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## AGREEMENT

This Agreement dated, August 1, 2023 is between Carpenter Technology Corporation, Latrobe Specialty Metals, Latrobe, PA, or its successors (hereinafter referred to as the Company) and the United Steel Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, or its successors (hereinafter referred to as the Union). Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective 12:01 a.m., August 1, 2023.

The Union having been designated the exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees of the Company, the Company recognizes the Union as exclusive representative. Accordingly, the Union makes this Agreement in its capacity as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of such employees. The provisions of this Agreement constitute the sole procedure for the processing and settlement of any claim by an employee or the Union of a violation by the Company of this Agreement. As the representative of the employees, the Union may process grievances through the grievance procedure, including arbitration, in accordance with this Agreement or adjust or settle the same.

It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto to set forth herein the Basic Agreement covering rates of pay, hours of work, benefits and the conditions of employment to be observed between the parties hereto; and, to provide the sole procedure for prompt, equitable adjustment of alleged grievances.

It is the continuing policy of the Company and the Union that the provisions of this Agreement shall be applied to all employees without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or any other basis protected by law.

**SECTION I - RECOGNITION**

A. 1. The Company recognizes the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining agency for all hourly production and hourly maintenance employees of the Company employed in and about the Company's plant in the Latrobe, Pennsylvania area.

2. The Company recognizes and will not interfere with the right of its employees to become members of the Union. The Union agrees that neither it nor any of its officers or members will engage in any Union activity while such employees are on Company time; and, the Company may discipline any employee who shall be proved guilty of violating this provision. Any dispute as to the facts or as to the nature of the discipline imposed by the Company shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of Section IX - Adjustment of Grievances, including arbitration if necessary.

3. When the Company establishes a new or changed job in a plant so that duties involving a significant amount of production or maintenance work, or both, which is performed on a job within the bargaining unit (or, in the case of new work, would be performed on such a job) are combined with duties not normally performed on a job within the bargaining unit, the resulting job in the plant shall be considered as within the bargaining unit. This provision shall not be construed as enlarging or diminishing whatever rights exist in respect of withdrawal of non-bargaining unit duties from a job in the bargaining unit, provided that where non-bargaining unit duties are placed in a job in the bargaining unit under this provision, such duties may be withdrawn at any time. Upon completion of the CRM Modernization Commitment of 2004, the following provision shall apply: Notwithstanding this provision or any other provision of this Agreement, the Company, at its discretion, may establish a salaried job in the Rolling Mill (CRM) entitled Roller which job shall be considered as a job which is not within the bargaining unit. The Company agrees that at least 50% of the salaried rolling mill roller's bonus will be tied to

the CRM. The Company shall, on request, furnish to the Union reasonable information to permit determination or questions of compliance with this provision.

**B. Union Security**

1. Each employee hired on or after the date of this Agreement, shall, as a condition of employment, beginning on the 30th day following the beginning of such employment or the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is the later, acquire and maintain membership in the Union.

2. For the purpose of this section, an employee shall not be deemed to have lost his/her membership in the Union in good standing until the International Secretary-Treasurer of the Union shall have determined that the membership of such employee in the Union is not in good standing and shall have given the Company a notice in writing of the fact.

**C. Checkoff**

1. The Company will check off monthly dues, assessments and initiation fees such as designated by the International Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, as membership dues in the Union, on the basis of individually signed voluntary checkoff authorization cards in forms agreed to by the Company and the Union.

2. At the time of employment the Company will suggest that each new employee voluntarily execute an authorization for the checkoff of Union dues in the form agreed upon. A copy of such authorization card for the checkoff of Union dues shall be forwarded to the Financial Secretary of the Local Union along with the membership application of such employee.

3. Upon receipt by the Company of a voluntary written assignment (in a form agreed to in writing by the Company and the Union) by an employee, the Company will deduct from each pay of such employee each month

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or vacation pay and thereafter during the existence of such assignment, one-half (1/2) of the monthly amount of his/her Union dues for the preceding month; and, the Company shall also deduct one-half (1/2) of the monthly amount any assessments against the employee which shall be general and uniform among employees who shall at the time be members of the Union, and, if owing by the employee, an initiation fee, all as payable to the Union in accordance with its constitution and by-laws. The Company shall promptly remit any and all amounts so deducted to the International Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, who shall notify the Company in writing of the respective amounts of the dues, initiation fees and assessments which shall be so deducted. All remittance as stated in this Section shall be made to the International Union not later than the last work day of the following month.

4. In cases of earnings insufficient to cover deduction of dues, the dues shall be deducted from the next pay in which there are sufficient earnings, or a double deduction may be made from the second pay of the following month, provided, however, that the accumulation of dues shall be limited to two (2) months. The International Secretary-Treasurer of the Union shall be provided with a list of those employees for whom double deduction has been made.

5. The Company shall deduct and remit from any bargaining unit employee's pay who signs a voluntary Political Action Committee (PA) authorization check-off card. These monies shall be remitted to the International Secretary Treasurer on a monthly basis which will be at the same time as the regular remittance to the International Secretary Treasurer of dues, fees and assessments.

6. The provisions of Subsections B. and C. shall be effective in accordance and consistent with applicable provisions of Federal Law.

#### D. Indemnity Clause

The Union shall indemnify and save the Company harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken by the Company for the purpose of complying with any of the provisions of this section, or in reliance on any list, notice or assignment furnished under any of such provisions.

#### E. Supervisors Working

Any supervisor at a plant shall not perform work on a job normally performed by an employee in the bargaining unit at such plant; provided, however, this provision shall not be construed to prohibit supervisors from performing the following types of work:

1. experimental work;
2. demonstration work performed for the purpose of instructing and training employees;
3. work required of the supervisors by emergency conditions which if not performed might result in interference with operations, bodily injury, or loss or damage to material or equipment; and
4. work which, under the circumstances then existing, it would be unreasonable to assign to a bargaining unit employee and which is negligible in amount.

Work which is incidental to supervisory duties on a job normally performed by a supervisor, even though similar to duties found in jobs in bargaining unit, shall not be affected by this provision.

#### F. Contracting Out

1. Work Performed by Outside Contractors Within the Plant
  - a. Production, service, all maintenance and repair work; all installation, replacement, and reconstruction of

equipment and productive facilities; other than that listed in Paragraph 1.c. below, all performed within the plant, may continue to be contracted out under circumstances similar to those under which, prior to May 1, 1990, the consistent practice was to have such work performed by employees of outside contractors.

b. Except as may be provided otherwise in Paragraph 1.a. above and 1.c. below, the Company agrees that it will not permit employees of an outside contractor to perform, within the plant, production, service, maintenance and repair work; installation, replacement, and reconstruction of equipment and productive facilities; unless it is determined, that at the time the work is to be performed, it is more reasonable (as defined in Paragraph 6) to have such work contracted out than to have it performed by bargaining unit employees.

c. Subject to any rights and obligations of the parties which, as of the beginning of the period specified above, are applicable at the plant, major new construction, including major installation, major replacement, and major reconstruction of equipment and productive facilities, as well as work performed on equipment or systems pursuant to manufacturers' warranty work (if it meets the definition of that term set forth in Paragraph 6), within the plant may be contracted out.

## 2. Work Performed by Outside Contractors Outside the Plant

a. Production, service, all maintenance and repair work; all installation, replacement, and reconstruction of equipment and productive facilities; other than that listed in Paragraph 2.c. below, where the work originated from the Latrobe Plant and performed outside such plant, may continue to be contracted out under circumstances similar to those under which, prior to May 1, 1990, the consistent practice was to have such work performed by employees of outside contractors.

b. Except as may be provided otherwise in Paragraph 2.a. above and 2.c. below, the Company agrees that it will not permit employees of an outside contractor to perform production, service, maintenance and repair work; installation, replacement, and reconstruction of equipment and productive facilities; where the work originated from the Latrobe Plant and performed outside such plant, after the effective date of this Agreement, unless it is determined, that at the time the work is to be performed, it is more reasonable (as defined in Paragraph 6) to have such work contracted out than to have it performed by bargaining unit employees.

c. Subject to any rights and obligations of the parties which, as of the beginning of the period specified above, are applicable at the plant, major replacement, major rebuild, major reconstruction of equipment and productive facilities, as well as work performed on equipment or systems pursuant to manufacturers' warranty work (if it meets the definition of that term set forth in Paragraph 6), may be performed by employees of outside contractors outside any plant covered by this Agreement.

3. a. A regularly constituted committee, consisting of not more than four (4) members, half of whom shall be members of the bargaining unit and designated by the District Director of the Union in writing to the Company and the other half designated in writing to the Union by the Company, shall attempt to resolve problems in connection with the operation, application, and administration of the foregoing provisions.

b. In addition to the requirements of Paragraph 4 below, such committee may discuss any other current problems with respect to contracting out brought to the attention of the committee.

4. a. Before the Company finally decides to contract out an item of work as to which it claims the right to contract out, the Union committee members will be notified. Such notice will be given in advance of the final decision to contract out the work except where, in the Company's

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judgment, emergency situations or emergencies related to customer requirements prevent such timely notice. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be sufficient to advise the Union members of the committee of the location, type, scope, duration, timetable and other relevant information of the work to be performed so that the Union members of the committee can adequately form an opinion as to the reasons for such contracting out. Should the Union committee believe discussion to be necessary, they will so request the Company in writing within five (5) working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays) after receipt of such notice and such a meeting shall be held within three (3) working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays) thereafter. At such meeting, the parties should review in detail the plans for the work to be performed and the reasons for contracting out such work. On request, the Union members of the committee shall be provided all relevant information in the Company's possession relating to the determination of reasonableness as defined in Paragraph 6 of this Section F. The Company members of the committee shall give full consideration to any comments or suggestions by the Union members of the committee and to any alternate plans proposed by Union members for the performance of the work by bargaining unit personnel. The Union members of the committee may include in the meeting the Union representative for the area in which the problem arises. Except in emergency situations or emergencies related to customer requirements, such discussions, if requested, shall take place before any final decision is made as to whether or not such work will be contracted out. Should the committee resolve the matter, such resolution shall be final and binding. The scope of the work being contract out will not be expanded without additional notice and an opportunity for another meeting in accordance with this Section. Changes in scope will be treated as emergencies pursuant to section 4.b herein, except such meetings shall be scheduled within three business days. Should a discussion be held and the matter not be resolved, then in all cases, except those involving emergency situations or emergencies related to

customer requirements, the matter may be appealed by the Union and/or Company directly to expedited arbitration as outlined in Paragraph 5 below. Should the Company fail to give notice, if notice is required under this Paragraph 4.a. or 4.b., or in those cases involving emergency situations or emergencies related to customer requirements, or if the matter is not appealed directly to expedited arbitration, then not later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the commencement of the work or in those cases involving work performed outside the plant where the Company failed to give notice, then not later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date the Union receives notice through the established notification procedure, a complaint relating to such matter may be filed under the complaint and grievance procedure, found in Section IX of this Agreement, commencing at Step 3, but to be decided by an arbitrator selected from the Special Arbitration Panel described in Section IX, subsection D, such selection to be made in the manner set forth in said Section. In the processing of such a complaint under the procedures of Section IX, the Union members of the Contracting Out Committee shall have all the rights of a grieving employee or employees; the arbitrator shall have all remedial powers and back pay authority necessary to enforce this Section and to remedy violations thereof including the awarding of pay for any earnings lost by any employee by reason of any violations, provided, however, that in any case arising under this Section F, the arbitrator shall have no power to order capital investment or the hiring of new employees; each succeeding incident of contracting out with or without notice may be the subject of another grievance; and the procedures of Section IX shall otherwise be implemented consistent with this Section F.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section IX, back pay, if any, may be awarded by the arbitrator in cases where the Company fails to give notice as required by this Paragraph 4.a. and 4.b. if the arbitrator finds that such remedy is appropriate in the circumstances of the case.



c. In the event of emergency situations or emergencies related to customer requirements, notice shall be given to the Union members of the regularly constituted committee within five (5) days of the commencement of the work.

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5. The expedited arbitration procedure and the time limits for such procedure shall be as follows:

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a. The Chairman of the Contracting Out Committee for the Union shall mail to the Company written notice of appeal of the matter directly to expedited arbitration, postmarked within five (5) calendar days after the date upon which a discussion was held and the matter was not resolved.

