holiday with pay at a later date to be mutually agreed upon.
- v) Personal Floating Holiday not taken or scheduled by April 30th of each contract year will be scheduled by management.
- vi) A Personal Floating Holiday shall not be scheduled on an employee's regular rest day.
- vii) Where an employee chooses Saturday or Sunday as a Personal Floating Holiday, straight time rates will apply with the exception of compressed schedules that have a premium or overtime built in.
- viii) Effective July 1, 2000, employees who have been on the payroll for not less than ninety (90) consecutive days, who terminate their employment and who have not taken their earned personal floating holiday, shall receive payment for their personal holiday. This shall not be construed as an extension of their period of employment.

## **ARTICLE XII - SAFETY AND HEALTH**

### **Section 1**

The Company and Employees will co-operate to assure safe working methods and conditions and devise plans for the furtherance of safety measures. Equipment and devices mutually agreed upon to be provided by the Company.

### **Section 2**

The Management of every operation shall maintain an Accident Prevention Committee of four (4) to six (6) members according to the size of the operation. Members of the Committee shall be designated to equal number by the Employees and the Employer. Employee representatives shall be regular employees in the operation with at least one (1) year experience.

### **Section 3**

Safety meetings will be held during working hours where possible. Employee's time will not be deducted for attending such meetings or investigations into accidents. It is recognized that in multi-shift operations, meetings will occur outside of working hours for certain employees.

When meetings take place outside of an employee's working hours, they will be compensated at their regular hourly straight time rate of pay for the time spent attending such meetings, investigations and inspections up to a maximum of two (2) hours per week.

### **Section 4**

The Company will require all Cookhouse employees to have a health card from a recognized doctor within ten (10) days of employment and shall renew same every six (6) months. Cost of medical examination is to be borne by the Employer if the Employee stays on the job thirty (30) days. These requirements are subject to medical service being available.

### **Section 5**

Effective July 1, 1989, an IWA - Forest Industry Safety and Health Research Program be established on the following general principles:

- a) The Plan will be jointly trusteeed.
- b) The Plan is to be funded on the basis of an Industry contribution of one-half cent (½ ¢) per hour per employee per hour worked, effective July 1, 1989.

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- c) The trustees will be appointed in the first year of the Agreement and will meet during the first year to establish objectives and operating and administrative procedures.
- d)
  - i) When funds in the Plan reach \$100,000.00, the Employer will contribute an additional one-half cent ( $\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ ) per hour for a total of one-cent (1¢) per hour.
  - ii) When funds in the Plan reach \$200,000.00, the additional one-half cent ( $\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ ) provided for in (i) above will be discontinued until the fund level is again reduced to the \$100,000.00 level.
  - iii) There will be a contribution holiday when funds in the Plan are in excess of \$300,000 and contributions will recommence when the fund decreases to \$200,000.

## **Section 6 Right to Refuse Unsafe Work**

The Company and the Union agree to cooperate in developing and maintaining a strong sense of safety awareness among employees and supervisors. It is, therefore, recognized that every employee has the right to refuse work if they have reasonable cause to believe that to perform the work would create undue hazard to the health or safety of any person. For the purpose of this section, all rules, procedures and outcomes will be as outlined in Section 3.12 of WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation which are as follows:

- (1) A person must not carry out or cause to be carried out any work process or operate or cause to be operated any tool, appliance or equipment if that person has reasonable cause to believe that to do so would create an undue hazard to the health and safety of any person.
- (2) A worker who refuses to carry out a work process or operate a tool, appliance or equipment pursuant to subsection (1) must immediately report the circumstances of the unsafe condition to their supervisor or employer.
- (3) A supervisor or employer receiving a report made under subsection (2) must immediately investigate the matter and
  - (a) ensure that any unsafe condition is remedied without delay, or
  - (b) if in their opinion the report is not valid, must so inform the person who made the report.

- (4) If the procedure under subsection (3) does not resolve the matter and the worker continues to refuse to carry out the work process or operate the tool, appliance or equipment, the supervisor or employer must investigate the matter in the presence of the worker who made the report and in the presence of
  - (a) a worker member of the joint committee,
  - (b) a worker who is selected by a trade union representing the worker, or
  - (c) if there is no joint committee or the worker is not represented by a trade union, any other reasonably available worker selected by the worker.
- (5) In the event of another employee being assigned the work being investigated under this section, the employee will be informed of the work refusal and the rationale for the refusal.

This will occur in the presence of:

- (a) a worker member of the joint committee,
  - (b) a worker who is selected by a trade union representing the worker, or
  - (c) if there is no joint committee or the worker is not represented by a trade union, any other reasonably available worker selected by the worker.
- (6) If the investigation under subsection (4) does not resolve the matter and the worker continues to refuse to carry out the work process or operate the tool, appliance or equipment, both the supervisor, or the employer, and the worker must immediately notify an officer, who must investigate the matter without undue delay and issue whatever orders are deemed necessary.

No discriminatory action:

- (1) A worker must not be subject to discriminatory action as defined in section 150 of Part 3 of the Workers Compensation Act because the worker has acted in compliance with section 3.12 or with an order made by an officer.
- (2) Temporary assignment to alternative work at no loss in pay to the worker until the matter in section 3.12 is resolved is deemed not to constitute discriminatory action.

Note: The prohibition against discriminatory action is established in the Workers Compensation Act Part 3, Division 6, sections 150 through 153.

## **Section 7 Employee Safety Guidelines**

The Parties agree that safety is paramount and for purposes of ensuring safety only and without restricting the Company's rights under the Collective Agreement to assign any work to employees, it is agreed that when performing work, employees will only perform work within the scope of their training and qualifications.

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## **ARTICLE XIII - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **Section 1**

A Grievance Committee shall be elected to consist of two (2) to four (4) employees elected by the Union members employed in the operation covered by this Agreement. Members of this Grievance Committee shall have completed their probationary period with the Company and shall have at least one (1) year's experience in the type of operation. Wherever possible members shall be selected on a departmental basis. Meetings of the Grievance Committee shall, except in cases of emergency, and wherever possible, be held outside of working hours. In the event that a grievance should arise it shall be dealt with in the following manner, without stoppage of work.

#### **Step 1.**

The individual employee involved with or without the Shop Steward shall first take up the matter with the Supervisor directly in charge of the work within fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of the event or events giving rise to the grievance or from time when the employee has knowledge or may be reasonably presumed to have knowledge of such event or events.

#### **Step 2.**

If a satisfactory settlement is not then reached, it shall be reduced to writing by both Parties when the same employee and the Committee shall take up the Grievance with the Plant Superintendent and/or Personnel Manager. If desired, the Union Business Agent shall accompany the Committee.

#### **Step 3.**

If a grievance is not then satisfactorily solved, it shall be referred to the Local Union and the Management.

#### **Step 4.**

If a satisfactory settlement is not then reached, it shall be dealt with by arbitration as hereinafter provided.

### **Section 2**

- a) If a grievance has not advanced to the next stage under Steps 2, 3, or 4, within fourteen (14) day after completion of the preceding stage, then the grievance shall be deemed to be abandoned, and all rights of recourse to the grievance procedure shall be at an end. The fourteen (14) day limit may be extended by mutual consent of both Parties.
- b) The Parties agree that the operation of Section 96, Subsection 1, of the Labour Code of British Columbia Act, 1973, is specifically excluded from this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XIV - RIGHT OF REFERENCE**

### **Section 1**

If the two Parties fail to agree upon an interpretation of the Agreement, either Party shall have the right to refer the matter to the Joint Industry Committee, hereinafter provided, and if either Party does make such reference, the other Party must accept the reference.

### **Section 2**

The Joint Industry Committee shall consist of three (3) representatives selected by the USW Negotiating Committee and three (3) representatives selected by the Employers represented in the negotiations of this Agreement, and the two (2) committees may be represented by one (1) or more Parties selected by them.

### **Section 3**

When an interpretation of the Agreement has been referred to the Joint Committee, this reference shall be for the period of forty-eight (48) hours or longer by mutual consent of the Parties to this Agreement. In case the Joint Committees agree upon a recommendation or interpretation, this shall be furnished in writing to the Union involved and to the Company.

### **Section 4**

In the event the Joint Committee members disagree, all the facts in the case as found by the Union and Union members of the Joint Committee shall be placed in writing by the Union representatives and submitted to the Employer and to the Union member involved. The facts in the case as found by the Employer and the employer members of the Joint Committee shall be placed in writing and given to the Union member employees for their information.

### **Section 5**

If a satisfactory interpretation of the point in question is not reached either Party may refer the question to arbitration as hereinafter provided.

## **ARTICLE XV - INTERPRETATION AND ARBITRATION**

### **Section 1 Interpretation**

- a) In case of any dispute arising regarding the interpretation of this Agreement which the Parties hereto are unable to settle between themselves, the matter shall be determined by interpretation in the following manner.
- b) Either Party may notify the other Party in writing by Registered Mail on the question or questions to be interpreted. After receiving such notice and statement, each of the Parties will then refer the matter to the Interpreter selected by the Parties.
- c) The Parties agree to \_\_\_\_\_ as the Interpreter for the duration of this Agreement.
- d) In the event that the Interpreter as provided for in c) herein is not available to preside as Interpreter under this Section, the Parties agree that they will request the Honourable Minister of Labour of the Province of British Columbia to appoint a Judge either of the Supreme Court of British Columbia or the Court of Appeal of the Province to preside as Interpreter for the dispute then pending.
- e) The decision of the Interpreter shall be final and binding upon the Parties of the First and Second Parts.

### **Section 2 Arbitration**

- a) In the case of a dispute arising under this Agreement, except as to Interpretations of this Agreement, which the Parties are unable to settle themselves, as set out in Article XIII, the matter shall be determined by Arbitration in the following manner:
- b) Either Party may notify the other Party in writing by Registered Mail of the question to be arbitrated.
- c) After receiving such notice and statement, each of the Parties will then refer the matter in writing to the Arbitrator who has been selected by the Parties.
- d) The Parties shall appoint a panel of three (3) Arbitrators. If the Parties fail to appoint the required three (3) Arbitrators, they shall forthwith request the Honorable Minister of Labour of the Province of British Columbia to appoint the arbitrators required. As per the October 27, 2003 Memorandum of Agreement, the Parties agree to review the panel of arbitrators and replace as jointly agreed upon.