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b. Within five (5) working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays) after the receipt of such notice of appeal, the parties shall meet at the offices of the plant for the selection of an arbitrator. In the event the Union fails to have a representative present within such five (5)-day period to participate in the selection of an arbitrator, the grievance shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Union and the employee(s) on the basis of the Company's position and shall not be eligible for arbitration.

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c. The arbitrator shall be selected and notified as provided in Section IX.D of this Article.

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d. After selection of the arbitrator, the parties shall confirm the date, time and place of the hearing by filing a joint notice of appeal of the matter to expedited arbitration with the arbitrator.

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e. The arbitrator shall agree with the parties as to a mutually satisfactory date within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the initial contact with the arbitrator as provided in Section IX.D.

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f. If the arbitrator(s) is unable to schedule and hold the hearing within such thirty (30) calendar-day period because of the unwillingness of either party to proceed, the arbitration proceedings shall be dealt with as follows: (1) if the Company is unable or unwilling

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to proceed within such thirty (30) calendar-day period, the grievance shall be granted; (2) if the Union is unable or unwilling to proceed within such thirty (30) calendar-day period, the grievance shall be denied; (3) subject to the provisions of Section H, if the arbitrator(s) is not available to proceed within such thirty (30) calendar-day period, upon notice to that effect or the expiration of such thirty (30) calendar-day period, the Company may implement its decision and commence such work; in that event, a complaint relating to such matter may then be filed under the complaint and grievance procedure found in Section IX of this Agreement, commencing at Step 3, but to be decided by an arbitrator selected from the Special Arbitration Panel described in Section H of this Section, such selection to be made in the manner set forth in said Section, with the exception that only one (1) name from the panel will be drawn. In the processing of such a complaint under the procedures of Section IX, the Union members of the Contracting Out Committee shall have all the rights of a grieving employee or employees; the arbitrator shall have all the remedial powers and back pay authority necessary to enforce this Section and to remedy violations thereof including the awarding of pay for any earnings lost by any employee by reason of any violations, provided, however, that in any case arising under this Section G, the arbitrator shall have no power to order capital investment or the hiring of new employees, each succeeding incident of contracting out with or without notice may be the subject of another grievance; and the procedures of Section IX shall otherwise be implemented consistent with this Section F. Such a complaint, to be timely, must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date upon which the expedited arbitration procedure was terminated, as a result of the arbitrator being unavailable to proceed, as provided herein.

g. The expedited arbitration hearing shall be conducted in the following manner:

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(1) The hearing shall be concluded in no more than two (2) consecutive days. The arbitrator shall assure that each party shall have an equal opportunity to use, if

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needed, a minimum of one-half (1/2) of the hearing to present its case.

(2) No post-hearing briefs shall be filed. 41  
Pre-hearing briefs may be filed on the date of the hearing.

(3) The arbitrator shall issue an expedited 42  
decision no later than five (5) calendar days after conclusion of the hearing. The expedited decision shall be limited to a statement that the Company either has a right to contract out the work in question or does not have such a right. This expedited decision shall be explained in a follow-up written opinion which shall be issued no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after conclusion of the hearing.

#### 6. Definitions 43

a. The term "outside contractor" or "vendor" 44  
shall mean any entity, excluding the Company and its subsidiaries and parent, which is a party to a contract with the Company. The term "subsidiary" as used herein shall mean an entity fifty percent (50%) or more directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the Company.

b. It shall be "more reasonable" for the Company 45  
to have work contracted out if it is determined, that at the time the work is to be performed:

(1) the Company will not have the employees 46  
available at such plant, either active or laid off, who possess the necessary skills to perform the work; or

(2) the Company will not have the 47  
necessary existing equipment to perform the work with the Company's employees who work at such plant at competitive quality; or

(3) the work cannot be done with the 48  
Company's employees who work at such plant within the time period desired by the Company, provided such time period is reasonable under the circumstances.

c. The term "manufacturers' warranty work" 49  
means work performed pursuant to a warranty for the limited time necessary to make effective the following seller guarantees:

(1) That new or rehabilitated equipment or 50  
systems are free of errors in quality, workmanship, or design.

(2) That new or rehabilitated equipment or 51  
services will perform at stated levels of performance and/or efficiency subsequent to installation.

It is understood that manufacturers' warranties 52  
are commitments associated with a particular product or service in order to assure that seller representations will be honored at no additional cost to the Company. It is further understood that long-term service contracts are not within the definition of manufacturers' warranty work.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section IX, in 53  
arbitrations conducted pursuant to either the expedited arbitration procedure or the regular arbitration procedure, the arbitrator shall have the authority to award back pay.

#### G. Contracting Out Dispute Resolution

In the event that a dispute between the parties occur 54  
involving this Section, the parties agree to have such matter referred to Section IX, Adjustment of Grievances, Section C, Grievance Procedure, beginning with Step 2 and select an arbitrator from the agreed-to arbitration panel set forth in Section IX, D.

1. The following shall apply to hours worked in the 55  
Finishing Department:

a. Subject to the provisions of subparagraph c., 56  
below, the Company guarantees that during the term of this Agreement the average number of hours worked in the Finishing Department shall be maintained at a minimum of 25,000 hours per quarter less any weeks lost as a result of vacation shutdowns, catastrophic failure of a major producing unit, or any week in which four (4) or more Vac Arc furnaces are not operating, at the rate of 1,923 hours per week.

b. In calculating the number of hours worked in the Finishing Department for purposes of subparagraph a., above, the Company shall not include those hours worked in the Finishing Department as the result of action by the Company, taken after the effective date of this Agreement, to include in the Finishing Department seniority unit a job that was once a part of another seniority unit, except to the extent that the duties being performed by the employees in any such job are of the type being performed in the Finishing Department as of the effective date of this Agreement.

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c. In the event that the Company shall make any capital improvement affecting the Finishing Department, the Company shall be entitled to lower the hours-worked guarantee set forth in subparagraph a., above, to the extent necessary to recognize any increased efficiency within the Finishing Department resulting from said capital improvement.

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2. a. An employee working in a trade and craft job, as defined in this Agreement, shall be guaranteed forty (40) hours of pay, at the Standard Hourly Wage Rate for his/her job, for any week during which trade and craft employees of an outside contractor are working within the plant performing the duties of his/her job that he/she would otherwise perform. This guarantee shall apply only to affected employees in the trade and craft job at the plant. An affected employee is defined as an employee in such trade and craft job who receives less than forty (40) hours pay for such week, or who is available for work but on layoff during such week and who would perform such work if not laid off.

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b. An employee to whom the foregoing guarantee is applicable may be assigned on a temporary basis to perform a job other than that in which he/she is permanently classified at any location throughout the plant. An employee who elects not to accept such an assignment shall not be eligible for the guarantees provided herein.

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c. The number of employees eligible for the forty (40)-hour pay guarantee in any given week shall

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be the lesser of the number of employees of the outside contractor performing the trade and craft work at issue, or the number of affected employees during such work week. Such guarantee shall not be applicable with respect to outside contractors' employees performing work within the plant on items covered by Section I-F.1.; provided, however, that if any item of work covered under Section I- F.1.b. is disputed by the union under the procedures set forth in Section I- F.4. and 5. then this guarantee shall apply.

## SECTION II -- MANAGEMENT

The management of the works and the direction of the working forces, including any of the rights, powers, functions or authority which the Company had prior to the signing of this Agreement, or any agreement with the Union, as well as but not limited to, the right to hire, suspend or discharge for proper cause, hereafter to change the existing, establish, and/or create new reasonable work rules, policies or procedures which affect terms and conditions of employment, and the right to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons are retained by the Company, except as those rights, powers, functions or authority are specifically abridged or modified by this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement arrived at through the process of collective bargaining. The Company agrees to meet in an attempt to reach an agreement on such changed or new work rules, policies or procedures prior to the Company's implementation, subject or the Union's right to challenge the reasonableness of such new rules, policies or procedures.

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### A. Labor-Management Cooperation

The parties to this Agreement desire to promote, to the fullest, the quality and quantity of plant production and the job satisfaction and safety of all employees. To that end, the parties agree to meet in an effort to identify and correct inefficiencies in any operation in the plant. This

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means, among other things, the use of the most efficient techniques and methods, the prompt execution of production strategies, and the performance by all employees of a full day's work for a fair day's pay. The Company and the Union will also work together to resolve any problems or situations which hinder or interfere with normal production (such as absenteeism, manning, supervision etc.) and strengthen goodwill between the Company, its employees and its customers. The Company and the Union also agree to more communications to discuss the labor relations issues and to attempt to resolve issues before they become grievances. The meetings will generally be held on a quarterly basis and will not include grievances or issues that are subject to resolution in the grievance procedure.

**B. Safety and Health**

**1. Our Safety Vision:**

The safety of all employees is the Company's and Union's top priority. It is the shared responsibility of the Company, the Union and every employee to actively participate in all aspects of the safety program and lead the Company on its path to zero injuries, through:

- 1. dedicated leadership, accountability, and employee empowerment
- 2. continual improvement plans (Plan-Do-Check-Act)
- 3. tools, resources, and education to improve total workplace safety and health
- 4. a skilled, technology-driven workforce that proactively assesses risks, strives to eliminate hazards, and integrates learnings from incidents and near misses to prevent future occurrences.

**2. Our Joint Safety Values Include:**

- 1. No job or task is too important that we will not take the time to do it safely.
- 2. Safety is not just the Company's duty, it is

the Union's responsibility and the responsibility of every employee.

3. We will challenge everything and leave nothing to chance because we believe every incident and injury can be prevented. 73

3. The Safety Imperative: TARGET - ZERO Injuries 74

We believe that all injuries are preventable and that safety of our employees is the top priority for the Company, Union and employees. 75

**SECTION III - STRIKE AND LOCKOUTS**

**A. Strikes/Lockouts**

The Union agrees there shall be no interruption or impeding of the work such as but not limited to slowdown, concerted absenteeism, work stoppage, strike, sympathy strike (against the Company) or other interferences with production during the life of this Agreement. The Company agrees there shall be no lockout of employees during the life of this Agreement. 76

**B. The Company agrees that should there be a "plant closing" or "mass layoff" at the facility as those terms are defined by the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act ("WARN"), the Company shall furnish 60 days' notice to the Union and the affected employees as required by WARN. Failure to comply with this WARN obligations shall result in the Company paying any affected employee for any lost time as required by WARN, which would include overtime, pension accrual and benefits. 77**

**SECTION IV - WAGES**

**A. Standard Hourly Wage Scale**

The standard hourly wage scales of rates for the respective job classes shall be those set forth in Appendix A and B of this Agreement for non-incentive and incentive jobs. All new hires will be paid in accordance 78

with Appendix A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4.

**B. Description and Classification of New or Changed Jobs**

1. The jobs provided for under this Agreement are set forth in Appendix A and Appendix B.

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2. The job description and labor grade classification for each job in effect as of the date of this Agreement shall continue in effect unless changed in accordance with mutual agreement of the Plant Union Committee and the Company, or by a decision by the Board of Arbitration pursuant to Paragraph 9 below.

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3. The Union shall designate up to two (2) employees designated by the District Director of the Union to serve on the Plant Union Committee. The Plant Union Committee shall be provided with paid time off to conduct business as described in this Section.

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4. In the event the Company chooses to modify the duties of an existing job or create a new job, it shall follow the procedure outlined below in paragraphs 5 and 6.

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5. The Company shall meet with the Plant Union Committee and present it with a written description of how it intends to modify an existing job or a complete description of a proposed new job. If the Union is not in agreement with the Company's evaluation it shall provide the Company with its written objections to the Company evaluation. The description shall include:

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a. The requirements of such new or modified job in the areas of training, skill, responsibility, effort and surroundings ("Requirements");

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b. The Company's view as to how these Requirements compare to the Requirements for existing jobs at the Plant; and

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c. Based on paragraphs a. and b. above, at what rate the Company believes the job should be paid.

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6. The Plant Union Committee shall be provided with any additional information requested in connection with its assessment of the new or modified job. The Plant Committee may make reference to the 1971 CWS Manual during the paragraph 5 meetings with the Company.