- e) The single Arbitrator shall be selected from the panel of three (3) Arbitrators on a rotational basis.
- f) In the event that the Arbitrators provided for in this Section are not available to preside as Arbitrator under this Section, the Parties agree to meet and attempt to select a mutually satisfactory arbitrator. If unable to select one which is mutually satisfactory, the Parties further agree to request the Honorable Minister of Labour of the Province of British Columbia to appoint an Arbitrator.
- g) If the Arbitrator finds that an employee has been unjustly suspended or discharged, such employee shall be reinstated with all their rights and privileges preserved under the terms of this Agreement. The Arbitrator shall further make the determination on the amount of lost pay to be paid to the employee.
- h) The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties of the First and Second Parts.

### **Section 3**

The Parties of the First and Second Parts will each bear one-half (1/2) of the expense of interpretations or arbitrations including the salary of the Interpreter or Arbitrator plus any stenographic, secretarial and rent expenses which may be incurred in respect to such proceeding.

### **Section 4**

Any Arbitration to be held hereunder shall be held in the City of Prince George or such other place as may be decided by the Arbitrator.

### **Section 5**

A Committee shall be established to develop and implement a system of expedited arbitration of grievances. The chairperson of this Committee will be H. Allan Hope, Q.C. The Committee shall report to the parties not later than December 31, 1984.



## **ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 1**

- a) The Union will, within sixty (60) days from the date of this Agreement, notify the Company in writing of the members of the Shop Committee. The Union or Shop Committee will inform the Company in writing when any member change takes place on the said Committee. No member of the Shop Committee will be recognized by the Company unless the above procedure is carried out.
- b) For the purpose of this Agreement, when the word "Committee" is used it shall mean Shop, Mill or Plant Committee, members of which are appointed by the Union.
- c) Official Union representatives shall obtain access to the Company's operations for the purpose of this Agreement by written permission which will be granted by the Company on request and subject to such terms and conditions as may be laid down by the Company.

### **Section 2 No Strike Pending Grievance and Arbitration Procedure**

The Union agrees that it will not cause, promote, sanction, or authorize any strike, sit-down, slow-down, sympathetic strike, or other interference with work by the employees for any cause whatsoever until all provisions of this Agreement relating to grievance and arbitration procedures have been complied with, unless failure to comply with such procedure is due to any act or refusal to act or misconduct of the Company.

### **Section 3 No Lockout Pending Grievance and Arbitration Procedure**

The Company agrees it will not create or institute any lockout of the employees with respect to any dispute between the Company and the Union or the Company and its employee until all provisions of this Agreement relating to grievance and arbitration procedure have been complied with, unless failure to comply with such procedure is due to any act or refusal to act or misconduct of the Union or its employees.

### **Section 4 Working Supervisor**

Employees outside the bargaining unit will not perform work that is normally done by employees in the bargaining unit.

However, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting foremen from doing work for purpose of instruction, provided by so doing a lay-off of bargaining unit employees does not result, or in the case of an emergency when regular employees are not available, provided that every reasonable effort is made to find a replacement.

## **Section 5 Permanent Plant Closure - Severance Pay**

- a. The Company agrees that employees affected by permanent plant closure shall be given sixty (60) days notice of closure.
- b. Employees terminated by the Company because of permanent closure of a manufacturing plant shall be entitled to severance pay equal to ten (10) days' pay for each year of continuous service with the Company, and thereafter for partial years in increments of completed months of service with the Company.

Employees who transfer to another division of the Company because of permanent closure of a manufacturing plant shall be entitled to severance pay equal to seven (7) days' pay for each year of continuous service with the Company.

- c. Severance pay for uncompleted years of service shall be computed on the basis of completed months service.
- d. Where a plant is relocated and the employees involved are not required to relocate their place of residence or are not terminated by the Company as a result of the plant relocation, they shall not be entitled to severance pay under this article.
- e. If a plant is indefinitely closed, and is subsequently permanently closed, those regular fulltime employees laid off at the time of the indefinite closure or subsequently laid off, will be entitled to the severance provisions provided for in b) above based on their seniority at the time of their layoff.

## **Section 6 Permanent Partial Plant Closure**

The Company shall notify the shop committee and the Union not less than sixty (60) days in advance of intent to institute permanent partial plant closure.

A permanent partial plant closure for a lumber manufacturing facility is defined as the permanent cessation of a Planermill, Sawmill, or Kilns.

Following the application of seniority, employees who are not able to obtain an alternative position in the operation and are therefore laid off are entitled to severance pay of ten (10) days pay (eight (8) hours per day) for each year of service with the Company. Acceptance of severance pay results in termination of employment.

If a Planermill, Sawmill or Kilns is indefinitely closed, and is subsequently permanently closed, those regular fulltime employees who were initially laid off in accordance with the preceding paragraph, and have not obtained an alternative position during the period of indefinite closure, will be entitled to severance pay as provided in the

preceding paragraph based on their seniority at the time of their layoff. Acceptance of severance pay results in termination of employment.

The application of this section becomes effective upon ratification of the 2009 to 2013 collective agreement. There is no retroactivity of application of this section to events which occurred prior to ratification

### **Section 7 Planermill Maintenance Technician Training**

It is agreed that the Parties to the Agreement will meet jointly to discuss and implement a Planermill Maintenance Technician Training Program.

### **Section 8 Tools**

- a) The Company will repair or replace those Tradespersons' tools that are damaged or broken in the performance of regular duties.
- b) The Company will make available Tradespersons' tools required upon the introduction of the metric system.
- c) During the introduction of equipment which requires the use of metric tools, the Company will make metric tools available, at no cost, for use by Tradespersons.

### **Section 9 First Aid Training**

Employees of the Company who, by mutual agreement, train or retrain for Industrial First Aid Certificates, will be compensated in the following manner:

- a) The Company will pay the cost of the course tuition and material required to those employees who pass the course.
- b) The Company will pay lost time wages to designated First Aid Attendants.

### **Section 10 Disciplinary Action**

In all instances of discipline, including discipline investigative meetings, the Company will ensure a Shop Steward is present unless the Employee requests that no Shop Steward be present. Non-attendance of a union official will not negate the discipline.

Discipline will remain on the employees' file for 24 months and will not be used after that period provided no other discipline has occurred during that time. In disciplinary cases involving harassment the time limits may be extended. The employee must be informed of this decision at the time of the discipline.

### **Section 11 Local Issues**

The Parties agree to a process of ongoing timely resolution of matters as they arise in operations during the term of the Agreement. Either Party may request the involvement of CONIFER and the USW for the purpose of assistance in the resolution of such matters.

### **Section 12 Chargehand**

A designated Chargehand acting as a representative of the Company is a work coordinator and can exercise job/work direction.

Chargehands do not have the right to hire, discharge or discipline employees.

The Company shall have the right to select employees for the position. The Plant Committee and Local Union will be advised by the Company of Chargehand appointments.

The only premium designated Chargehands shall receive is seventy-five cents (75¢) per hour in addition to their regular job rate.

Any premiums being paid, in excess of this agreement, will be withdrawn effective September 1, 1997.

None of the foregoing is intended to restrict any of the usual activities of a Chargehand as designated by the Company.

Training received by a Chargehand, other than training received in accordance with divisional agreements, will not be recognized for future job postings or in the application of seniority at a reduction of forces.

It is understood that Chargehands do not have priority to overtime over and above divisional overtime agreements.

### **Section 13 Humanity Fund**

- a) The Company agrees to deduct on a bi-weekly basis the amount of 1¢ per hour from the wages of all employees in the bargaining unit for all hours worked.
- b) Prior to the 15th day of the month following said deduction, the Company shall pay the amounts to the "Humanity Fund" and will forward such payment to United Steelworkers National Office, 234 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1K7. The Company will advise in writing both the Humanity Fund at aforementioned address and the Local Union that such payment has been made, the amount of such payment and the names of all employees in the bargaining unit on whose behalf such payment has been made.

## **Section 14 Utility/Relief**

Without restricting the employer's rights under any other provision of the Collective Agreement, or under any local agreement, when the employer requires a permanent utility/relief operator position it will be posted in accordance with local job posting supplements.

## **ARTICLE XVII - HEALTH & WELFARE**

### **Section 1 Medical**

- a) Medical coverage including Extended Health Benefit coverage shall be provided by the Company at no cost to the employee. The Extended Health Benefit Coverage shall include hospitalization coverage up to a maximum of eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) per day.
- b) Effective January 1, 2025, the vision care limit will be increased by one hundred dollars (\$100) from the four hundred dollars (\$400) per member or dependent to five hundred dollars (\$500) in any 24-month consecutive period. This benefit will include the cost of laser eye surgery, and/or eye exams.
- c) Effective July 1, 1997, the Physiotherapist / Massage practitioners' limit will be increased by fifty dollars (\$50.00) per calendar year to a total limit of five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00) per member or dependent per calendar year.
- d) Effective January 1, 2025, the coverage for Psychologist or Registered Counsellor will be increased to \$1,500 per member or dependent per calendar year.
- e) Effective January 1, 2025 the combined Chiropractor/Naturopath Physicians' limit will be de-coupled. The Chiropractor limit will be set at seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) per member or dependent per calendar year, and the Naturopath Physicians' limit will be set at five hundred dollars (\$500).
- f) Participation in such a plan shall be compulsory upon all employees. However, effective January 1, 2004, the obligation of the employer to enroll and cover an employee for Medical Services Plan of British Columbia (MSP of BC) is triggered only when the employee is not already covered by MSP of BC by some other means.
- g) Dependent Coverage: That the appropriate policies for medical and dental coverage be amended to provide coverage for dependents over the age of twenty-one (21) years but not over the age of twenty-five (25) years, provided that the dependents are attending a recognized educational institution.

- h) Effective January 1, 2019, the coverage for prescribed orthotics will be five hundred dollars (\$500) per member or dependent per five (5) year period.
- i) Effective July 1, 1998, increase the Orthopedic Shoes limit by one hundred dollars (\$100) from four hundred dollars (\$400) to five hundred dollars (\$500) (adults), and from two hundred dollars (\$200) to three hundred dollars (\$300) (child) per calendar year.
- j) Effective July 1, 1999, increase the Hearing Aids limit by one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) from four hundred dollars (\$400) every five (5) years for children to five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) every five (5) years. Effective July 1, 1999, establish the same five hundred and fifty dollar (\$550) limit per member or dependent, every five (5) years, unless there is alternate coverage provided for.
- k) Effective July 1, 2003, increase the lifetime benefits payable to \$75,000.00 per family member.
  - To \$100,000, effective on ratification of the 2013 to 2018 Collective Agreement.
  - To \$150,000 on July 1, 2014.
  - To \$200,000 on July 1, 2015.
  - To \$250,000 on July 1, 2016.
  - To \$300,000 on July 1, 2017.
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  - i) Effective July 1, 2004, the annual Extended Health Care deductible will be increased to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for single or family coverage.
  - ii) Effective January 1, 2007, the annual Extended Health Care deductible will be increased from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for single or family coverage.
  - iii) Effective July 1, 2004 the Extended Health Care Plan shall provide benefits for the surviving spouse and eligible children for a period of twenty-four (24) months in the event of the death of an active member.
- m) It is agreed to implement a pay direct drug card under the EHC plan, coincidental with the following EHC drug plan design features:
  - Low Cost Alternative.
  - Pharmacy mark-up maximum.
  - Pharmacy dispensing fee cap.
    - The mark up maximum and dispensing fee cap will be reviewed on July 1 of each year, and will be adjusted to be consistent with the BC Ministry of Health (Health Insurance BC) levels.Issuance of the pay direct drug card will occur coincidental with the PBC re-enrolment process necessitated by the PBC system upgrade; Target date July 1, 2014.

## **Section 2 Insurance Coverage**

It is agreed that a Health and Welfare Plan be instituted with the principles hereinafter set out.

### **CONIFER - USW Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees, composed of three (3) members representing USW and three members representing CONIFER are responsible for the administration of the Northern Interior Forest Industry Benefit Plan. The Trustees are also responsible for the selection of carriers, funding, adjudication of compassionate appeals, and Health and Welfare problems directly related to the Plan.

The following coverage will be provided by the Company on an industry-wide basis with a common carrier.

- a) Group Life Insurance for each qualified employee is \$150,000.
- b) Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance for each qualified employee is \$150,000 (24 hour coverage).
- c) Weekly Indemnity as follows:
  - i. Effective July 1, 1995, the Weekly Indemnity benefit level be increased by ten dollars (\$10) per week so that the benefit level is four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$439) per week for fifty-two (52) weeks.
  - ii. Effective July 1, 1996, the Weekly Indemnity benefit level be increased by ten dollars (\$10) per week so that the benefit level is four hundred forty-nine dollars (\$449) per week for fifty-two (52) weeks.
  - iii. Effective on the first of the month following notice of ratification of the 2013 to 2018 Collective Agreement the Weekly Indemnity benefit level will be adjusted to the EI weekly rate plus one hundred dollars (\$100).
  - iv. Effective January 1, 1995, a "No Downs" provision be introduced so that the four hundred twenty nine dollar ( \$429) per week rate will not be reduced by further reductions by U.I.C. of the maximum insurable earnings number.
  - v. Effective July 1, 2004, the maximum weekly indemnity claim is limited to twenty-six (26) weeks.
- d) In the case of disability caused by non-occupational illness, Weekly Indemnity benefits will be payable commencing the first day of any such absence where the illness results in the claimant being hospitalized as a bed patient and in cases where surgery is performed which necessitates loss of time from work.

- e) Absences due to the same or related causes will be considered one continuous absence unless the employee returns to full time work for at least four (4) continuous weeks between absences.
- f) The Union agrees that if the Company maintains weekly plan benefits which will meet the standard requirements for full premium reduction for "wage loss replacement plan under the Unemployment Insurance Act:" the employees' 5/12ths share of the premium reduction is retained as payment in kind in the provisions of the Weekly Indemnity Plan benefits.
- g) Third Party Subrogation

The Parties agree to recommend to the Trustees of the Health and Welfare Plan that effective on the date of ratification of this memorandum a third party subrogation clause be adopted so that the Weekly Indemnity Plan can be reimbursed from damages recovered from a liable third party for illness, injury or income loss. The Plan will be entitled to recover the full amount of benefits paid to the member which exceeds 100% of the member's pre-disability gross income. Gross income will be calculated by using the member's regular hourly job rate times (x) forty (40) hours. Trustees to work out the application and details, including the deduction of legal fees from the settlement and the execution of a reimbursement agreement.



### **Section 3 Dental Plan**

A Dental Plan will be provided based on the following general principles:

- a) Basic dental services (Plan 'A') - Plan pays 80% of approved schedule of fees. Recall and cleaning checkups every nine (9) months. Effective July 1, 2014, white fillings shall be eligible under the dental plan subject to the existing deductions in the plan.
- b) Prosthetics, Crowns and Bridges (Plan 'B') - Plan pays 60% of approved schedule of fees.
- c) Orthodontic (Plan 'C') - Plan pays 60% of approved schedule of fees. Lifetime maximum - \$4,000.00, effective first of the month following notice of ratification of the 2013 to 2018 collective agreement. No waiting period required.
- d) Effective January 1, 2004, the Dental Plan shall provide benefits for the surviving spouse and eligible children for a period of twenty-four (24) months in the event of the death of an active member.

### **Section 4 General Principles**

- a) Premium cost for insurance shall be paid by the Company.
- b) Participation in the Plan is to be a condition of employment.
- c) Any new employee who has not worked in covered employment in the last eighteen (18) months will be eligible to become a covered employee on the first of the month following date of completion of thirty (30) working days within the three (3) calendar months following the date of entering employment.
- d) Coverage will be portable for all employees covered by collective agreements between members of CONIFER, Forest Industrial Relations Limited, Interior Forest Labour Relations Association, West Fraser Limited, Canfor Limited and the USW, and there shall be no waiting period for qualified employees changing employers within the industry.
- e) Coverage during lay-off will be provided as follows:
  - i) Employees with one (1) or more years seniority - six (6) months.
  - ii) Employees with more than three (3) months of seniority - three (3) months.
  - iii) In order for reinstatement of lay-off coverage to occur there must be a return to regular full-time employment. An employee returns to regular full-time employment when they are employed for ten (10) working days within a floating period of thirty (30) consecutive days.

- iv) In addition, an employee who returns to work for at least one (1) working day and less than ten (10) working days will be covered for that month, in addition to any lay-off coverage to which they were entitled, if the recall occurred during the period of lay-off coverage.
- f) Weekly Indemnity coverage will be eliminated for an employee on an extended leave of absence under Leave of Absence, Section 4, Compassionate Leave, provided however, that such employee is eligible for Weekly Indemnity coverage on the agreed-upon day of return to work. In order to qualify for this coverage the employee must have returned to their place of residence in British Columbia unless their disability required him to be hospitalized and satisfies the requirements of the claims adjudication carrier. In the case of a compassionate appeal dealing with disability incurred during an extended Leave of Absence, the Trustees have the right to review certain circumstances.
- g) Employees on extended Leave of Absence under Leave of Absence, Article IX - Section 4: Compassionate Leave will pay their own premiums for the Medical Services Plan, Extended Health Benefit, and Dental Plan, while the premiums for Group Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance will be paid by the employer during such extended Leave of Absence.
- h) Effective January 1, 1998, the existing Extended Health Benefits Plan will be extended to incorporate a medical travel plan allowance for necessary medical travel from remote areas when members or their dependents are referred by their attending physician to medical specialists in B.C. and such referrals require travel from the patient's community of employment in excess of five hundred (500) kilometers round trip. The maximum Medical Travel allowance payable on behalf of any one member or dependent is six hundred dollars (\$600) over the terms of the agreement. A Weldwood – I.W.A. committee will work out all of the details prior to implementation. Effective January 1, 2010 amend the medical travel allowance to provide for two-thousand (\$2000.00) over the four (4) year term of the agreement with the maximum of one thousand (\$1000.00) in any one year. Effective January 1, 2014, the maximum medical travel allowance payable, on behalf of any member or dependent, will be \$1,000 per calendar year.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN**

- a) The Plan will become effective July 1st, 1982.
- b) Effective the first of the month following ratification of the 2018 to 2023 Collective Agreement, contributions from the Employer and the Employee to the Plan will be reduced from \$1.20 per Employee per hour worked (60 cents per hour from the Employee and 60 cents per hour from the Employer) to 76 cents per Employee per hour worked (38 cents per hour from the Employee and 38 cents per hour from the Employer).

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The Plan Actuary will update the Board of Trustees on the estimated financial position of the Plan as a standing agenda item every Board meeting. Effective the first of the month following the Board meeting where the Plan Actuary estimates the Plan is at or below a 120% funded ratio, the contributions to the Plan will be adjusted to a level so as to maintain the 120% funded ratio position (using the same methodology as used to determine the 172% as of September 30, 2017 valuation).

The maximum total contribution rate will be a total of \$1.20, split 50/50 between Employer and Employee.

- c) A Board of Trustees will be constituted with equal representation from the Union and the Industry, to be responsible for establishing the terms of the Plan and the on-going administration.
- d) The Trustees will select a qualified actuary to assist them and to ensure the establishment of actuarially sound reserves to fund the benefits provided by the Plan.
- e) The Trustees will enter into a Trust Agreement which will include provision for a procedure to settle any major dispute that may arise with regard to the provisions of the Plan.
- f) Protection Against Withdrawals - Withdrawing employer to be assessed for both the employer and employee share of the unfunded liability in cases of negotiated withdrawal, decertification or relocation closure. Unfunded liability formula to be uniform and based on Plan Unfunded Liability divided by the total number of Plan members (at the time of most recent Plan Valuation) multiplied by the number of Plan members affected by the withdrawal. Trustees to be directed to amend the participation agreement accordingly.

Houston Forest Products, Babine Forest Products and I.W.A.-CANADA will jointly consider plan modifications that will improve the delivery of Rehabilitation within the Long Term Disability Plan, and will encourage and facilitate the development and establishment of Disability Management systems in participating employers' operations.

The Trustees are directed to develop Plan modifications that will:

- i.) Improve the timeliness, effectiveness and quality of Rehabilitation from the Plan
- ii.) Provide incentives to Employers and Local Unions to establish Disability Management systems at the operations level.

In the event that there are savings to the Long Term Disability Plan as a result of either Disability Management Systems, or amendments to Rehabilitation, consideration can be given to dispersal of these funds for further improvements in either of the above areas.