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7. If the Company and Plant Union Committee are unable to agree upon the description and classification within ten (10) calendar days after the proposed description is submitted to the Plant Union Committee, the Company shall install the proposed classification and the standard hourly wage scale rate for the applicable job class in accordance with provisions of this Subsection. The Plant Union Committee shall be exclusively responsible for the filing of grievances and may at any time within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of installation, file a grievance with the Plant Management Representative designated by the Company. Such grievance is to be processed in accordance with the provisions of Section IX - Adjustment of Grievances, commencing with Step 3. Prior to the Step 3 Meeting, the Plant Union Committee and the Company representative shall prepare and mutually sign a stipulation setting forth the requirements which are in dispute, a copy of which shall be sent to a designated representative of the Company and the designated representative of the International Union (the Union Staff Representative responsible for Unit 1537\*\*). If the grievance is submitted to arbitration, the issue shall be limited to the requirements stipulated as being in dispute and the decision shall be effective as of the date when the new job was established or the change or changes installed. In the event the parties fail to agree as provided, and no appeal to arbitration is made within the time provided, the classification as prepared by the Company shall be deemed to be approved.

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8. The Company and the Union agree to review all provisions of the 2023 Agreement to remove language related to the prior language related to Description and Classification of New or Changed Jobs.

9. The Company agrees that the above proposal will not change the Section VIII Seniority language as it applies to job bidding and filling of job vacancies.

**C. Incentive Plans**

1. Effective as of the date specified in Appendix A-1, each employee on a job covered by an existing incentive plan shall receive for each hour worked in addition to incentive earnings, the applicable hourly additive specified in Appendix A-1.

2. It is understood that the fundamental principle of the work and wage relationship is that the employee is entitled to a fair day's pay, i.e., the Standard Hourly Wage Scale, in return for which the Company is entitled to a fair day's work. The fundamental principle of the performance and incentive wage relationship is that when regularly required on a direct incentive job as defined below to perform work over and above the requirements of a fair day's work, an employee is entitled to receive equitable extra compensation over and above a fair day's pay. A new direct incentive, a replacement direct incentive, or an adjusted direct incentive shall be designed to provide an incentive earnings opportunity of 35% when the employee is working at a 35% incentive effort.

a. Direct Incentive Jobs - Jobs which directly affect or control the rate of output or efficiency of equipment, shall be considered direct incentive jobs.

3. It is further understood that certain other jobs or service operations may not provide nor require full incentive effort and thus an incentive earnings opportunity of less than 35% shall be equitable compensation for work performed.

These jobs or service operations shall be called "Indirect Incentive Jobs" and defined as follows:

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a. Indirect Incentive Jobs - Jobs which indirectly contribute to the control of output or efficiency of equipment, shall be considered indirect incentive jobs. Indirect Incentives shall be designed to provide an incentive earnings opportunity equivalent to 67% of the earning opportunities provided by the Direct Incentive Job or Jobs to which it is related. If the Indirect Incentive Jobs are not related to Direct Incentive Jobs, the incentive shall be designed to provide earning opportunities 23% above the Incentive Calculation Rate.

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The above percentage figures are not statements of the actual percentage earnings an incentive must produce consistently to be equitable. They relate not to average earnings but to earnings opportunity.

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4. The Appendix A Standard Hourly Wage Rate plus the applicable hourly additive will establish minimum guaranteed hourly rates for all jobs on incentives. For hours worked on incentive jobs the employees shall receive the highest of the following:

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a. The total earnings of the applicable incentive plan plus the applicable hourly additive as specified in Appendix A-1.

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b. The total amount arrived at by multiplying the hours worked by the applicable Standard Hourly Wage Rate as specified in Appendix A-1 plus the applicable hourly additive.

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c. The total amount arrived at by multiplying the hours worked by the existing guaranteed hourly rate.

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**D. New and Adjusted Incentives**

1. The Company may establish new incentives to cover:

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a. new jobs on which the Company is not required to establish incentives;

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b. jobs not presently covered by incentive application; or

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c. jobs covered by an existing incentive plan where, during a current three-month period, the straight time average hourly earnings of employees under the plan are equal to or less than the average of the standard hourly wage rate for such employees. 105

2. The Appendix A-1 Standard Hourly Wage rate shall be the established hourly base rate of pay under any new incentive that may be applied to the job during the term of this Agreement. 106

3. The following shall apply to the minor adjustments, major adjustments where the incentive is suspended and cancellation and replacement of incentives: 107

a. It is recognized that adjustment of an incentive may be required to preserve its integrity to reflect new or changed conditions occurring after the effective date of this Agreement which are not sufficiently extensive to require cancellation and replacement of the incentive and which result from mechanical improvements made by the Company in the interest of improved methods or products, or from changes in equipment, manufacturing processes or methods, materials processed or quality or manufacturing standards. Such adjustments shall apply only to elements affected and will be installed upon completion of investigation. The amount of change shall be measured in accordance with the original development of the incentive and only those elements affected will be changed. 108

b. When such new or changed conditions as defined in paragraph 3.a., above, are of such magnitude that the Company determines the plan must be suspended for a period of time to accomplish the adjustments, an interim allowance as defined in 6., below, shall be installed. 109

c. The change of the adjusted standards established pursuant to 3.a.-b., above, may be challenged by the affected employee(s) through the grievance procedure in accordance with E. 5.d., below. 110

d. When such new or changed conditions as defined in paragraph 3., above, are of such magnitude that the Company determines that replacement of the incentive is required, the Company shall cancel the existing incentive and replace it with a new incentive in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section IV - D.2. and 3. and Section IV - E.5. 111

4. The Company and the Union agree to cooperate to improve productivity and throughput for all processes with the goal to accomplish a yearly increase of productivity of four percent (4%). This goal may be reached by such activities as, but not limited to, identification and elimination of waste, technical improvement, operator involvement, and input on productivity improvement and efficiencies, creation of standardized work, etc. 112

5. New incentives established pursuant to Section IV - E.1. and 2., above, shall be established in accordance with the following procedure: 113

a. The Company will develop the proposed incentive. 114

b. The proposal will be submitted to the Grievance Committeeman or steward representing the employees affected for the purpose of explaining the incentive and arriving at agreement as to its installation. The Company shall, at such time, furnish such explanation with regard to the development and determination of the incentive as shall reasonably be required in order to enable the Union representative to understand how such incentive was developed and determined and shall afford to such Union representative a reasonable opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed incentive. 115

c. Should agreement not be reached as to its installation, the proposed incentive may be installed by the Company and the employee or employees affected may at any time after thirty (30) calendar days, but within sixty (60) calendar days following installation, file a grievance alleging that the incentive does not provide equitable incentive compensation. Such grievance 116

shall be processed under the grievance and arbitration procedure of this Agreement. If the grievance is submitted to the arbitration procedure, the arbitrator shall decide the question of equitable incentive compensation and the decision of the arbitrator shall be effective as of the date when the incentive was put into effect.

d. In the event the Company does not adjust the incentive or develop an incentive as provided above, the employee or employees affected may within thirty (30) calendar days from occurrence process a grievance under the grievance and arbitration procedures of this Agreement requesting that an incentive be installed in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. If the grievance is submitted to arbitration, the decision of the arbitrator shall be effective as of the date when the grievance was filed.

6. Replacement incentives to replace existing incentives pursuant to Section IV - E.3. d., above, shall be established in accordance with the following procedure:

a. The Company will develop and install the replacement incentive as soon as practicable.

b. The replacement incentive will be submitted to the Grievance Committee for the purpose of notification, and the Company shall furnish such explanation of the replacement as shall reasonably be required to enable the Union representative to understand how the new incentive was developed.

c. When an incentive is replaced pursuant to this section, and the Company determines the incentive that is being replaced must be canceled before the replacement incentive is ready for installation, an interim allowance as defined in Section 7., below, shall be installed.

d. The employees affected may at any time after thirty (30) calendar days, but within sixty (60) calendar days following installation, file a grievance which shall be processed under the grievance and arbitration procedures of this Agreement. If the grievance is submitted to the arbitration procedure, the arbitrator shall decide the issue

of compliance with the requirements of Section IV - E.3.a., b. or d., above, and the decision of the arbitrator shall be effective as of the date when the adjusted incentive or the replacement incentive was put into effect.

e. In the event the Company does not adjust or replace an incentive as provided in Section IV - E.3.a., b. or d., above, the employee or employees affected may, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the change is alleged to have occurred, process a grievance under the grievance and arbitration procedures of this Agreement requesting that an adjustment to the incentive be installed in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. If the grievance is submitted to arbitration, the decision of the arbitrator shall be effective as of the date when the grievance was filed.

7. When an incentive is adjusted or replaced pursuant to this section, it is recognized a period of time may be required to develop the operating integrity of the new equipment, manufacturing processes or methods, materials processed and quality or manufacturing standards before the adjusted or replacement incentive can be developed and installed. During the interim period between suspension or cancellation, development and installation of the adjusted incentive or the replacement incentive, the incentive earnings (which does not include the applicable hourly additive) expressed as a percentage above the Appendix A-1 Standard Hourly Wage rate on the adjusted incentive for the job covered thereunder, shall not be less than the percentage of incentive earnings (which does not include the applicable hourly additive) received as an average by regularly assigned incumbents of that job under that incentive during the three (3) months preceding suspension or cancellation provided that the average pay period performance, as measured by the existing standards or production rates, during such three (3) month period is maintained. When the adjusted incentive or the replacement incentive is installed, the interim incentive earnings shall cease and incentive earnings shall be

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calculated under the adjusted or replacement incentive. As to any job which did not exist under the incentive prior to its adjustment or replacement the average percentage calculated for jobs which did exist shall apply under the same conditions.

**E. Adjustment of Personal Out-of-Line Differentials**

1. The reduction of an out-of-line rate where a job has been reclassified downwards, shall not be effective to reduce earnings of an employee regularly assigned to the given job as of the date of reclassification. However, the normal turnover of employees shall be utilized in the elimination of any such out-of-line wage rates.

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2. As of the effective date of any increase made in job class increments in the standard hourly wage scale under this Agreement the personal out-of-line differentials of all incumbents of incentive and non-incentive jobs shall be adjusted or eliminated by applying that part of the increase in the standard hourly wage scale rate for the job which is attributable to the increase in the increments between job classes to reduce or eliminate such personal out-of-line differentials.

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**F. Wage Rate Inequity Grievances**

No basis shall exist for an employee to allege a wage inequity and no grievance alleging a wage rate inequity shall be filed during the term of this Agreement.

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**G. Miscellaneous**

1. The Company will not establish performance standards for non-incentive jobs not in accordance with the fundamental principle of the work and wage relationship set forth in Subsection D.2. hereof. In any dispute, the Company shall have the obligation to prove that any standard set is in accordance with this principle or to cover the job with an incentive.

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2. a. In the event an employee is assigned temporarily, at the request or direction of the Company,

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from his/her regular job to another job, such employee, in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall receive the established rate of pay for the job performed or the job rate of his/her regular job whichever is higher. In addition, while performing work under such circumstances, such employee shall receive such special allowances as may be required to equal the earnings that otherwise would have been realized by the employee if work was available on his/her regular job. "Work Available" is defined as the Company back filling the employees position from which he/she was moved or if there is current work sitting at the job from which he/she was moved, in either situation the employee shall be eligible for "such special allowance" as stated herein. For non-crew employees, such special allowance shall be computed on the basis of the average wage earned by such employee during his/her last three (3) working days prior to such a temporary assignment. For crew employees, such special allowance shall be computed on the basis of the crew's performance for that day and the job class of his/her regular job. This provision shall not affect the rights of any employee of the Company under any other provisions of this Agreement.

b. In the event an employee is assigned out of the labor pool at the request or direction of the Company to a job with lower earnings than a job otherwise available, such employee shall, in addition to receiving the established rate of pay for the job performed, receive such special allowances as may be required to equal the earnings that otherwise would have been realized by the employee in such higher paying job. This provision shall not affect the rights of any employee of the Company under any other provisions of this Agreement.

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c. An employee temporarily assigned as outlined above shall work the schedule to which the employee is assigned and will be considered the least senior employee in the assigned department.

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3. The employees who were incumbents in the occupation of Roller at the Continuous Rolling Mill, as of the completion of the CRM modernization commitment

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of 2004, and who are working in a job in the Continuous Rolling Mill seniority unit will receive **Job Class 28** plus incentive for all hours they would have otherwise been scheduled as a Roller if not for the elimination of the hourly Roller occupation in the continuous Rolling Mill.