Where the Trustees reach agreement on modifications in the above areas, implementation can occur at the direction of the Trustees. Should additional funding be required to implement the Trustees recommendations, their recommendations will be forwarded to the respective Negotiating Committees to be dealt with.

- g) Effective July 1, 2003, employees who become disabled on or after July 1, 2003, shall be eligible to apply for LTD benefits after a twenty-six (26) week qualifying period.

## **ARTICLE XIX - PENSION PLAN**

### **Section 1**

The Parties agree to establish a Pension Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement of the Pension and Sub-Committee dated August 17, 1977.

### **Section 2 Hourly Contribution**

The per hour worked contributions in effect as of July 1, 2013 are as follows:

- \$2.675 per hour worked contribution from the employer
  - \$1.625 per hour worked contribution from the employee
- a) Effective July 1, 2014, an increase to the employer per hour worked contribution of \$1.00 per hour worked resulting in a total of \$3.675 per hour worked employer contribution.
- b) Effective July 1, 2014, an increase to the employee per hour worked contribution of \$0.60 per hour worked resulting in a total of \$2.225 per hour worked employee contribution.

### **Section 3 Graduated Retirement**

The parties agree that when the Pension Plan permits graduated retirement, this section will be engaged and activated.

## **ARTICLE XX - JOB TRAINING**

Covered by separate Local Agreement signed at the operation

## **ARTICLE XXI - APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

### **Section 1**

- a) Apprenticeship Training Programs will be in accordance with Supplement No. 3, attached hereto and forms part of this Agreement.
- b) The Company will pay the apprentice, while attending training school, the following:
  - i) LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE  
Fifty dollars (\$50) per day to a maximum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per week, for apprentices who are required to maintain a second residence while attending school.
  - ii) TRAVEL ALLOWANCE  
Fifty cents (\$.50) per kilometer based on the distance for two (2) round trips to school per technical training period. This distance will be as per a schedule based on the distance between town of employment and the school.  
  
COMMUTING ALLOWANCE, for apprentices who live at home and attend school. Fifty cents (\$.50) per kilometer if commuting greater than 30 kilometres each way from the school, minus the first 24 kilometres each way.  
  
Apprentices who are required to travel by ferry or air will be reimbursed for such fares, where such travel is the most reasonable or the only option available. The apprentice must receive prior approval for such travel.
  - iii) WAGES  
Wage replacement of eight (8) hours per day at the regular apprenticeship rate of pay for each day of training attended.
  - iv) APPRENTICESHIP BOOKS & TUITION  
While attending training school, apprentices will receive reimbursement for tuition fees and the cost of required text books.
- c) It is agreed the components of the revised Sawfiler apprenticeship program will be completed to the highest level (Sawfiler or Benchperson) as required by the needs of the specific operation.

### **Section 2 Apprenticeship Selection Tests**

The Parties agree to utilize the same Apprenticeship Selection Tests as are used in the Southern Interior.

The tests will be used to test applicants prior to selection in accordance with the Letter of Understanding, titled 'Selection of Apprentice Procedure' dated December 22, 1994. It is understood that the position will be awarded to the senior applicant who passes the test.

It is agreed to formulate a committee during the term of the collective agreement to review all aspects of the administration of apprenticeship training, including but not limited to selection processes and prospective loyalty arrangements. The committee will select up to three members from CONIFER and three members from USW Northern Locals. The committee will meet to commence this process by January 1, 2011, to be completed by April 2011.

Effective on Ratification of the 2013 to 2018 Collective Agreement, the current (at February 5, 2014) arrangements and processes will be maintained status quo in each Local Union.

The CONIFER – USW apprenticeship review committee will be re-constituted and will reconvene to once again review all aspects of the administration of apprenticeship training. Composition of the committee will consist of three representatives from CONIFER and three representatives from the USW Northern Locals. The first meeting of this committee will take place by March 1, 2014 with a target ratification date of June 30, 2014.

The objective of this committee will be to realize a new Letter of Understanding on Apprenticeship training, including addressing the core topic of selection process.

The new Letter of Understanding will be subject to ratification by both parties.

### **Section 3 Apprenticeship Loyalty Agreement**

An employee upon completion of an apprenticeship opportunity is encouraged to work in the journeyman position for a minimum of four (4) years as a return to service commitment. Should the employee voluntarily leave the Company within the four (4) years, the employee's obligation for repayment of costs for schooling (tuition and books) and out-of-town expenses will be reimbursed by the employee on the basis of the following:

- Leaves before serving one (1) year – 100% reimbursement.
- Leaves after serving one (1) year but before serving two (2) years – 75% reimbursement
- Leaves after serving two (2) years but before three (3) years – 50% reimbursement
- Leaves after serving three (3) years but less than four (4) years – 25% reimbursement

## **ARTICLE XXII - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

### **Section 1 Advance Notification**

The Company shall notify the Shop Committee and the Union not less than six (6) months in advance of intent to institute material changes in working methods or facilities which would involve the discharge or laying-off of employees.

### **Section 2 Severance Pay**

Employees discharged, laid off or displaced from their regular job because of mechanization, technological change or automation shall be entitled to severance pay of seven (7) day's pay for each year of service with the Company. The amount calculated under such entitlement shall not exceed a maximum of two hundred and ten (210) days pay. Employees have the option to terminate their employment and accept severance pay either (a) at the time of layoff, or (b) at the point seniority retention expires. This section shall not apply to employees covered by Section 3(b) below.

### **Section 3 Rate Adjustment**

- a) An employee who is set back to a lower paid job because of mechanization, technological change or automation will receive the rate of their regular job at the time of the setback for a period of three (3) months and for a further period of three (3) months they will be paid an adjusted rate which will be midway between the rate of their regular job at the time of the setback and the rate of their new regular job. At the end of this six (6) month period the rate of their new regular job will apply. However, such employee will have the option of terminating their employment and accepting severance pay as outlined in Section 2 above, providing they exercise this option within the above referred to six (6) month period.
- b) Following an application of (a) above, where an employee is set back to a lower paid job because of an application of Article VIII Seniority brought on by mechanization, technological change or automation, they will receive the rate of their regular job at the time of the setback for a period of three (3) months and for a further period of three (3) months they will be paid an adjusted rate which will be midway between the rate of their regular job at the time of the setback and the rate of their new regular job. At the end of this six (6) month period the rate of their new regular job will apply.

## **ARTICLE XXII - SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- a) Where the following articles of equipment are required to be used by the Company or the Worker's Compensation Board, the Company shall, at no cost to the employee:
  - i) Supply employees with the articles of equipment as required.
  - ii) Replace articles of equipment when those articles are presented worn or damaged beyond repair, that is to say:
    - 1. Aprons
    - 2. Hard Hats and Liners
    - 3. Eye, Ear and Nose Protective Equipment
    - 4. Gloves
  - iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all articles of equipment to be replaced only when they are presented worn or damaged beyond repair; otherwise the replacement will be at the expense of the employee.
- b) Where a Company has been supplying safety equipment and clothing at no cost to the employee on the effective date of this Agreement, it will continue to do so at no cost to the employee.
- c) The employer shall make coveralls available and maintain same for use by End Sprayers, Panel Sprayers, Oilers, Filer-Grinderpersons, Power House employees and Tradespersons.
- d) Caulk Boot Allowance - An employee who is required to wear caulk boots by the Workers' Compensation Board shall receive annually a caulk boot allowance.

Effective July 1st, 1994 of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00).

- i) If they have six (6) months or more seniority, or
- ii) Upon obtaining six (6) months seniority,
- iii) Seasonal lay-off shall not interfere with the qualifying period herein.



## **ARTICLE XXIV - TOOL INSURANCE**

Upon the signing of the 1979 - 1981 Agreement, each Company at its own expense shall insure for damage or loss caused by fire or flood, the tools of its employees which are required in the performance of their work. This provision for tool insurance shall also apply to loss by theft where the tools are stored in a designated place of safety within the control of the Company and there is forcible breaking and entering. The insurance coverage provided shall be subject to a deductible of fifty dollars (\$50) in respect to each employee's claim.

## **ARTICLE XXV - B.C. NORTHERN INTERIOR SAWMILL AND POLEYARD JOB EVALUATION PLAN**

### **Section 1**

- a) The Parties to this Agreement mutually agree to implement one Job Evaluation Program for the sawmilling section, effective September 1, 1979 in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in a manual dated December, 1971 and entitled "Interior Sawmill Job Evaluation Manual" as amended July, 1973 and as further amended July, 1974; (but hereafter referred to as the B.C. Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Manual) and to exclude any categories not affected by Sawmill Job Evaluation.
- b) The attached Supplement No. 5, which provides for the administration of the program between the Parties to this Agreement shall form part of the Collective Agreement effective September 1, 1979.
- c) The process of job evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the B.C. Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan which shall include the wage curve as set out in Section 2 below, the present manual, present guidelines for manual interpretation, existing and/or new benchmarks, and existing gradings on record serving as a basis for subsequent evaluation unless amended as provided for in Supplement No. 5.
- d) All categories and records shall stand as presently rate matched (job analysis) and/or evaluated in the Northern Interior Operations involved in the B.C. Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan, except where requests are submitted for evaluation or re-evaluation consistent with the principles and procedures of the Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan.
- e) The Parties agree to work towards implementation of the revised B.C. Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan by July 1, 1993.