**H. Shift Differentials**

1. For hours worked on the afternoon shift there shall be paid a premium rate of 30 cents per hour. For hours worked on the night shift there shall be paid a premium rate of 45 cents per hour. 133

2. Shifts shall be identified in accordance with the following: 134

a. Day Shift includes all turns scheduled to commence between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. inclusive. 135

b. Afternoon Shift includes all turns scheduled to commence between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. inclusive. 136

c. Night Shift includes all turns scheduled to commence between 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight inclusive. 137

3. Shift differential shall be included in the calculation of overtime compensation. Shift differential shall not be added to the base hourly rate for the purpose of calculating incentive earnings but shall be computed by multiplying the hours worked by the applicable differential and the amount so determined added to earnings. 138

4. Any hours worked by an employee on a regularly scheduled shift which commences at a time not specified in paragraph 2., above, shall be paid as follows: 139

a. For hours worked which would fall in the prevailing day turn of the department, no shift differential shall be paid. 140

b. For hours worked which would fall in the prevailing afternoon turn of the department, the afternoon shift differential shall be paid. 141

c. For hours worked which would fall in the prevailing night shift of the department, the night shift 142

differential shall be paid.

5. Shift differential shall be paid for allowed time or reporting time when the hours for which payment is made would have called for a shift differential if worked. 143

**I. Sunday Premium**

1. All hours worked by an employee on Sunday, which are not paid for on an overtime basis, shall be paid for on the basis of employee's rate of pay as defined in paragraph 4., below, at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. 144

2. For the purpose of this provision, Sunday shall be deemed the twenty-four (24) hours beginning with the turn-changing hour nearest to 12:01 a.m., Sunday. 145

3. Sunday premium based on the minimum hourly wage rate shall be paid for reporting allowance hours. 146

4. The regular rate of pay, as the term is used in paragraph 1., above, shall mean the hourly rate which the employee would have received for the work had it been performed during non-overtime hours; for employees on an incentive, tonnage or piecework basis, such regular rate of pay shall be the average straight time hourly earnings as computed in accordance with existing practices. 147 148

**J. Cost of Living Adjustment (FROZEN FOR THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT)**

Language to remain in the contract. 149

1. The cost of living adjustment, as calculated for the February 1, 1998 adjustment date pursuant to Paragraph K.2. of Section IV of the 1994 Basic Agreement, shall continue to be paid during the term of this Agreement on the same basis as it was paid at the end of the 1994 Basic Agreement. This cost of living adjustment shall apply to all hours actually worked, overtime premium hours and for any credited reporting allowance hours under Section V.E. of this Agreement, but shall not be considered a part of the employees' pay for any other purpose and shall 150

not be used in the calculation of any other pay, allowance or benefit, regardless of any provision in this or any other Agreement providing for such benefits.

2. For purposes of this Subsection K: 154

a. "Consumer Price Index" refers to the 155  
"Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and clerical Workers CPI-W (Revised Series) - All Items (1967 = 100)" published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

b. The Consumer Price Index Base shall be 156  
determined as follows:

(i) For the May 15, 2002, August 1, 2002, 157  
and November 1, 2002 and February 1, 2003 Adjustment Dates, the Consumer Price Index Base refers to the Consumer Price Index for the month of December, 2001 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, multiplied by 103%.

(ii) For the May 1, 2003, August 1, 2003, 158  
and November 1, 2003 and February 1, 2004 Adjustment Dates, the Consumer Price Index Base refers to the Consumer Price Index for the month of December, 2002 multiplied by 103%.

(iii) For the May 1, 2004, August 1, 2004, 159  
November 1, 2004 and February 1, 2005 Adjustment Dates, the Consumer Price Index Base refers to the Consumer Price Index for the month of December, 2003, multiplied by 103%.

(iv) For the May 1, 2005; August 1, 2005 160  
and November 1, 2005 and February 1, 2006 Adjustment Dates, the Consumer Price Index Base refers to the Consumer Price Index for the month of December, 2004 multiplied by 103%.

(v) For the May 1, 2006, August 1, 2006 and 161  
November 1, 2006 and February 1, 2007 Adjustment Dates, the Consumer Price Index Base refers to the

Consumer Price Index for the month of December, 2005 multiplied by 103%.

(vi) For the May 1, 2007, August 1, 2007 and 162  
November 1, 2007 and February 1, 2008 Adjustment Dates, the Consumer Price Index Base refers to the Consumer Price Index for the month of December, 2006 multiplied by 103%.

c. "Adjustment Dates" are May 1, August 1 163  
and November 1, 2002; February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2003; and February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2004; February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2005; February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2006; February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2007; and February 1, 2008.

d. "Change in the Consumer Price Index" is 164  
defined as the difference between (i) the Consumer Price Index Base (adjusted) and (ii) the Consumer Price Index for the second calendar month next preceding the month in which the applicable Adjustment Date falls, provided, however, that in no event shall any part of such Consumer Price Index which exceeds the Consumer Price Index Base (without the applicable multiplier) multiplied by 106% be used for making any adjustment for any adjustment date.

e. "Cost of Living Adjustment" is calculated as 165  
below and adjustments will be made for the three-month period commencing with the Adjustment Date.

3. Effective on each adjustment date, a cost of living 166  
adjustment equal to 1 cent per hour for each full .3 of a point change in the Consumer Price Index shall become payable for all hours actually worked and for any reporting allowance credited before the next adjustment date. In calculating the adjustments for May, 1999, August, 1999, November, 1999, and February, 2000, there shall be added to the amount calculated in the previous sentence an amount equal to the cost-of-living adjustment, if any, which was payable on February 1, 1999. In calculating the adjustments for May, 2000, August, 2000,

November, 2000, and February, 2001, there shall be added to the amount calculated above an amount equal to the cost-of-living adjustment, if any, which was payable on February 1, 1999 and February 1, 2000.

4. The cost of living adjustment, if any, shall be an "add-on" and shall not be part of the employee's Standard Hourly Wage Scale Rate.

5. Should the Consumer Price Index, in its present form and on the same basis (including composition of the "Market Basket" and "Consumer Sample") as the last index published prior to April 30, 2002 become unavailable, the parties shall attempt to adjust this Section K. or, if agreement is not reached, request the Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide the appropriate conversion or adjustment which shall be applicable as of the appropriate adjustment date and thereafter. The purpose of such conversion shall be to produce as nearly as possible the same result as would have been achieved using the index in its present form.

6. If the Consumer Price Index falls below the Consumer Price Index Base, there shall be no cost of living adjustment

#### K. Meal Allowance

1. A meal allowance of \$10.00 will be paid in accordance with the following work schedules.

2. When an employee works four (4) or more hours of overtime immediately following eight (8) hours of straight time or overtime.

3. No meal allowance will be paid when the four (4) hours precede the employee's normal eight (8) hour schedule or when the employee is notified in advance of the overtime schedule.

#### L. Earnings Protection Plan

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Earnings Protection Plan (EPP) is to protect a level of earnings for hours worked by employees, with particular emphasis on employees displaced in technological change, through provision of a benefit to be known as a Quarterly Income Benefit (QIB) which, when added to an employee's average earnings for hours worked in a quarter, will increase such average earnings to a specified percentage of the employee's average earnings for hours worked during a base period preceding such quarter.

#### 2. Definitions

When used in the EPP or in any agreement relating thereto, the following terms are intended to have the meaning set forth below:

"Average Earnings" -- Average straight time hourly rate of earnings, determined by dividing total earnings (including applicable incentive earnings but excluding shift differentials and Sunday and overtime premiums) for all hours worked by the number of hours worked.

"Base Period" -- A.) The pay periods paid in the calendar year preceding the benefit quarter. B.) For employees with twenty (20) or more years of continuous service, the pay periods paid in the second calendar year preceding the benefit quarter, or A. above whichever is greater.

"Base Period Rate" -- The average earnings for the base period, plus the amount per straight time hour worked of any QIB paid for straight time hours worked in the base period.

"Benefit Quarter" -- The pay periods paid in a calendar quarter with respect to which benefit determinations are to be made.

"Benefit Quarter Rate" -- The average earnings for the benefit quarter.

"Eligible Employees" -- Employees who have two

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(2) or more years of continuous service (as determined under the Company's non-contributory pension plan) as of the end of the benefit quarter and who have worked 160 or more hours during the base period.

3. Quarterly Income Benefits

a. Each eligible employee shall receive QIB, subject to all the provisions of the EPP, for any benefit quarter for which his/her benefit quarter rate does not equal or exceed 85% of his/her base period rate except for employees with twenty (20) or more years of continuous service, the benefit quarter rate is extended to 90%.

b. The amount of the QIB for an employee shall be determined with reference to the hours worked by him in the benefit quarter by multiplying (i) the sum of the number of such hours paid for at straight time plus 1.5 times the number of such hours paid for at overtime rates by (ii) the amount, if any, by which his/her benefit quarter rate was less than 85% (90% as provided in a. above) of his/her base period rate; subject to the provisions of c. and d. below

c. In determining the amount of a QIB, the base period rate and the benefit quarter rate shall be appropriately adjusted to neutralize the effect of any general wage increase or decrease occurring after the start of the base period.

d. Any QIB otherwise payable shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to avoid a payment under this plan which would duplicate a payment under a worker's compensation or occupational disease law or under any other arrangement which provides an earnings supplement.

4. Disqualification

a. An employee shall not be paid any QIB for any benefit quarter if it is determined that his/her benefit quarter rate was significantly lower than it otherwise would have been because of any of the following (occurring in or before such benefit quarter):

(1) Assignment at his/her own request or due to his/her own fault to a job with lower earning opportunities or failure to accept assignment, or to assert assignment rights, to a job with higher earning opportunities; except in the case of assignments related to the manning of a new facility or other situations where it is clear from the surrounding circumstances that such event should not affect eligibility for a QIB.

(2) Lower average performance under any applicable incentive than that which was reasonably attainable.

(3) Any occurrence which would disqualify the employee from a Weekly Benefit pursuant to paragraph 3.5.c.(1), (2) or (3) of the SUB Plan.

b. If an employee quits or is discharged, no QIB shall be payable for the benefit quarter in which such quit or discharge occurs.

5. General

a. Any QIB payable in accordance with the terms of this plan shall be paid promptly after the end of the benefit quarter for which it is payable, shall be considered wages for the purposes of any applicable law, and shall be included in calculating earnings for the purposes of the Company's non-contributory pension plan and vacations, but not for the SUB Plan or any other purpose. For the purposes above provided, the QIB shall constitute wages for the calendar quarter in which it is paid.

b. All benefits payable under the EPP shall be paid by the Company

c. Disputes arising under the EPP shall be processed under the procedure applicable to disputes arising under the SUB Plan.

**M. Safety Shoe and Safety Glasses Reimbursement Allowance**

Effective upon ratification of the 2023 Agreement, and for the remainder of this Agreement, the Company will reimburse, in accordance with Company Policy, each employee, up to \$200.00 per contract year for the purchase of metatarsal equipped safety shoes for wear at the plant. With managers approval, employees may be reimbursed for a second pair of safety shoes during the contract year period if damaged at work. To be eligible for the allowance for safety shoes purchased outside the Company, each employee must provide proof of purchase.

Employees will be required to wear Company approved safety glasses (prescription and non-prescription). Effective upon ratification of the 2023 Agreement, and for the remainder of this Agreement, the Company will pay the full price of safety glasses (prescription and non-prescription) that are purchased through the Company's provider. If employees choose to purchase safety glasses from another supplier, the Company will reimburse employees, in accordance with Company policy, up to \$45.00 every two years, for approved safety glasses frames.

With managers approval, employees may be reimbursed for a second pair of prescription safety glasses during the two-year period if damaged at work.

**N. Bonus Plan**

All employees hired after August 1, 2008, who are employed in positions which are paid the \$.45 per hour incentive allowance, and all Trade & Craft employees will remain eligible for the Annual Salary Bonus Plan (which plans will be incorporated herein annually) and will not participate in the Hourly Incentive Plans. Following ratification of the 2014 Agreement, the positions that are paid the \$.45 per hour incentive allowance will no longer receive the incentive allowance, but instead will participate in the Annual Salary Bonus Plan. The above language does not apply to employees who are

temporarily assigned to positions in accordance with MP 139. Employees who are laid-off and assigned from the Labor Pool in accordance with Section VIII, Subsection O (MP 351-354) to a position covered by the Annual Salary Bonus Plan will be eligible to participate in the Annual Salary Bonus Plan for all hours worked in the position eligible for the Annual Salary Bonus Plan.

**Without regard to accrued seniority, all employees hired after ratification of the August 1, 2008 Agreement will be eligible for the Salary Bonus Plan as may be amended from time to time, but not the Hourly Incentive Plan.**

**All Trade & Craft positions will be in the Salary Bonus Plan and not the Hourly Incentive Plan.**

Following ratification of the 2017 Agreement, the Company agrees to meet and bargain in good faith with the Union to develop an Hourly Bonus Plan for the bargaining-unit employees eligible for the annual Salary Bonus Plan as described above that provides a quarterly pay component. If the parties are unable to agree to a new Hourly Bonus Plan, the employees who are not eligible for the hourly incentive pay will continue to participate in the Annual Salary Bonus Plan.

**SECTION V – HOURS OF WORK**

**A. Scope**

This section defines the normal hours of work and shall not be considered as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week or of days of work per week. This section shall not be considered as any basis for the calculation of overtime.

**B. Normal Workday**

The normal workday shall be eight (8) hours of work in a 24-hour period. The hours of work shall be consecutive.

**C. Normal Workweek**

The normal workweek shall be five (5) consecutive

workdays, followed by a rest period of forty-eight (48) consecutive hours within a period of seven (7) consecutive days; provided, however, that on shift changes the sixteen (16) hour rest period within the workday need not be provided in addition to, but may be considered as a part of the forty-eight (48) consecutive hour rest period and in the case of six-day schedules as a part of the twenty-four (24) consecutive hour rest period.

**D. Schedules**

1. Should it be necessary, in the interest of efficient operations, to establish schedules departing from normal, the Executive Board of the Union, the Committeeman of the department involved, and the Company may, at the written request of either party, confer to determine whether, based upon the facts of the situation mutually satisfactory modified schedules can be arranged, but the final right to arrange working schedules rests with the Company. Employees shall be given preference for schedules based upon their seniority.

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2. All employees shall be scheduled on the basis of the normal workday and workweek except where:

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a. such schedules regularly would require the payment of overtime;

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b. deviations from the normal workday and workweek are necessary because of breakdowns or other matters beyond the control of the Company;

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c. schedules deviating from the normal workday and workweek are established by agreement between the Executive Board of the Union and the Committeeman of the department involved and the Company; or

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d. deviations are necessary to avoid adversely affecting operations in the plant.

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3. Schedules showing employee's workdays shall be posted or otherwise made known to employees, but

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not later than 10:00 PM Wednesday. This schedule shall show the employees work days for the next seven (7) days (Thursday through Wednesday) and the tentative work days through the following Sunday.

4. Schedules may be changed by the Company any time provided, however, indiscriminate changes shall not be made in such schedules, provided further that any changes made after 10:00 PM Wednesday of the week preceding the calendar week in which the changes are to be effective shall be explained at the earliest practicable time to the Grievance Committeeman of the employee affected and the V.P. - Manufacturing or his/her assignee; and provided, further, that with respect to any such schedules, no changes shall be made after 10:00 PM Wednesday except for breakdown or other matters beyond the control of the Company.

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5. Should changes be made in schedules contrary to the provisions of paragraph 4., above, so that an employee is laid off on any day within the five (5) scheduled days and is required to work on what would otherwise have been the sixth or seventh work day in the schedule on which he/she was scheduled to commence work, the employee shall be paid for such sixth or seventh day worked at overtime rates in accordance with Section VI - Overtime.

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6. Upon any change of crew schedules on rotating shifts, any employee may ask to be reassigned to a different crew based on seniority. Permission will not be unreasonably denied, but management retains the right to maintain a skills balance within a crew or crews.

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**E. Reporting Allowance**

1. An employee who is scheduled or notified to report and who does report for work shall be provided with and assigned to a minimum of four (4) hours of work on the job for which he/she was scheduled or notified to report, or in the event such work is not available, shall be assigned or reassigned to another job paying at least

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an equal hourly rate, provided he/she is qualified to do the work. In the event when he/she reports to work, no work is available, he/she shall be released from duty and credited with a reporting allowance of four (4) times the hourly rate of the job (including any applicable additive in Appendix A-1) for which he/she was scheduled or notified to report. When an employee who starts to work is released from duty before he/she works a minimum of four (4) hours, he/she shall be paid for the hours worked at the rate for the reporting allowance equal to the hourly wage rate of the job (including any applicable additive in Appendix A-1) for which he/she was scheduled or notified to report multiplied by the unutilized portion of the four (4) hour minimum.

2. The provisions of the above paragraph 1. shall not apply in the event that:

a. strikes, work stoppages in connection with labor disputes, failure of utilities beyond the control of the Company, breakdown of equipment, government requirements or acts of God which interfere with work being provided; or

b. an employee is not put to work or is laid off after having been put to work, either at his/her own request or due to his/her own fault; or

c. an employee refuses to accept an assignment or reassignment within the first four (4) hours as provided in paragraph 1., above; or

d. the Company gives two-hours' notice of change in scheduled reporting time or that an employee need not report. The two-hour notice shall not apply if any one of the events described in paragraph 2.a above occurs.

#### F. Allowance for Jury Service

An employee who is called for jury service or subpoenaed as a witness shall be excused from work for the days on which he/she serves (which includes required reporting for jury duty when summoned, whether or not he/she is used as a juror) and he/she shall receive, for each

such day of jury service on which he/she otherwise would have worked, the difference between the payment he/she receives for such jury service and the amount calculated by the Company in accordance with the following formula. Such pay shall be based on the number of days such employee would have worked had he/she not been performing such jury service (plus any holiday in such period which he/she would not have worked) and the pay for each such day shall be eight (8) times his/her average straight time hourly rate of earnings (including applicable incentive earnings but excluding shift differentials) during the last payroll period worked prior to jury service. **Hours paid for jury duty will be treated as hours worked for overtime and Sunday premium.** The employee will present proof that he/she did serve as a juror or was subpoenaed and reported as a witness, and the amount of pay, if any, received therefor.

#### G. Funeral Leave

1. When death occurs to an employee's mother, father, legal spouse or child (including step-child when the step-child has lived with the employee in an immediate family relationship), an employee, upon request, will be excused and paid for up to a maximum of five (5) scheduled shifts (or for such fewer shifts as the employee may be absent) which fall within a five (5) consecutive calendar day period; provided, however, that one such calendar day shall be the day of the funeral, cremation or memorial service, and it is established that the employee attended the funeral, cremation or memorial service.

2. When death occurs to an employee's mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother or sister, grandparents and grandchildren (including stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother or stepsister when they have lived with the employee in an immediate family relationship), an employee, upon request, will be excused and paid for up to a maximum of three (3) scheduled shifts (or for such fewer shifts as the employee may be absent) which fall within a three (3) consecutive calendar day period; provided, however, that one such calendar day shall be

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the day of the funeral, cremation or memorial service and it is established that the employee attended the funeral, cremation or memorial service.

3. Payment shall be eight (8) times his/her average straight time hourly earnings (as computed for jury pay). An employee will not receive funeral pay when it duplicates pay received for time not worked for any other reason. Time thus paid will not be counted as hours worked for purposes of determining overtime or premium pay liability.

#### H. Paid Lunch Period

Employees will receive a 20-minute paid lunch period. This 20-minute lunch period is not to interfere with production needs of the department. **Employees are not permitted to leave the plant without supervisory approval and without punching out during the 20-minute lunch period.**

### SECTION VI – OVERTIME

#### A. Purpose

1. This section provides the basis for the calculation of, and payment for, overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week, or a guarantee of days of work per week.

2. It is the policy of the Company insofar as practicable, to restrict production work to the regular established normal workday and workweek, and the Company agrees that in making requests for overtime work outside of the regular established normal workday or workweek, it will recognize the employee's right to decline overtime work for good cause. No employee shall be disciplined or lose holiday pay for declining overtime or holiday work if another qualified employee with less seniority in the overtime unit on the shift is available. If all qualified employees in the overtime unit on the shift decline the overtime or holiday work, the qualified employee with the least seniority in the overtime unit on the shift shall be assigned the work. Overtime shall

be distributed pursuant to overtime practice outlined in Subsection E., below.

#### B. Definitions of Terms

1. The payroll week shall consist of any seven (7) consecutive days used by the Company for computing the pay of employees (which may or may not coincide with a week beginning at 12:00 midnight Sunday, or at the turn-changing hour nearest to that time).

2. The workday for the purposes of this section is the 24-hour period beginning with the time the employee begins work.

3. Overtime rates shall be time and one-half the applicable hourly rate for the job on which the overtime hours are worked; except for employees on an incentive, tonnage or piecework basis, the applicable hourly rate shall be the average straight time hourly earnings as computed in accordance with existing practices.

#### C. Conditions Under Which Overtime Rates Shall Be Paid

1. Overtime rates shall be paid for:

a. Hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday;

b. Hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a payroll week;

c. Hours worked on the sixth or seventh workday in a payroll week during which work was performed on five (5) other workdays. Hours not worked on the five (5) other days due to personal absences shall not be counted as hours worked;

d. Hours worked in connection with "continuous and/or rotating schedules" on the sixth or seventh workday in a seven (7) consecutive day period during which the first five (5) days were worked, whether or not all of such days fall within the same payroll week, except when worked

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pursuant to schedules mutually agreed to as provided for in Subsection D. of Section V - Hours of Work; provided that on shift changes, the seven (7) consecutive day period of 168 consecutive hours may become 152 consecutive hours depending upon the change in the shift;

e. Hours worked under the conditions specified in Section V - D.5. - Hours of Work; 239

f. Hours worked on a second reporting in the same workday where the employee has been recalled or required to report to the plant after working less than eight (8) hours on his/her first shift, provided that his/her failure to work eight (8) hours on his/her first reporting was not caused by any of the factors mentioned in Section V - E.2. for purposes of disqualifying an employee for reporting allowance. 240

#### D. Non-Duplication

Payment of overtime rates shall not be duplicated for the same hours worked, but the higher of the applicable rates shall be used. To the extent that hours are compensated for at overtime rates under one provision, they shall not be counted as hours worked in determining overtime under the same or any other provision, and reporting allowance under Subsection E., Reporting Allowance of Section V shall not be used for determining hours of work or earnings for the calculation of, or payment of overtime; provided, however, that a holiday in Section XII whether worked or not and whether scheduled as a day of work or not, shall be counted as a day worked in determining overtime under the provisions of Section VI - C.1. c. above and hours worked on a holiday shall be counted for the purpose of calculating overtime under the provisions of Section VI - C.1. a., above. 241

#### E. Overtime Distribution

1. Sixth and Seventh Days Overtime 242

a. Overtime will be offered to the senior qualified 243

employees in the overtime seniority unit\* who worked on the same shift preceding the sixth or seventh day.

b. In the case of crew configuration, overtime will be offered to the crew that worked the shift and unit preceding the sixth and seventh day (Mills, Presses and PFF). 244

2. Scheduled and Unscheduled Overtime 245

a. Non-crew Units: 246

(1) Four (4) hours or less, overtime will be offered to the senior qualified employee in the overtime seniority unit who worked the shift preceding the overtime assignment. 247

(2) Over four (4) hours, overtime will be offered to the most senior qualified employee in the overtime seniority unit who is available for such assignment or may be offered equally between the senior qualified employees from the respective shifts in the overtime seniority unit; one (1) from the preceding shift and one (1) from the succeeding shift. Such method shall be at the discretion of the Company. 248

(3) Four (4) hours or less preceding the first shift of new workweek or preceding a shift during the weeks where the work to be performed cannot be done immediately following the preceding shift, overtime will be offered to the senior qualified employee in the overtime seniority unit whose regular shift follows. 249

b. Crew Units: 250

(1) Four (4) hours or less, overtime will be offered to the crew that worked the unit preceding the overtime assignment. 251

(2) Over four (4) hours, overtime will be offered to the crew on the preceding shift that worked the unit, or may be assigned equally between the preceding shift and the succeeding shift crew, that worked the unit. Such method shall be at the discretion of the Company. 252

3. If all senior qualified employees offered overtime opportunity do not accept the overtime, overtime will be assigned to the junior qualified employee in accordance with A.2. hereof. 253

4. Temporary Vacancies 254

(a) Temporary vacancies will be handled in accordance with Section VIII - F. 255

5. Holiday Overtime 256

a. Assigned in accordance with 1. and 2. above. No employee shall have the right to bump between shifts to claim overtime. 257

\*The seniority units as defined in Section VIII - K. - Seniority Units of the Basic Agreement have in some departments been divided into smaller units for the purpose of overtime assignments. The smaller units are designated "overtime seniority units" and are identified in Appendix B attached. 258

**SECTION VII - VACATIONS**

**A. Eligibility**

1. To be eligible for a vacation in any calendar year during the term of this Agreement, the employee must: 259

a. have one (1) year or more of continuous service; and 260

b. not have been absent from work for six (6) consecutive months or more in the preceding calendar year; except that in the case of an employee who completes one (1) year of continuous service in such calendar year, he/she shall not have been absent from work for six (6) consecutive months or more during the twelve (12) months following the date of his/her original employment; provided, that an employee with more than one (1) year of continuous service who in any year shall be ineligible for a vacation by reason of the provision of 261

this paragraph as a result of an absence on account of layoff or illness shall receive one (1) week's vacation with pay in such year if he/she shall not have been absent from work for six (6) consecutive months or more in the twelve (12) consecutive calendar months next preceding such vacation. Any period of absence of an employee while on vacation pursuant to this section or while absent due to a compensable disability in the year in which he/she incurred such disability, or while in military service in the year of his/her reinstatement to employment shall be deducted in determining the length of a period of absence from work for the purpose of this Subsection A. - 1.b.