## **Section 2**

The point range and increments for the twenty-eight (28) groups in the Sawmill and Poleyard Wage Curve are as follows:

Group Level	Points	Effective July 1 2023		Effective July 1 2024		Effective July 1 2025		Effective July 1 2026	
		Increment	Rates	Increment	Rates	Increment	Rates	Increment	Rates
1	0-60		\$33.05		\$34.04		\$34.89		\$35.68
2	61-70	0.16	\$33.21	0.17	\$34.21	0.18	\$35.07	0.18	\$35.86
3	71-80	0.14	\$33.35	0.14	\$34.35	0.14	\$35.21	0.14	\$36.00
4	81-95	0.24	\$33.59	0.25	\$34.60	0.26	\$35.47	0.27	\$36.27
5	96-115	0.17	\$33.76	0.17	\$34.77	0.17	\$35.64	0.17	\$36.44
6	116-140	0.28	\$34.04	0.29	\$35.06	0.30	\$35.94	0.31	\$36.75
7	141-165	0.19	\$34.23	0.20	\$35.26	0.20	\$36.14	0.20	\$36.95
8	166-195	0.38	\$34.61	0.39	\$35.65	0.40	\$36.54	0.41	\$37.36
9	196-230	0.30	\$34.91	0.31	\$35.96	0.32	\$36.86	0.33	\$37.69
10	231-270	0.30	\$35.21	0.31	\$36.27	0.32	\$37.18	0.33	\$38.02
11	271-320	0.33	\$35.54	0.34	\$36.61	0.35	\$37.53	0.35	\$38.37
12	321-370	0.38	\$35.92	0.39	\$37.00	0.40	\$37.93	0.41	\$38.78
13	371-420	0.31	\$36.23	0.32	\$37.32	0.32	\$38.25	0.33	\$39.11
14	421-470	0.40	\$36.63	0.41	\$37.73	0.42	\$38.67	0.43	\$39.54
15	471-520	0.36	\$36.99	0.37	\$38.10	0.38	\$39.05	0.39	\$39.93
16	521-570	0.50	\$37.49	0.51	\$38.61	0.53	\$39.58	0.54	\$40.47
17	571-620	0.27	\$37.76	0.28	\$38.89	0.28	\$39.86	0.29	\$40.76
18	621-670	0.48	\$38.24	0.50	\$39.39	0.51	\$40.37	0.52	\$41.28
19	671-730	0.31	\$38.55	0.32	\$39.71	0.33	\$40.70	0.34	\$41.62
20	731-790	0.53	\$39.08	0.54	\$40.25	0.56	\$41.26	0.57	\$42.19
21	791-850	0.36	\$39.44	0.37	\$40.62	0.38	\$41.64	0.39	\$42.58
22	851-910	0.49	\$39.93	0.51	\$41.13	0.52	\$42.16	0.53	\$43.11
23	911-970	0.52	\$40.45	0.53	\$41.66	0.54	\$42.70	0.55	\$43.66
24	971-1030	0.39	\$40.84	0.41	\$42.07	0.42	\$43.12	0.43	\$44.09
25	1031-1090	0.98	\$41.82	1.00	\$43.07	1.03	\$44.15	1.05	\$45.14
26	1091-1150	0.95	\$42.77	0.98	\$44.05	1.00	\$45.15	1.03	\$46.17
27	1151-1210	1.08	\$43.85	1.12	\$45.17	1.15	\$46.30	1.17	\$47.34
28	1211-1270	1.04	\$44.89	1.07	\$46.24	1.10	\$47.40	1.13	\$48.47

### **Section 3**

- a) The base rate in all Wage Supplements shall be that set out in Section 1 (c) of Article V - Wages, and shall be the minimum rate.
- b) Incumbents in job categories for which the wage rate is reduced as a result of Job Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "red circle jobs") shall continue at the original rate.

### **ARTICLE XXVI – EDUCATION FUND**

Contributions to the fund will be at \$0.05/hour worked per employee.

Effective the first of the month following notice of ratification of the 2013-2018 collective agreement, contributions to the fund will be increased by \$0.01 per hour for a total of \$0.06 per hour worked per employee.

Effective March 1, 2015, contributions to the fund will be increased by \$0.01 per hour for a total of \$0.07 per hour worked per employee.

Effective March 1, 2016, contributions to the fund will be increased by \$0.01 per hour for a total of \$0.08 per hour worked per employee.

Effective March 1, 2023, contributions to the fund will be increased by \$0.01 per hour for a total of \$0.09 per hour worked per employee.

Effective July 1, 2026, contributions to the fund will be increased by \$0.01 per hour for a total of \$0.10 per hour worked per employee.

The funds shall be remitted to USW Local 1-2017 and will be via an individual remittance cheque and clearly identified as “education funds”. The Education Fund will be used specifically in the development and delivery of programs, which may include:

- Grievance Handling
- Collective Bargaining
- Environmental Issues
- Land Use Issues
- Stewards Training
- Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking
- Communication Skills
- Leadership Training
- Economic Issues
- Benefits Training
- Health and Safety

## **ARTICLE XXVII - CONTRACTING OUT**

- a) The Company will not contract out any work that is performed by employees in the Bargaining Unit at the effective date of the agreement.
- b) Current practices in operations shall be agreed on with the Local Union in writing. Until such time as agreement is reached the above Clause (A) only will apply.

## **ARTICLE XXVIII - EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Company will provide for an Employee and Family Assistance Program.

## **ARTICLE XXIX - DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

### **Section 1**

The Parties hereto mutually agree that this Agreement shall be effective from and after the first (1st) day of July, 2023 to the thirtieth (30th) day of June, 2027, and thereafter, from year to year unless four (4) months written notice of contrary intention is given by the Parties. The notice required hereunder shall be validly and sufficiently served at the Head Office of the Party of the First Part or at the Local Office of the Local Officers of the Union, Party of the Second Part, at least four (4) months prior to the expiry of any yearly period. If no agreement is reached at the expiration of this contract and negotiations are continued, the Agreement shall remain in force up to the time that a subsequent Agreement is reached, or until negotiations are discontinued by either Party.

### **Section 2**

The Parties hereto agree that the operation of Sections 50(2) and 50(3) of the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia, R.S.B.C. 1992, C82 is excluded from this Agreement.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2025.

For:  
Hampton Lumber - Babine Forest Products Ltd.

Ian Gray  
Ian Gray (Feb 28, 2025 11:50 PST)

General Manager

For:  
USW, Local 1-2017

Brian O'Rourke  
Brian O'Rourke (Feb 28, 2025 12:51 PST)

President

Rod Park  
Rod Park (Feb 28, 2025 13:24 PST)

Financial Secretary

E. & O. E.

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## **SUPPLEMENT NO. 1**

### **WAGE SCALE NON-EVALUATED CATEGORIES**

The individual Wage Scale applicable to this particular Agreement, when signed by Company and Union shall be attached to this section.

	July 1, 2023 (+3%)	July 1, 2024 (+3%)	July 1, 2025 (+2.5%)	July 1, 2026 (+2.25%)
<b>TRADES - Manufacturing</b>				
Auto Mechanic Apprentice - 0 to 1590 Hours	\$38.70	\$39.86	\$40.86	\$41.78
Auto Mechanic Apprentice - 1590 to 3180 Hours	\$39.20	\$40.38	\$41.39	\$42.32
Auto Mechanic Apprentice - 3180 to 4770 Hours	\$40.21	\$41.42	\$42.46	\$43.42
Auto Mechanic Apprentice - 4770 to 5565 Hours	\$41.28	\$42.52	\$43.58	\$44.56
Auto Mechanic Apprentice - 5565 Hours to Certification	\$42.88	\$44.17	\$45.27	\$46.29
Auto Mechanic Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 6360)	\$47.15	\$48.56	\$49.77	\$50.89
Auto Mechanic - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.65	\$48.06	\$49.27	\$50.39
Carpenter Apprentice - 0 to 1590 Hours	\$38.70	\$39.86	\$40.86	\$41.78
Carpenter Apprentice - 1590 to 3180 Hours	\$39.19	\$40.37	\$41.38	\$42.31
Carpenter Apprentice - 3180 to 4770 Hours	\$40.19	\$41.40	\$42.44	\$43.39
Carpenter Apprentice - 4770 to 5565 Hours	\$41.26	\$42.50	\$43.56	\$44.54
Carpenter Apprentice - 5565 Hours to Certification	\$43.19	\$44.49	\$45.60	\$46.63
Carpenter Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours -6360)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Carpenter - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Electrician Apprentice - 0 to 1500 Hours	\$38.70	\$39.86	\$40.86	\$41.78
Electrician Apprentice - 1500 to 3000 Hours	\$39.19	\$40.37	\$41.38	\$42.31
Electrician Apprentice - 3000 to 4500 Hours	\$40.19	\$41.40	\$42.44	\$43.39
Electrician Apprentice - 4500 to 5250 Hours	\$41.26	\$42.50	\$43.56	\$44.54
Electrician Apprentice - 5250 Hours to Certification	\$43.19	\$44.49	\$45.60	\$46.63
Electrician Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 6000)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Electrician - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Heavy Duty Apprentice - 0 to 1583 Hours	\$38.70	\$39.86	\$40.86	\$41.78
Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice - 1583 to 3165 Hours	\$39.19	\$40.37	\$41.38	\$42.31
Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice - 3165 to 4748 Hours	\$40.19	\$41.40	\$42.44	\$43.39
Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice - 4748 to 5528 Hours	\$41.25	\$42.49	\$43.55	\$44.53
Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice - 5528 Hours to Certification	\$43.19	\$44.49	\$45.60	\$46.63
Heavy Duty Mechanic - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours -6330)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Heavy Duty Mechanic - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73

	<b>July 1, 2023 (+3%)</b>	<b>July 1, 2024 (+3%)</b>	<b>July 1, 2025 (+2.5%)</b>	<b>July 1, 2026 (+2.25%)</b>
Machinist Apprentice - 0 to 1583 Hours	\$38.84	\$40.01	\$41.01	\$41.93
Machinist Apprentice - 1583 to 3165 Hours	\$39.39	\$40.57	\$41.58	\$42.52
Machinist Apprentice - 3165 to 4748 Hours	\$40.33	\$41.54	\$42.58	\$43.54
Machinist Apprentice - 4748 to 5539 Hours	\$41.48	\$42.72	\$43.79	\$44.78
Machinist Apprentice - 5539 Hours to Certification	\$43.19	\$44.49	\$45.60	\$46.63
Machinist - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 6330)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Machinist - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Millwright Apprentice - 0 to 1590 Hours	\$38.70	\$39.86	\$40.86	\$41.78
Millwright Apprentice - 1590 to 3180 Hours	\$39.19	\$40.37	\$41.38	\$42.31
Millwright Apprentice - 3180 to 4770 Hours	\$40.19	\$41.40	\$42.44	\$43.39
Millwright Apprentice - 4770 to 5565 Hours	\$41.26	\$42.50	\$43.56	\$44.54
Millwright Apprentice - 5565 Hours to Certification	\$43.19	\$44.49	\$45.60	\$46.63
Millwright - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 6360)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Millwright - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Painter Apprentice - 0 to 1350 Hours	\$38.74	\$39.90	\$40.90	\$41.82
Painter Apprentice - 1350 to 2700 Hours	\$39.43	\$40.61	\$41.63	\$42.57
Painter Apprentice - 2700 to 4050 Hours	\$40.42	\$41.63	\$42.67	\$43.63
Painter Apprentice - 4050 Hours to Certification	\$42.34	\$43.61	\$44.70	\$45.71
Painter - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 5400)	\$46.82	\$48.22	\$49.43	\$50.54
Painter - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.32	\$47.72	\$48.93	\$50.04
Planermill Maintenance Technician Apprentice - 0 to 803 Hours	\$38.90	\$40.07	\$41.07	\$41.99
Planermill Maintenance Technician II Apprentice - 803 to 1605 Hours	\$40.15	\$41.35	\$42.38	\$43.33
Planermill Maintenance Technician II Apprentice - 1605 Hours to Certification	\$41.28	\$42.52	\$43.58	\$44.56
Planermill Maintenance Technician II - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 3210)	\$44.82	\$46.16	\$47.31	\$48.37
Planermill Maintenance Technician II - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$44.32	\$45.66	\$46.81	\$47.87
Planermill Maintenance Technician I - Apprentice - 0 to 1620 Hours	\$44.64	\$45.98	\$47.13	\$48.19
Planermill Maintenance Technician I - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours - 1620)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Planermill Maintenance Technician I - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73