2. An employee, even though otherwise eligible under this Subsection A., forfeits the right to receive regular vacation benefits under this section if he/she quits, retires, or is discharged prior to January 1 of the vacation year. 262

3. Continuous service shall be determined by the employee's first employment or reemployment following a break in service, whichever is later and in accordance with the provisions for determination of continuous service as set forth under Subsection B. of Section VIII - Seniority, of this Agreement, except that there shall be no accumulation of service in excess of the first two (2) years of any continuous period of absence on account of layoff or physical disability (except, in the case of compensable disability, as provided in Subsection B. - 2.f., Section VIII - Seniority) in the calculation of service for vacation eligibility. 263

4. Any employee otherwise entitled to a regular vacation pursuant to this Agreement in the calendar year in which he/she retires under the terms of the Pension Agreement between the Company and the Union, which makes him eligible for a special retirement payment, but who has not taken such vacation prior to the date of such retirement, shall not be required to take a regular vacation in that calendar year and shall not be entitled to regular vacation pay for that calendar year or in any subsequent year. 264

**B. Length of Vacation**

**1. Regular Vacation**

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a. Except as provided in Section VII, Subsection B.1.d. below, an eligible employee who had attained the years of accumulated Company continuous service indicated in the following table in any calendar year during the continuation of this Agreement shall receive a regular vacation (except as otherwise provided) corresponding to such years of accumulated Company continuous service as shown in the following table:

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Accumulated Company Continuous Service	Weeks of Regular Vacation
1 year but less than 3 years	1 week
3 years but less than 8 years	2 weeks
8 years but less than 15 years	3 weeks
15 years but less than 24 years	4 weeks
24 years or more	5 weeks

b. A one (1) weeks' vacation shall consist of seven (7) consecutive days, a two (2) weeks' vacation of fourteen (14) consecutive days, a three (3) weeks' vacation of twenty-one (21) consecutive days, a four (4) weeks' vacation of twenty-eight (28) consecutive days, and a five (5) weeks' vacation of thirty-five (35) consecutive days; provided, however, that in the event the orderly operations of the plant require, the two (2) weeks' vacation may be scheduled in two (2) periods of seven (7) consecutive days each and the three (3) weeks' vacation may be scheduled in two (2) periods of seven (7) and fourteen (14) consecutive days, or with the consent of the employee, in three (3) periods of seven (7) consecutive days each and the four (4) weeks' vacation may be scheduled in two (2) periods of fourteen (14) consecutive days each or in two (2) periods of seven (7) and twenty-one (21) consecutive days or, with the consent of the employee in three (3) periods of seven (7), seven (7) and fourteen (14) consecutive days, or in four (4) periods of seven (7) consecutive days and the five (5) weeks' vacation may be scheduled in two (2) periods of fourteen (14) and twenty-one (21) consecutive

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days, or two (2) periods of seven (7) and twenty-eight (28) consecutive days, or with the consent of the employee any combination of seven (7) consecutive day periods totaling thirty-five (35) days.

c. The Company may, with the consent of the employee, pay an employee vacation allowance in lieu of time off for vacation for any weeks of regular vacation in excess of two (2) weeks. An employee may request pay in lieu of vacation in excess of two weeks provided they schedule the pay in lieu of in accordance with Section D.2 below.

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d. Employees with two or more weeks of vacation may take up to one week (five days) in scheduled days provided notice of 48 hours is given to the Company. After receipt of the 48-hours' notice, the Company shall notify the employee within 24 hours of receipt of the 48-hour notice from the employee. The Company reserves the right to deny requests in order to insure the orderly operation of the plant. Day at a time vacations will be granted on a first-come first-served basis. Once granted the Company can only change the day by mutual agreement with the employee.

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**C. Return from Vacation**

1. Notwithstanding any provisions of Section VIII - B., an employee who overstays his/her vacation leave without first notifying his/her plant management and securing permission for the extension, unless such notification proves to be impractical, may be subject to disciplinary action.

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**D. Vacation Scheduling**

1. The vacation period shall be:

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• from **January 1, 2024** through **December 29, 2025** in the vacation year **2024**;

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• from **December 30, 2024** through **January 4, 2026** in the vacation year **2025**;

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• from January 5, 2026 through January 3, 2027 in the vacation year 2026; 274

• from January 4, 2027 through January 2, 2028 in the vacation year 2027. 275

2. Promptly after the Union is notified of the Company's intention regarding a plant or department shutdown for vacation, each eligible employee shall be requested to specify the vacation period the employee desires for regular vacation. Such request will be made in writing (not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the receipt of such request) on or promptly after November 1, of each year on a form provided by the Company. Vacations shall, so far as possible, be granted at times most desired by employees on a seniority basis, but the final right to allotment of vacation periods is exclusively reserved to the Company in order to insure the orderly operation of the plant. Vacation scheduling will be completed by the first working day in January of each year except as provided in Paragraph 4. hereof. 276

3. It is understood and agreed that the plant or any department thereof may be shutdown for one (1) or two (2) week periods during the calendar year. Vacation shutdown notices will be determined by November 1 of the preceding year. Such period may be designated by the Company as comprising all or a part of the vacation period for any employees of the plant who are qualified to receive vacation privileges. The Union shall be notified promptly after November 1 if the Company intends to shut down for vacation during the succeeding vacation year and if so the dates of such shutdown. This paragraph is not intended to affect the application of other rules concerning the scheduling of vacations set forth in this section. 277

4. Any employee absent from work because of layoff, disability or leave of absence at the time employees are requested to specify the vacation periods they desire and who has not previously requested and been allotted a vacation period for the calendar year, may be notified by the Company that a period is being allotted as the 278

employee's vacation period but that the employee has the right within fourteen (14) calendar days to request some other vacation period. If any such employee notifies the Company in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days after such notice is sent, that the employee desires some other vacation period, the employee shall be entitled to have vacation scheduled in accordance with the foregoing Paragraph 2.

5. Time lost by an employee for a period of at least an entire payroll week due to the necessity of reducing the working force or due to bona fide sickness or injury after exhausting Sickness and Accident benefits or due to leave of absence may be applied to any vacation time to which such employee is entitled if the employee so requests. 279

6. The employee shall take vacation as scheduled by the Company provided the employee has not had time lost as described applied to all regular vacation time to which the employee is then entitled. The employee's wishes as to the time the employee's vacation is to be scheduled will be given consideration, in accordance with the employee's plant seniority, but such schedule will necessarily be governed by the operating requirements of the plant. 280

7. In the application of this Section VII, D., each employee shall be given the opportunity to be scheduled for one (1) week of their allotted vacation during the ten (10) consecutive week period commencing with the calendar week in which June 15 occurs of each vacation year. 281

8. Vacation Bonus. The Company agrees to pay a \$100 per week vacation bonus to all employees whose vacation is scheduled during the first full calendar week in January through the last full calendar week in March of each calendar year. 282

#### E. Reports

From time to time during the term of this Agreement, the Company shall furnish the Union, on forms and at times to be agreed upon, with such information as may 283

be reasonably required for the purpose of enabling it to be properly informed concerning the operation of this section.

**F. Vacation Pay**

1. Regular Vacation - Each employee granted vacation will be paid in accordance with the following: 284

a. At the employee's average rate of earnings per hour (as determined by dividing total earnings earned for hours worked in the calendar year preceding the vacation year by actual hours worked times the average hours worked per week in the calendar year preceding the vacation year); provided, however, that the total earnings for an employee working restricted duty due to compensable injury during the calendar year preceding the vacation year shall be adjusted to reflect the Workers Compensation paid to such employee as a result of the employee working restricted duty in the calendar year preceding the vacation year). In no event shall credit for hours worked be less than forty (40) hours per week. In determining total earnings earned for any calendar year, the standard hourly wage scale rates for incentive and non-incentive jobs as set forth in Appendix A and Appendix A-1 and A-2 shall be used. 285

2. Vacation pay computed prior to a general wage increase or decrease for a vacation or portion thereof scheduled after such wage increase or decrease in such year shall be adjusted for such increase or decrease in such year. 286

3. In the event of death of an employee who was eligible for a vacation, the amount of vacation pay to which he/she would have been entitled shall be paid to his/her spouse or his/her estate. 287

4. In the event of a war or other National emergency, or Federal legislation designed to reduce the normal workweek below forty (40) hours, either party may notify the other of a desire to negotiate with respect to an 288

appropriate modification of this plan or its termination. In the event of failure to agree within one hundred twenty (120) days from such notice, if given as a result of the above-described type of Federal legislation, the plan shall remain in effect subject to the termination provision of the Agreement, but the parties shall be free to strike or lockout in support of their positions with respect to such matters (and no other) notwithstanding the provisions of any other agreement between the parties.

**SECTION VIII - SENIORITY**

**A. Seniority Status of Employees**

1. The parties recognize that promotional opportunity and job security in event of promotions, decrease of forces and rehiring after layoffs should increase in proportion to length of continuous service, and that in the administration of this section, the intent will be that wherever practicable full consideration shall be given continuous service in such cases. 289

2. In recognition, however, of the responsibility of the Company for the efficient operation, it is understood and agreed that in all cases of: 290

a. Promotion (except promotions to positions excluded under the definitions of "employees" in Section I - Recognition) the following factors as listed below shall be considered: 291

(1) continuous service and ability to perform the work. 292

(2) physical fitness. 293

b. Decrease in forces or rehiring after layoffs, the following factors as listed below shall be considered: 294

(1) continuous service and ability to perform the work. 295

(2) physical fitness. 296

\* The parties agree that different jobs have different requirements for physical fitness. 297

c. Any employee of any department in the plant being laid off for lack of work and because he/she does not have sufficient departmental seniority to remain in the department in which he/she is employed shall have the right to demote to the Labor Pool where he/she shall retain employment so long as any employee in the Labor Pool has less plant seniority than the employee involved. The Labor Pool shall be made up of all jobs in job classes 1 and 2. In addition, the weekly labor pool will include such other jobs in other job classes as shall be posted weekly as requested by the department(s). Assignments from the Labor Pool will be made in accordance with Section O (MP 354). All employees are deemed to be qualified for all job classes 1 and 2 within the Labor Pool. Employees laid-off from their department on or after Monday shall not have the right to so demote until Monday of the next week. 298

d. Voluntary Layoffs - Lack of work for scheduled fifth days. The Company may offer a voluntary lay-off by overtime seniority units for the affected work week. If offered, the senior employee in the overtime seniority units for the affected work week may elect a voluntary lay-off, provided there is a qualified junior employee to perform the work and it does not result in overtime for the employee who works the senior employee's position. The Company retains the right to deny any request for a voluntary layoff to maintain operations. 299

e. Voluntary Layoffs - Reductions in force for up to four work weeks, will result in employees being laid off to the labor gang. If no jobs are available in the labor gang that the employee is qualified to perform, the employee will be laid off to the street. For these reductions in force, the Company may offer a voluntary lay-off by the overtime seniority units for the affected work weeks. If offered, the senior employees in the applicable overtime seniority units will be offered a voluntary layoff of up to four work 300

weeks, in order of seniority, provided there are junior qualified employees to perform the work of the senior employees who elect voluntary layoff. The Company retains the right to deny any request for a voluntary layoff to maintain operations. Voluntary layoffs other than the scheduled fifth day layoff, must be for increments of one work week at a time, up to a maximum of four work weeks. If, at the expiration of the Voluntary Layoff period, the employee has not been recalled, the employee will be recalled and any ongoing reductions in force will be made in accordance with Section VIII, Seniority. The Voluntary Layoffs may be extended for additional weekly periods by mutual agreement between the Company and the Union. Employees who elect a Voluntary Layoff will not be eligible for SUB Benefits for the voluntary layoff period. If the voluntary layoff becomes an involuntary lay off, employees will become eligible for SUB Benefits.