	July 1, 2023 (+3%)	July 1, 2024 (+3%)	July 1, 2025 (+2.5%)	July 1, 2026 (+2.25%)
Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprentice - 1575 to 3150 Hours	\$39.19	\$40.37	\$41.38	\$42.31
Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprentice - 3150 to 4725 Hours	\$40.19	\$41.40	\$42.44	\$43.39
Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprentice - 4725 to 5512.5 Hours	\$41.28	\$42.52	\$43.58	\$44.56
Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprentice - 5512.5 to Certification	\$43.19	\$44.49	\$45.60	\$46.63
Steamfitter/Pipefitter - Certified (STBC Minimum Total Hours -6300)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Steamfitter/Pipefitter - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Welder - Level C	\$46.47	\$47.86	\$49.06	\$50.16
Welder - Level B	\$47.15	\$48.56	\$49.77	\$50.89
Welder - Level A	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES - Manufacturing</b>				
Grinderperson	\$37.21	\$38.58	\$39.54	\$40.43
Oiler	\$37.27	\$38.65	\$39.62	\$40.51
Second Class Engineer	\$49.49	\$50.97	\$52.24	\$53.42
Third Class Engineer	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Fourth Class Engineer	\$45.19	\$46.55	\$47.71	\$48.78
Fireman (Fireperson) (4th Class Ticket)	\$41.92	\$43.18	\$44.26	\$45.26
Fireman (Fireperson)	\$34.81	\$35.85	\$36.75	\$37.58
Labourer	\$33.03	\$34.02	\$34.87	\$35.65
<b>LEGACY FILING ROOM CATEGORIES</b>				
Saw Fitter Apprentice - 0 to 1680 Hours	\$38.74	\$39.90	\$40.90	\$41.82
Saw Fitter Apprentice - 1680 to 2520 Hours	\$39.73	\$40.92	\$41.94	\$42.88
Saw Fitter Apprentice - 2520 Hours to Certification	\$42.13	\$43.39	\$44.47	\$45.47
Saw Fitter - Certified (STBC Minimum Hours - 3360)	\$46.81	\$48.21	\$49.42	\$50.53
Saw Fitter - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.31	\$47.71	\$48.92	\$50.03
Circular Saw Filer Apprentice - 0 to 1680 Hours	\$46.79	\$48.19	\$49.39	\$50.50
Circular Saw Filer - Certified (STBC Minimum Hours - 1680)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Circular Saw Filer - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Benchperson Apprentice - 0 to 1680 Hours	\$47.39	\$48.81	\$50.03	\$51.16
Benchperson - Certified (STBC Minimum Hours - 1680)	\$48.71	\$50.17	\$51.42	\$52.58
Benchperson - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$48.21	\$49.67	\$50.92	\$52.08

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	July 1, 2023 (+3%)	July 1, 2024 (+3%)	July 1, 2025 (+2.5%)	July 1, 2026 (+2.25%)
Saw Filer Apprentice - 0 to 2520 Hours	\$38.70	\$39.86	\$40.86	\$41.78
Saw Filer Apprentice - 2520 to 4200 Hours	\$40.21	\$41.42	\$42.46	\$43.42
Saw Filer - Certified (STBC Minimum Hours - 4200)	\$47.46	\$48.88	\$50.10	\$51.23
Saw Filer - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$46.96	\$48.38	\$49.60	\$50.73
Benchperson - Certified (STBC Minimum Hours - 1680)	\$48.71	\$50.17	\$51.42	\$52.58
Benchperson - Uncertified (-\$0.50)	\$48.21	\$49.67	\$50.92	\$52.08

### **Apprenticeship Wage Rate Progression:**

For an apprentice to progress to the subsequent wage rate (as outlined in the Supplement No. 1 Wage Table) in their respective trade the apprentice must have completed the requisite on-the-job training hours AND the corresponding level of technical training. In a case whereby the technical training is scheduled and completed after the realization of the hours increment (through no fault of the apprentice), the apprentice will be entitled to a retroactive adjustment to the hours increment upon successful completion of the corresponding technical training period.

In accordance with Supplement No. 4, Article V, Section 4: Journeyperson Qualifications, an apprentice must complete both the STBC required on the job training hours AND successfully pass the red seal trade certification exam in order to be eligible for the Certified wage rate. In the event the Company contributes to any delay in attendance in the last phase of technical training and completion of the red seal certification exam, the Apprentice will be eligible for a retroactive adjustment based on the certified rate for the corresponding period of delay.



**SUPPLEMENT NO. 2.**  
**ADJUSTMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

In connection with the interpretation of certain clauses of the 1981 - 1983 Contract between the International Woodworkers of America and certain Interior Operators, the following interpretations of the Contract have been agreed upon:

With respect to call-time as covered in Article VII, Section 7 or Section 8, the following understanding has been reached:

If the workers present themselves for work and due to any conditions beyond their control, there is no work available, they shall receive two hours pay unless sufficient warning has been given cancelling the work call for that day. However, if there is a possibility that work may be available within two hours of the regular starting time, the employer may request employees to stay at their place of employment during the call time period.

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 3**  
**APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

**between**

**BABINE FOREST PRODUCTS LTD.**  
**HOUSTON FOREST PRODUCTS CO.**

**and**

**IWA-CANADA**  
**LOCAL 1-424**

**in co-operation with**

**DIRECTOR OF APPRENTICESHIP & INDUSTRIAL TRAINING**  
**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Program is to improve the knowledge and skill of persons employed by the Company as Journeypersons, Improvers, or Helpers in respect to the trades named in Article II herein.

**ARTICLE II - TRADES**

1. Millwright - 4 year program
2. Heavy Duty Mechanic - 4 year program
3. Steamfitter-Pipefitter - 4 year program
4. Machinist - 4 year program
5. Electrician - 4 year program
6. Welder - to be established

## **ARTICLE III - GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

### **Section 1: Collective Agreement**

All provisions of the Collective Agreement shall be applicable to Apprentices in this program.

### **Section 2: Right to Continue**

Once started in the Program, subject however to the provisions of the Collective Agreement, the Apprentice shall have the right to continue, providing they pass all of the prescribed tests and work is available to him.

### **Section 3: Tests**

Upon completion of each period of training in the Vocational School, an Apprentice will be required to pass a test. In the event of failure to pass such a test, the Apprentice will be given a second opportunity, but in the event of failure to pass on the occasion of the second such test, they shall be required to withdraw from the Program.

### **Section 4: Meaning of "Year"**

Wherever reference is made to a year as a Helper or Improver it shall mean a period of not less than two hundred (200) working days; the said period to include time spent at the Vocational School.

### **Section 5: Training Time Entitlement**

Subject to the provisions herein, an Apprentice who is hired by the Company and who has had training in another apprenticeship plan will be given recognition of such training time.

### **Section 6: On-the-Job-Training**

The Company will ensure that the Apprentices will be given the necessary on-the-job practical training.

## **ARTICLE IV - SELECTION OF APPRENTICES**

### **Section 1: Seniority**

When the Company requires Apprentices, it is agreed that the vacancy will be posted in the operation, and applicants selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Collective Agreement.

### **Section 2: Successful Applicants**

Successful applicants will be assigned as Helpers for a three (3) month probationary period, unless the applicant's previous experience renders such assignment unnecessary.

### **Section 3: Entrance Standards**

Entrance to the Program will in all cases be subject to the applicant meeting the standards required for acceptance by the Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Branch.

### **Section 4: Compulsory Entrance**

All present Helpers and Improvers employed by the Company must enter the Program. Helpers and Improvers who cannot qualify in the Program will be reclassified as Labourers with no reduction in rate of pay, until such time as they have an opportunity to apply their seniority to obtain a job with equal or a higher rate of pay.

### **Section 5:**

Labourers will not be employed in a manner that will interfere with the application of the Program.

### **Section 6: Age Limit**

There will be no age limit for applicants.

## **ARTICLE V - TRAINING SCHEDULES**

### **Section 1: Assignment as Helper**

All successful applicants, except Welder Apprentices, (see appropriate appendix), will be registered as Apprentices and assigned as Helpers for an eleven (11) month period, prior to attending Vocational School, unless the applicant's previous experience renders such assignment unnecessary.

A program for the aforementioned Welder Apprentices will be established by June 1st, 1968.

### **Section 2: 5 Year Schedule**

	<b><u>Rating</u></b>	<b><u>At Operation</u></b>	<b><u>At School</u></b>
First Year	Helper	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Second Year	Helper	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Third Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Fourth Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Fifth Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks

### **Section 3: 4 Year Schedule**

First Year	Helper	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Second Year	Helper	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Third Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Fourth Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks

### **Section 4: 3 Year Schedule**

First Year	Helper	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Second Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks
Third Year	Improver	first 11 months	last 4 weeks

### **Section 5: Electrician**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, 3 and 4 herein, the Electrician Apprentices shall be required to take eight (8) weeks at school during each year of the Program instead of four (4) weeks, with the period in the operation reduced accordingly.

### **Section 6: Passing Test**

The Apprentice must successfully pass the prescribed test before promotion from Helper to Improver.

### **Section 7: Journeyperson Qualifications**

Subject to the conditions of this Section as listed below, it is agreed that following completion of the period of required training and upon becoming certified, the journeyperson shall receive the certified journeyperson's rate of pay.

Conditions under which the above will apply:

- a) Only to a Journeyperson who has gone through the indentured apprenticeship training program under the sponsorship of the Company for which they are working.
- b) That they are working in the maintenance department.
- c) That all work normally done by the maintenance department is being performed by the persons employed in the maintenance department.
- d) That nothing in this clause shall prohibit the laying off of journeymen, helpers or apprentices if they are not required.
- f) That a journeyperson may, when facing lay-off, choose to exercise their seniority into categories outside of the maintenance area at the job rate if their seniority and ability entitle him to do so.

### **Section 8: Vocational School Delay**

If any of the periods provided for in Section 2, 3, 4, or 5 herein are exceeded by reason of Vocational School facilities being unavailable, such period of excess shall be credited to the Apprentice in succeeding training requirements.

## **ARTICLE VI - WAGE RATES**

### **Section 1: Rates and Increments**

- a) Wage Rates for Helpers in the first term shall be that specified in the Wage Supplement.
- b) An Apprentice who passes their test shall receive an increment agreed to between the Company and the Union during their second term year as a Helper.

- c) The Wage Rate for an Improver shall be that as specified in the Wage Supplement.
- d) An Apprentice who passes a test in the fourth period of vocational training shall receive an increment agreed to between the Company and the Union during their second term as an Improver.
- e) Persons employed as Journeymen, and who are certified as such, shall receive the certified rate for the trade, as agreed to between the Company and the Union.

### **Section 2: Expenses**

Fares, Lost Time Pay and School Expenses are to be paid by the appropriate Government authorities as part of the cost of the Apprenticeship Plan, with the exception that the Company shall pay the single Apprentice while attending Vocational School, the difference between the subsidy granted by the appropriate Government authorities and the regular wages of the employee concerned.

Married persons shall receive their wages, less the amount paid by the Provincial Government authorities to single persons. The intent being, that the greater amount paid by the Provincial Government authorities to married persons shall not become a benefit to the Company.

In cases where the Apprentice is in receipt of a subsidy granted by the appropriate Federal Government authorities the Company will pay the Apprentice while attending Vocational School the difference between the subsidy granted by the appropriate Federal Government authorities and the regular wages of the employee concerned.

A Joint Committee will be established to review and update the November 28, 1967 Apprenticeship Agreement in accordance with Appendix No. 3 of this Memorandum of Agreement.

### **Section 3: Delay in Testing**

Where an employee incurs delay in taking one of the tests under this Program, through no fault of their own, the delay shall not prejudice their right to wage increments provided for in Section 1 herein.

## **ARTICLE VII - ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Section 1: Constitution**

There shall be an Advisory Board for each trade covered by the Apprenticeship Agreement, consisting of two (2) representatives of the Industry, two (2) from the Union, one (1) representing the Vocational School, and one (1) from the Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Branch.

### **Section 2: Responsibility**

The Board shall be responsible for advising the Department of Labour, Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Branch, regarding the content of tests, standards of marking, and the school curriculum with respect to registered Apprentices. The Board shall not be responsible for the actual setting or marking of tests.

## **ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 1:**

Persons presently employed as Journeymen, who do not wish to become certified, shall continue to be employed as Journeymen.

### **Section 2:**

Persons employed as Journeypersons, who take the Tradesperson Qualification Exam and fail, shall continue to be employed as Journeypersons.

### **Section 3:**

If a present Journeyperson fails to pass the test for a voluntary Tradesperson's Qualifications Certificate, they can then become indentured as an Apprentice at no reduction in rate of pay.

Section 4:  
There will be a three (3) person committee established to process applicants who make application to be tested under the voluntary Tradesperson's Qualification, or who become indentured under the Apprenticeship and Tradesperson's Qualification Act. The Committee will also determine what vocational training is necessary for persons indentured as Apprentices. Representation on the committee shall consist of the following:

- a. One (1) Representative from the Union.
- b. One (1) Representative from the Industry.
- c. One (1) Representative from the Apprenticeship Branch.



Vocational training will be conducted during day courses. Textbooks and study material will be made available when required.

## **ARTICLE IX - TOOLS**

### **Section 1:**

All Journeypersons shall be required to have, and shall not qualify for the Journeyperson rate, unless they have a full kit of hand tools necessary to perform the job for which they are hired, with the exception of machinery or tools which shall not be deemed to fall within the responsibility of the Journeyperson.

### **Section 2:**

The Improver shall be required to have and maintain a basic tool kit and to be in the general process of building up the necessary tools to equip themselves for the job.

### **Section 3:**

The Helper generally shall not be required to own tools and shall use those designated to him. However, in their own interest they should commence the process of building up a tool kit.

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 4**  
**B.C. NORTHERN INTERIOR SAWMILL AND POLEYARD JOB**  
**EVALUATION PLAN**

**ARTICLE 1 - PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES**

The Parties to this Agreement mutually agree to implement and administer a Job Evaluation Program for the Northern Interior Sawmilling Section, effective September 1, 1979, in accordance with the principles and procedures adopted in the British Columbia Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Manual (herein referred to as the "Manual"). Guidelines for manual interpretation and gradings on record will serve as the basis for subsequent evaluation consistent with any future decisions rendered by the Industry Standing Committee.

**ARTICLE 2 - INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE**

There shall be a Standing Committee constituted and named the B.C. Northern Interior Industry Standing Committee to consist of one (1) designated representative of the C.O.N.I.F.E.R. Group, one (1) designated representative of Northwood Group, one (1) designated representative of Canadian Forest Products Limited, one (1) designated representative of the Babine/Houston Group, and two (2) or more designated representatives of Regional Council No. 1 of the Industrial, Wood and Allied Workers of Canada.

**ARTICLE 3 - FUNCTION OF THE INDUSTRY STANDING COMMITTEE**

The B.C. Northern Interior Industry Standing Committee shall provide general oversight of the operation of the Plan with responsibility of:

- a) Resolving all job evaluation problems referred by the Sawmill Evaluation Committees;
- b) Resolving any other job evaluation matters involving the Job Evaluation Plan which fall within its jurisdiction.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - INDUSTRY JOB EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

- a) Each Company participating in the B.C. Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan shall designate an evaluator to be its member representative to its Industry Job Evaluation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Sawmill Job Evaluation Committee) and the IWA Regional Council No. 1 shall designate one (1) member representative.
- b) Wherever possible the efforts by the members of the Sawmill Job Evaluation Committee may be consolidated for practical purposes.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - FUNCTION OF SAWMILL EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

- a) The Sawmill Evaluation Committee shall assume general responsibility for the uniform administration of the Job Evaluation Program in accordance with Article 3 of this Supplement.
- b) The unanimous decision of the said Committee shall be final and binding on the Parties hereto.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - PLANT JOB REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- a) There shall be a Committee constituted in each Sawmill Plan named the Plant Job Review Committee (herein referred to as "Review Committee") to consist of two (2) members representative of Management and two (2) members representative of the employees. At least one (1) representative of Management must be a member of the Plant's salaried staff or Management, and at least one (1) representative of the employees must be an employee of the Plant whose job is subject to Sawmill Job Evaluation. Management may choose their second representative from amongst persons not employed at the plant and the Union may do likewise except that neither party may choose as its representative a member of the Sawmill Evaluation Committee or any person who is employed as a job evaluator by the Company or by the Regional Council No. 1 of the IWA.
- b) The Company shall reimburse any of its hourly-paid employees for time lost from their regular work schedule while acting as a member of the Review Committee or while presenting information, regarding their own job, before a regularly convened meeting of the Review Committee. The Company shall not be responsible for remunerating employee representatives who are not its hourly-paid employees.

## **ARTICLE 7 - FUNCTION OF REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- a) The Review Committee will be responsible for seeing that all requests for evaluation or re-evaluation of jobs are adequately and accurately documented before being passed to the Sawmill Evaluation Committee for further action. The documents required will include a "Request for Job Evaluation" form submitted either by an individual employee or by local Management, and a fully completed "Job Study Record" form which provides sufficient information for the subsequent work of the Sawmill Evaluation Committee. The form of the documents, the procedures for submitting and handling them and the time limits for completion may be amended as required by the Sawmill Evaluation Committee in accordance with Article 5 of this Supplement.
- b) Decisions of the Review Committee respecting the appropriateness of a request for evaluation or re-evaluation, or respecting the adequacy of documents, shall be by unanimous agreement. Failing such agreement within the established time limit, the Review Committee shall at the request of any one of its members, immediately forward the Request for Job Evaluation, together with any other documents on which there is unanimous agreement to the Sawmill Evaluation Committee and shall then have no further responsibility for documenting that request.
- c) When the Sawmill Evaluation Committee has made a decision respecting the evaluation of a job, it shall communicate that decision to the appropriate Review Committee. The Review Committee will be responsible for informing Management and the employees concerned, giving reasons for the outcome where these are available. A decision of the Review Committee that an Application for Job Evaluation should not be forwarded to the Sawmill Evaluation Committee will, similarly, be communicated with reasons to those concerned.
- d) Nothing in this Article limits the right of the Sawmill Evaluation Committee to determine the facts about any job, by direct observation or otherwise, or to amend any job descriptions or grading sheet submitted to them in support of a Request for Job Evaluation form.

## **ARTICLE 8 - APPLICATION OF PROGRAM**

The Job Evaluation Program shall apply to all hourly paid employees in the B. C. Northern Interior Sawmill Industry except those categories listed below:

Millwright	Bricklayer
Machinist	Steam Fitter
Blacksmith	Boilermaker
Welder	Saw Filers, Fitters, Benchperson &
Pipefitter - including	Helpers
Sprinklerperson	Engineers (Boiler House)
Mechanics	Firemen (Firepersons) (Boiler House)
Electrician	Grinderperson
Painter	Oilers and Improvers and Helpers
Carpenter	to the above trades

## **ARTICLE 9 - DIRECTION OF WORK**

Job Evaluation descriptions are written with the intent to set forth the general duties and requirements of the job and shall not be construed as imposing any restriction on the right of the Company to create a new job or to assign duties to employees other than those specifically mentioned in job descriptions, provided always that if the assignment of such duties changes the job content sufficiently to justify a review of the evaluation the Sawmill Evaluation Committee shall make such a review in accordance with the procedure set out herein.