#### B. Calculation of Continuous Service

1. Continuous service for the purpose of the Agreement shall be calculated from the employee's original date of hire, and if a break in continuous service occurred, from the employee's adjusted continuous service date. There shall be no deduction of any time lost which does not constitute a break in continuity of service. 301

2. Continuous service shall be broken by: 302  
a. Voluntarily quit. 303

b. Absence due to discharge, for proper cause, and unrenewed leave of absence for thirty (30) days. 304

c. Termination in accordance with Section XIV - Severance Allowance. 305

d. Absence in excess of the period during which continuous service can accumulate under Paragraph e., below, or failure to give written notice required by said Paragraph e. 306

e. Subject to the provisions of subparagraph f., below, if an employee shall be absent because of layoff 307

or physical disability, he/she shall continue to accumulate continuous service during such absence for two (2) years and for an additional period equal to (1) three (3) years or (2) the excess, if any, of his/her length of continuous service at commencement of such absence over two (2) years, whichever is less. Any accumulation in excess of two (2) years during such absence shall be counted, however, only for purposes of this Section VIII including local agreements thereunder, and shall not be counted for any other purpose under this or any other agreement between the Company and the International Union. In order to avoid a break in service after an absence of two (2) years, the employee must give the Company annual written notice that he/she intends to return to employment when called, if the Company at least thirty (30) calendar days prior thereto has mailed him a notice at the most recent address furnished by him to the Company that he/she must file such notice.

f. Absence due to a compensable disability incurred during course of employment shall not break continuous service, provided such individual is returned to work within thirty (30) days after final payment of statutory compensation for such disability or after the end of the period used in calculating a lump sum payment.

g. If his/her employment shall be terminated by the Company, because he/she shall have been absent from work for ten (10) days or more without reasonable cause or because he/she shall have failed without such cause promptly to return to work after a leave of absence or when recalled to work after a layoff.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph e. above, any employee whose continuous service was or would be broken after May 1, 1983 pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph e., above or Section VIII, Paragraph B., subparagraph 2.e. of the 1980 Basic Agreement shall nevertheless continue to accumulate continuous service but only during the term of this Agreement. Any such accumulation shall be counted

only for the purpose of this Section VIII and shall not be counted for any other purpose under this or any other agreement between the Company and the Union. The provisions of Section VIII - C. of this Agreement shall apply to any such employee whose continuous service would be broken except for the provisions of this paragraph and who thereafter may be recalled.

4. Effective January 1, 1991, any employee who was absent from work in excess of two years because of layoff or physical disability and who thereafter was returned to work shall have his/her plant continuous service adjusted to the date set forth on the list that has been provided to the Union.

#### C. Probationary Employees

New employees (**employees hired after the effective date of this Agreement**) and those hired after a break in continuity of service will be regarded as probationary employees for the first 1040 hours of actual work and will receive no continuous service credit during such period. **All employees hired prior to this Agreement will continue to serve a 520-hour probationary period.** Probationary employees may initiate complaints under this Agreement but may be laid off or discharged as exclusively determined by the Company; provided that this will not be used for purposes of discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sex or because of membership in the Union. Probationary employees continued in the service of the Company subsequent to the first 1040 hours of actual work shall receive full continuous service credit from date of original hiring.

During the first day of the new employee orientation program conducted by the Company on Company premises, the Company agrees to provide the Union with two hours to meet with the group of new employees with the Company present to review the Safety Vision, Values and Goals and the Union's orientation materials.



**D. Seniority with Respect to Non-Bargaining Unit Occupations**

1. When an employee is transferred to fill a permanent vacancy, he/she shall, during the first sixty (60) calendar days following such transfer, have the right to return to the job he/she left with accumulated department and plant seniority. Following the expiration of this sixty (60) calendar day period, he/she shall forfeit all accumulated seniority in the bargaining unit. 314

2. During the sixty (60) calendar day trial period, the job he/she left will be temporarily filled in accordance with Paragraphs A. and F. of this section. 315

3. When an employee is transferred to a temporary vacancy outside the bargaining unit jobs, he/she shall, during the first four (4) months following such transfer, have the right to return to the job he/she left with accumulated department and plant seniority. Following the expiration of the four (4) month period, he/she shall forfeit all accumulated seniority in the bargaining unit. 316

**E. Posting of Job Openings**

1. When a vacancy develops, or is expected to develop (other than a temporary job or a job of less than thirty (30) calendar days duration) in the promotional line in any seniority unit, the Company shall, post notice of such vacancy or expected vacancy, or job assignment for a period of five (5) working days and in such manner as may be appropriate at the plant. Such posted jobs shall be outlined on the posted notice as to content, rate of the job posted and incentive, if any. 317

2. Employees in the seniority unit who wish to apply for the vacancy or expected vacancy may do so in writing 318

3. The Company shall, fill the vacancy from among such applicants who applied for such vacancy or expected vacancy in writing based on their seniority, in accordance with sections (a) and (b) below. In the event that no employee in the department wishes to apply for this 319

vacancy the position shall be filled from employees who signed the plant wide posting and then employees from the Labor Pool.

a. for plant-wide bids that the Company shall not repost notice of such vacancy or expected vacancy during the six (6) calendar month period immediately following the original posting period unless and until all applicants for such vacancy or expected vacancy are reviewed in accordance with this paragraph E.3. 320

b. for department only bids that the Company shall not repost notice of such vacancy or expected vacancy unless and until all applicants for such vacancy or expected vacancy are reviewed in accordance with this paragraph E.3. 321

c. Once a successful bidder(s) is identified or the posting has been exhausted, the Company will send the name(s) of the successful bidder(s) or notice that the bid has been exhausted to the Union within seven (7) work days after the bid has been awarded or exhausted. The Union may post these notices on the Union Bulletin Boards throughout the plant. 322

d. The Company agrees that a job posting that remains open (not filled from the department, plant, labor pool, or by a new hire, hired after the posting was exhausted but not filled before the expiration of six months) will be reposted before the Company hire a new employee. 323

**F. Temporary Vacancies**

1. Vacancies of fourteen (14) calendar days or less, excluding temporary vacancies resulting from vacations, shall be considered temporary vacancies. Temporary vacancies may or may not be filled as determined by the Company. If the Company chooses to fill a temporary vacancy it shall be filled by any means at the Company's discretion. 324

2. Temporary vacation vacancies or temporary vacancies that exceed fourteen (14) calendar days but are less than twelve (12) weeks, the Company shall to 325

the greatest degree consistent with the efficiency of the operation and safety of employees, assign the employee with the longest continuous service in the unit provided such employee desires the assignment. Should all senior employees decline to fill the temporary vacancy, the Company may assign the junior qualified employee in the unit or may assign an employee from the Labor Pool who desires the assignment.

3. An employee assigned as outlined in 2., above, shall be returned to the job he/she left when the incumbent returns to the job or when the job is filled as set forth in paragraph 4. hereof.

4. When a temporary vacancy, excluding temporary vacancies resulting from vacations, has existed for twelve (12) weeks, the Company will post the temporary vacancy in accordance with Subsection E., above, subject to the right of the absent incumbent to return to the job in which case the employee who was awarded the job in his/her absence shall be returned to the job he/she left to fill the vacancy. If the incumbent does not return to the job, the job shall be considered as permanently filled on the basis of the posting.

5. An employee assigned by the Company to fill a temporary vacancy shall be paid in accordance with Section IV - H.2.

6. An employee assigned to fill a temporary vacancy in accordance with 1. above shall be returned to the permanent job the employee held prior to the temporary assignment.

7. When an employee accepts a temporary vacancy bid into a new department, the employee will have departmental bidding rights in the new department while filling the temporary vacancy bid. The employee will not have bidding rights in their older department (the department from which they bid while filling the temporary vacancy bid in the department).

### G. Transfers at Request of Employees

1. When an employee is awarded a position in accordance with subsection E. above such position shall be probationary for a period of seven (7) calendar days or a minimum of five (5) working days. At any time within the period specified, the employee may return of his/her own volition to his/her original department, or may be returned by the Company to his/her original department. In such case, the employee shall retain his/her original department seniority. If the employee elects to remain in the new department, after the expiration of the seven (7) calendar days (or a minimum of five (5) working days) period, his/her new departmental seniority date shall be established on the date he/she was awarded the job and loses his/her seniority in his/her old department.

2. Employees with one (1) or more years of continuous service shall not he/she permitted to make such a transfer of department more often than once in six (6) consecutive months, with the exception that an employee while he/she is laid off from the plant, or to the Labor Pool within this six (6) month period, may make a new application for a transfer of department. However, employees with less than one (1) year of continuous service shall not be permitted to make such a transfer of department more often than once in six (6) consecutive months even though on layoff or in the Labor Pool.

3. If an employee who makes application to transfer from one department to another or to a new job in the same department, and once accepts assignment to the job, later withdraws his/her application, he/she shall not be eligible to make further application for any job for a period of six (6) months. The employee(s) who bid on the vacancy must accept or reject the assignment upon request by the Company.

4. In addition to the probationary period provided above, for jobs created prior to 8/1/2023, an additional probationary period where an employee

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may be returned by the Company to his/her original department (or job) is set forth in the following table (working days):

<u>Code for Factor 2 of the</u> <u>Job Description</u>	<u>Departmental</u> <u>Bid</u>	<u>Plantwide</u> <u>Bid</u>
A-C	10	5
D-F	15	15
G-J	20	25
<b>All newly created jobs after 8/1/2023 will use:</b>	20	25

5. If an employee makes application to transfer from one department to another or to a new job in the same department, and once accepts assignment to the job, the Company may postpone for not more than fourteen (14) calendar days the transfer to which such employee would otherwise be entitled. An employee subject to such a postponement involving a transfer from one department to another shall be considered a new employee in the new department beginning with the Monday following the day upon which the employee was informed that his/her move would be postponed. 335

6. If an employee makes transfer of job within a department to a job of equal or lower rate of pay, he/she must work at that job for a minimum period of twelve (12) months before becoming eligible for another transfer within the department except that he/she may transfer to a job at a higher rate of pay or to a preferential shift. Such shift preference shall not be more often than two (2) times in any twelve (12) consecutive month period. 336

**H. Transfer Due to Disability and Age**

Cases of this type shall be handled by agreement between the Company and Executive Committee of the Union and Committeemen of the departments involved. Such transfers may be used for the purpose of rehabilitation. 337

**I. Seniority Status of Grievance Committeemen and Local Union Officers**

1. When the Company decides that the work force of any seniority unit in the plant is to be reduced, the member of the Plant Grievance Committee, if any, in that unit shall, if the reduction in force continues to the point at which he/she would otherwise be laid off, be retained at work for such hours per week as may be scheduled in the department in which he/she is employed, provided he/she can perform the work of the job to which he/she must be demoted. The intent of this provision is to retain in active employment the Plant Grievance Committeeman for the purpose of continuity of the administration of the Labor Contract in the interest of employees so long as a work force is at work, provided that no Grievance Committeeman shall be retained in employment unless work which he/she can perform is available to him in the plant area which he/she represents on the Grievance Committee. 338

2. This provision shall apply also to that employee who holds the office of President or the Unit Chairperson in the Local Union or Unions in which the employees of the plant are members. 339

**J. Leaves of Absence for Employees Who Accept Positions with the International or Local Unions**

1. Leaves of absence for the purpose of accepting positions with the International or Local Unions shall be available to a reasonable number of employees. Adequate notice of intent to apply for leave shall be afforded local plant management to enable proper provisions to be made to fill the job to be vacated. 340

2. Leaves of absence shall be for a period not in excess of one (1) year and may be renewed for a further period of one (1) year. 341

3. Continuous service shall not be broken by the leave of absence but will continue to accrue. 342

**K. Seniority Units**

1. The existing seniority unit or units to which the seniority factors shall be applied and the rules for application of the seniority factors, including service dates within these units, shall remain in effect during the term of this Agreement unless necessity for a revision occurs. Changes in such seniority units or the inclusion of a new job or jobs in an existing seniority unit or units or the establishment of a new seniority unit or units shall be reviewed with the applicable Grievance Committeeman of the Local Union prior to being posted in the plant and department affected.

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2. An employee affected by a revision occurring during the term of the Agreement may process a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure.