## **ARTICLE 10 - RE-EVALUATION**

- a) When a job has moved to a higher group as a result of re- evaluation, the resulting rate shall be retroactive from the date that Management or the employee has applied to the Review Committee for re-evaluation.
- b) When a job has moved to a lower grade as a result of re-evaluation, the incumbent shall maintain their job rate as a red circle rate subject to the provisions of Article 12 herein.

### **ARTICLE 11 - NEW JOBS CREATED**

Where the Company has exercised its right to create a new job, a temporary rate shall be set by Management.

- a) When the evaluated rate for a new job is higher than the temporary rate, the resulting rate shall be retroactive from the date that the job was installed.
- b) When the evaluated rate for a new job is lower than the temporary rate, the incumbent (s) shall continue the temporary rate.

### **ARTICLE 12 - RED CIRCLE PROTECTION**

- a) The Company shall supply the Union with a list of employees holding red circle jobs, the said list to include the name of the employee, name of the job category filled, the evaluated rate for the job, and the actual rate paid.
- b) Employees on red circle rates who are promoted to a higher rate shall regain the red circle rate if subsequently found incompetent to continue in the higher grade.
- c) Employees holding red circle jobs who are demoted during a reduction of forces, shall be paid only the evaluated rate for the job to which they are assigned. If at a later date, an employee is reassigned to their former job, they shall regain their red circle rate.
- d) When the Company terminates a job, or a job is not occupied during a period of one (1) year, a record as to the cancellation of the applicable job description and classification shall be established.
- e) If an employee is temporarily transferred at the request of the Company, they shall retain their existing rate or receive the rate for the new job, whichever is higher. On return to their regular job, the said employee shall regain their red circle rate.

### **ARTICLE 13 - SENIORITY**

Subject to the provisions herein set out, Article VIII - Seniority of this Agreement shall continue to apply.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - REFERRAL PROCEDURE**

- a) When the Sawmill Evaluation Committee has decided the outcome of a Request for Job Evaluation, it shall transmit its decision to the appropriate Plant Job Review Committee.
- b) When an employee's request for re-evaluation results in no change being made in the job grade, or in a reduction, or when a Management request results in no change or in an increase, the Sawmill Evaluation Committee shall give to the appropriate Review Committee a short statement of the reasons for the decision. The statement should not go into great detail, but should indicate the criteria used in sufficient depth to show the applicant that the request was given adequate attention.
- c) An evaluation done by the Sawmill Evaluation Committee shall be final and binding on the parties, but at any time after five (5) years since the last evaluation or re-evaluation of a job, Management or an individual employee may submit a request for re-evaluation of that job and no other reason than the elapsed time shall be necessary.
- d) If the Sawmill Evaluation Committee is unable to reach agreement regarding the disposition of a Request for Job Evaluation or any other matter regarding the Job Evaluation Program which falls within their jurisdiction the matter shall be referred to the B. C. Northern Interior Industry Standing Committee for settlement.
- e) All communication between any Plant Review Committee and the Sawmill Evaluation Committee referred to above shall be effective by sending one (1) copy to the Union representative or representatives on the Committee and one (1) copy to the Employer representative or representatives. In the case of communications to a Plant Review Committee, the Union representatives will be addressed care of the office of the appropriate Union Local. In the case of communications to the Sawmill Evaluation Committee, the Union representative will be addressed care of the offices of Regional Council No. 1 of the IWA and the Employer representative care of the offices of the Company. The Employer representative will then designate their evaluator regarding the disposition of any request for job evaluation.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - TRAINING PROGRAM**

A program of training for members of the Review Committee in each plant shall be instituted, the details of which shall be arranged by those companies included and the IWA Regional Council in the B.C. Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan.

**APPENDIX NO.1**  
**NORTHERN INTERIOR SAWMILL & POLEYARD JOB EVALUATION**  
**PLAN**

**1. INTENT AND PURPOSE**

To modify the existing thirteen (13) factor British Columbia Northern Interior Sawmill and Poleyard Job Evaluation Plan by providing additional recognition where appropriate to recognize the impact of Automation and Technological change.

**2. METHOD**

The parties will jointly develop new and/or additional Job Grading Criteria, Grading Rule Guidelines and Benchmark Jobs.

Modification to the number of Factors and the degree of points credited in those Factors will be considered in order to meet the following objectives.

**3. OBJECTIVES**

To recognize the overall impact on Production Flow and the responsibility to maintain and/or increase the Recovery, Grade and Quality of the product.

When additional production processing machines are simultaneously controlled by the operator or are optimized to affect the product, the Plan will include criteria to appropriately reflect the operator's responsibilities.

**4. LIMITATIONS**

Without limiting the ability of the British Columbia Northern Interior Job Evaluation Committee in the application of their general responsibilities, the criteria as outlined above shall not result in the compounding of credits as outlined in the guidelines contained therein.

**5. IMPLEMENTATION**

The British Columbia Northern Interior Industry Job Evaluation Committee will develop appropriate Evaluation documents to support its objectives.



**SUPPLEMENT NO. 5**  
**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING**

**Section 1:**

It is agreed that Plant Tradespersons who are assigned by the Company to carry out work directly related to "new" construction with tradespersons employed by an outside contractor, plant tradespersons will be paid the "outside" contractor(s) rate(s).

**Section 2:**

For the purpose of this Agreement "new" construction shall be defined as meaning:

- (a) The construction of major new buildings and major additions to existing buildings.
- (b) The addition of new or used major production machinery and related equipment not previously in existence.

**Section 3:**

- (a) "Tradespersons" shall mean journeypersons and apprentices in the following trades:

Machinist	Millwright
Steamfitter/Pipefitter	Welder
Electrician	Carpenter

- (b) "Contractor's rate" shall only mean the hourly wage paid by that contractor and not any other payment or working conditions.
- (c) "Contractor's Rate" will not exceed the rates for similar trades paid by IWA construction companies.

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 6**  
**ALTERNATE SHIFT SCHEDULING**

**A. FLEXIBILITY OF HOURS OF WORK**

The Parties recognize the need for flexibility of hours other than those outlined in the Hours of Work Article, for the express purpose of better utilization of the work force and capital such as:

- Balancing of production
- Maintenance
- Market requirements
- Even flow production
- Emergency or unexpected harvesting programs
- Continuous scheduling (eg. Logging, Engineers, Firemen (Firepersons), Maintenance, Watchpersons)

**B. SHIFT SCHEDULING**

The parties agree that the following shift schedules will provide the flexibility required to meet the needs expressed above.

1. Logging

- i) compressed schedules consisting of ten (10) hours per day, four (4) days per week;
- ii) non-continuous schedules such as ten (10) days on, four (4) days off;

2. Manufacturing

- i) two (2) crews working four (4) days, ten (10) hours per shift;
- ii) up to three (3) crews working Monday to Saturday, ten (10) hours a shift not exceeding forty (40) hours per week;
- iii) employees working in continuous operations may be scheduled to work shifts other than (i) or (ii) above.

3. Maintenance

- i) shifts of up to 10 hours per day, 40 hours per week, Monday to Sunday inclusive;
- ii) three shifts per week, not exceeding 12 hours per day.

4. Other Shifts

It is understood the parties can establish other shifts by mutual consent to meet local conditions.

**C. IMPLEMENTATION**

Any variation(s) to the Hours of Work Article shall be implemented only upon completion of the following steps:

- 1. The Company and the Local Union will meet to discuss proposed shift schedules within the terms of the Hours of Work Article. It is anticipated that the Local Union will make sincere attempts to assist the Company wishing to introduce alternate shift schedules. The parties must mutually agree on resolution of issues such as:
  - i) Details of shift
  - ii) Details of Statutory Holidays, Floating Holiday, Bereavement Leave, and Jury Duty.
  - iii) Maximum length of shifts for physically demanding work. Accident prevention is a factor to be taken into account in determining shift lengths.
  - iv) The loss of hours/employment as a direct result of the implementation of alternate shift schedules.
  - v) The use of employees for supplementary production work.
- 2. The Camp or Plant Committee and the crew will be actively consulted by the Parties during the process.

**D. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

When an alternate shift schedule is in effect other provisions of the Collective Agreement will be administered on the principle that an employee will not lose or gain any benefits over their normal five-day schedule.

1. The Company agrees that alternate shift schedules will not be introduced where the intention is to increase the use of casual employees in place of regular employees.
2. Different parts of an operation may be scheduled on different shifts.
3. The principle of the forty (40) hour week is to be maintained over an averaging period.
4. This Article shall not change existing alternate shift agreements, unless agreed to by both parties.
5. Earned vacations will be scheduled on the same basis as days and hours worked under the alternate shift schedule.
6. Other Articles of the Collective Agreement which provide benefits after eight (8) hours are extended by the amount the regular hours of work have been increased beyond the eight (8) hours per day.
7. An employee's rest days may vary from week to week under an alternate shift schedule. Employees shall not be paid premium pay for changes in their rest days in these circumstances.
8. An employee whose rest days are changed by the Company under an established alternate shift schedule shall receive rate and one-half for work performed on their rest days unless a change in rest day results from the application of seniority or has been agreed to between the employee and the Company.
9. There shall be no premium pay paid to any employee whose rest days are changed because of the implementation of an alternate shift schedule.

**ATTACHMENT: RE: ARTICLE IX**  
**PAYMENT OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

As a result of 1977 negotiations between Babine Forest Products Limited, and Houston Forest Products Co. and the IWA Local 1-424, an Agreement has been reached which will change the present method of payment to employees as follows:

**EXAMPLE:**

If an employee who regularly receives overtime pay as part of their normal daily earnings for their regular work schedule, this would be included for purposes of payment of Statutory Holiday pay.

An equipment operator whose regular hourly rate of pay is \$7.98, and who regularly works one-half (1/2) hour overtime per day would receive:

8 hours at \$7.98	= \$63.84
30 minutes at 1 ½	= \$5.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>= \$69.82</b>

It is understood the new method of payment will apply to the Personal Floating Holiday when it becomes effective in 1978.

It is further understood that Shift Differential and Travel Time payment is not included in the new method of paying Statutory Holidays and Personal Floating Holiday.

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