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3. In the event the Company combines seniority units or otherwise changes such seniority units, the Company will assign the jobs affected by such combination or change based upon (a) continuous service of the employees in the units being combined or in the event jobs are moved from one seniority unit to another, continuous service of the employees in the seniority unit in which the jobs were previously performed, (b) ability to perform the job and (c) physical fitness, provided such employee desires the assignment. Should all senior employees decline to fill the assignment, the Company may assign the junior qualified employee.

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4. Cross training of employees on jobs other than their own:

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a. Whenever the Company combines or otherwise changes the seniority unit pursuant to paragraph 3 above by changing the duties of an existing job or combining two (2) or more jobs to form a new job, the Company, consistent with the orderly operation of the plant, shall offer cross training, if necessary, on the new or changed job to other employees working in the same seniority unit.

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b. In the event cross training is necessary, the

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Company shall determine the number of employees to be cross trained. Employees will be offered such cross training in seniority order starting with the most senior employee. Those employees requesting cross training on a new or changed job other than their own within the same seniority unit, who have the requisite physical fitness to do the work, may be provided training on such other job. Any employee absent from work because of vacation, leave of absence, layoff, or disability at the time employees within the seniority unit are offered cross training will be offered such cross training provided the employee returning to work is more senior than the most junior employee who has requested such training and the employee has the requisite physical fitness to do the work. If no employee within the seniority unit requests cross training or if the Company determines more employees other than those who requested the cross training need to be trained, then the Company may train the junior most employees within the seniority unit who have the requisite physical fitness to do the work.

c. The above paragraph is not intended to affect the application of any other provision as contained in the Basic Agreement.

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**L. Seniority Lists**

The Company shall issue to the Local Union, lists showing the relative continuous service of each employee in each seniority unit. Such lists shall be revised by the Company from time to time, as necessary, but at least every six (6) months, to keep them reasonably up-to-date. The seniority rights of individual employees shall in no way be prejudiced by errors, inaccuracies or omissions in such lists.

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**M. Interplant and Intraplant Transfers**

1. It is recognized that new plant or department capacities may be added or expanded, necessitating transfer of employees. It is agreed that problems arising out of the transfer of employees, or the retransfer of employees from new plants to the plants or departments

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from which they were originally transferred or the transfer of employees from discontinued departments or plants to new plant or departments are matters for which adjustment shall be sought between the Company and the Grievance Committee or Committees.

2. In the event the above procedure does not result in agreement, the International Union and the Company may work out such agreements as they deem appropriate irrespective of seniority agreements existing pursuant to Subsection K. of this section or an affected employee may submit the matter to the grievance procedure.

**N. Labor Pool**

1. The most junior employee in the Labor Pool who does not have department seniority will be assigned to fill a plantwide posting of a permanent bidded job should no employee bid the permanent vacancy. This shall then be considered the employees permanent job.

2. Employees assigned temporarily to a department from the Labor Pool on or after Monday will be considered members of the Labor Pool during that workweek.

3. Employees assigned temporarily to a department for a week and such assignment is made prior to the beginning of the week, will work the schedule of the department to which assigned and will be considered the least senior employee in the department.

4. In making assignments from the Labor Pool, consideration shall be given to the assigned employee's continuous service and the employee's prior relevant work experience. When employees' prior relevant work experience is relatively equal, the employee's continuous service will prevail.

5. Probationary employees in the labor pool will have the right to bid on open plant-wide bids. These probationary employees will have 24 hours to accept or decline the open bid. There will be no trial period for these bids.

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**O. Same Hire Date**

When two (2) or more employees have the same hire date or when two (2) or more employees with the same hire date are assigned to a department on the same date, the procedure for determining relative seniority will be as follows:

1. Employees will be placed on the seniority list in order of the date they file an application with the Company.

2. If filing dates are the same, they will be placed on the seniority lists in the order of the date they were interviewed for employment.

3. If 1. and 2. above are the same, they will be placed on the seniority list in order of the time of the day they were interviewed.

**P. Temporary Summer Employees**

1. Temporary summer employees are to be paid at a rate of 90% of the applicable job class rate of the job class being performed in accordance with Appendix A rate schedules.

2. Temporary summer employees hired will receive no continuous service credit with the Company and agree to voluntarily resign their employment on a date to be designated by the Company. The Company will provide to the Union a list of the names, hire dates, and designated resignation dates of all temporary summer employees.

3. A temporary summer employee rehired by the Company as a permanent employee within twelve (12) months of the employee's temporary summer hire date shall be given credit, toward the requirement of completing the probationary period of the first five hundred twenty (520) hours of actual work as a permanent employee, for hours actually worked as a temporary summer employee.

**Q. Changing Shifts**

The employees shall have the right once each calendar year to utilize their departmental seniority for the purpose

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of changing shifts. This change will take effect in the first full work week after the December shutdown. Employees must advise their immediate supervisor in writing on forms supplied by the Company by the end of November the prior calendar year of their desire to change shifts.

### SECTION IX – ADJUSTMENT OF GRIEVANCES

A. It is agreed that the procedure provided in this section is adequate for fair and expeditious settlement of any grievances. Any complaint or grievance to be considered must be discussed with the employee's supervisor and grievance papers requested within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which the facts or events upon which the complaint or grievance is based shall have existed or reasonably should have become known to the employee or employees affected.

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B. Should differences arise between the Company and the Union or an employee as to the meaning and application of the provisions of this Agreement or should any dispute of any kind arise in the plant, there shall be no suspension of work on account of such differences, but an earnest effort shall be made to settle such differences promptly in the manner hereinafter outlined. Any grievance in the process of adjustment on the date of the execution of this Agreement shall be handled in accordance with the grievance procedure outlined herein.

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#### C. Grievance Procedure

##### Step 1

1. Any employee who believes that he/she has a justifiable request or complaint shall discuss the request or complaint with his/her immediate supervisor in the department where he/she has the request or complaint, with or without a member of the Grievance Committee being present, as the employee may elect, in an attempt to settle the request or complaint.

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2. If a complaint or a request has not been satisfactorily resolved in Step 1, it can be presented

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in writing and processed in Step 2 if a member of the Grievance Committee determines that it constitutes a meritorious grievance.

##### Step 2

1. Grievances filed in writing will set forth the following minimum information: 370

a. Department, unit and employee(s) involved; 371

b. Date on which grievance was discussed with supervision; 372

c. Name of the supervisor with whom the grievance was discussed; 373

d. Decision of supervisor; 374

e. Nature of the grievance and remedy sought; 375

f. Specific contract provision under which the grievance is filed, if applicable; 376

g. Date of presentation of grievance; 377

h. Signature of the aggrieved employee and a member of the Grievance Committee. 378

2. A grievance, to be considered further must be filed 379

in writing with the employee's immediate supervisor or in his/her absence the Department Manager, on forms furnished by the Company, within ten (10) working days after the issuance of the forms by the Company. It shall be dated and signed by the employee (or other employees affected) and a member of the Grievance Committee and should include such information and facts as may be of aid to the Company and the Union in arriving at a fair, prompt and informed decision. A Step 2 Meeting will be scheduled by the Company within ten (10) working days following receipt of appeal to Step 2. The meeting will be between the employee, a member of the Grievance Committee, the Department Manager or his/her designated representative. The Company shall provide notice of the meeting date and time to the Grievance Committee Person

for the Department. The answer to the grievance shall be given by the Department Manager or his/her designated representative within ten (10) working days following the Step 2 Meeting and shall be signed and delivered to the employee and a member of the Grievance Committee. Once the request for grievance papers has been made to the Company, the Company shall issue the grievance papers within thirty (30) calendar days from such request.

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Step 3.

1. In order for a grievance to be considered further it must be appealed in writing to the labor relations representative of the Company, signed by a staff representative of the International Union, within ten (10) working days following the receipt of the Step 2 answer by a member of the Grievance Committee.

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2. A Step 3 Meeting will be scheduled by the Company within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of the appeal to Step 3. The meeting will be between the employee (if he/she so desires), the members of the Grievance Committee (maximum of four (4), one of which is the Chairman of the Grievance Committee), the local Union President, the Staff Representative of the International Union, the labor relations representative and/or duly designated representatives of the Company and/or the Supervisor or Manager if appropriate or requested by the Union (maximum of four (4)).

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3. A written answer to the grievance shall be given by the labor relations representative or his/her representative within ten (10) working days following the Step 3 Meeting mailed to the Staff Representative of the International Union postmarked no later than ten (10) working days following the Step 3 Meeting with a copy to the aggrieved employee and Chairman of the Grievance Committee.

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4. Grievances which allege violations directly affecting employees working under more than one supervisor, or Department Manager shall be filed initially in Step 3.

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5. If the Company's decision on Step 3 is not appealed to arbitration within the prescribed time limits, the grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of the Company's answer, but such settlement shall not constitute a precedent in any other case.

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6. If a grievance is not answered by the Company within the specified time limits, the Staff Representative of the International Union shall have the right to declare the grievance granted and, upon written notification, the Company shall comply therewith, but such settlement shall not constitute a precedent in any other case.

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**D. Arbitration Panel**

1. A Permanent Board of Arbitrators will be established by the parties and will remain for the term of this Agreement. To create the Permanent Board of Arbitrators, the Union shall supply the name of three (3) arbitrators and the Company shall supply the name of three (3) arbitrators. The parties must mutually agree to arbitrators selected for the permanent panel. The parties will repeat this process until a total of six (6) arbitrators are selected. All arbitrators selected must be from Western PA geographic area or not more than 50 miles of Latrobe, Pennsylvania facility. After the six (6) arbitrators are agreed upon, one time during the term of this Labor Agreement, each party may elect to remove an arbitrator from the Permanent Board of Arbitration and shall name the replacement. However, this removal shall not take place until the arbitrator has heard not less than one (1) grievance. All arbitrators named to the permanent Board of Arbitrators shall be members of the National Academy of Arbitrators. Following the 2017 negotiations, the parties agree to reestablish a full panel of six (6) arbitrators.

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2. If a grievance is not resolved or answered in Step 3 of the grievance procedure, the grievance may be appealed to arbitration within thirty (30) working days. The one time order of arbitrators will be assigned grievances in accordance with the following: all of the panel arbitrators names shall be placed in a container and each name one

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shall be drawn from the container one at a time by either the Union or the Company to be established the order in which arbitrators will be assigned cases. Thereafter, grievance will be assigned to arbitrators in the order as established by this rotation. The drawing of the name for the first case for which an arbitrator is to be selected after the effective date of this Agreement shall be drawn from the container by the Union representative. The drawing of the name for the arbitrator for the second case to be arbitrated shall be drawn by the Company representative. Thereafter, drawings shall be alternately made by the parties' representatives. The designated arbitrator shall be authorized to serve for the disposition of the grievance for which he/she was assigned in the manner hereinafter set forth.

3. Unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties, the arbitration hearing must be held in the close vicinity of the plant and no arbitrator will be used unless he/she is willing to go to the job to personally look over the situation.

### E. Arbitration

#### Step 4

1. If the employee and the Union desire to appeal the grievance to arbitration, the Staff Representative of the International Union must mail to the designated representative of the Company written notice postmarked within ten (10) working days from receipt of the Step 3 answer.

2. Upon the selection or appointment of an arbitrator, the Company will within five (5) working days of selection of the arbitrator, forward to the arbitrator a copy of the written grievance, prior dispositions by Company representatives, copy of Agreement between the parties, and notifying the arbitrator that a hearing must be scheduled within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the letter to the arbitrator. A copy of the Company's letter to the arbitrator will be sent to the Staff Representative of the International Union.

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### 3. Filing of Briefs

a. Fourteen (14) days prior to the arbitration hearing, each party will submit to the Arbitrator its pre-hearing brief via email. 392

b. An outline to be followed in preparation of briefs is set forth in Section F below. The outline should be used as a guide for the preparation of the pre-hearing brief. 393

c. Adequate preparation of briefs is essential. At the time of preparation of its brief, each party should be satisfied that it knows all the facts which bear on the case, and all contract provisions which are relevant. 394

d. Filing of a brief with the Arbitrator shall be completed on the date of electronic mailing to the Arbitrator. To avoid delay, each party is requested to submit to the Arbitrator the brief in each case immediately on its completion (sooner than the 14 days mentioned above). On receipt of the briefs of both parties, the Arbitrator will transmit by email a copy of the brief of each party to the other party. 395

e. Post-hearing briefs will not be filed except in an unusual, complicated, or difficult case where the Arbitrator determines that the issues and contractual positions advanced by the parties need additional clarification. In such event, the format to be followed in preparation of the post-hearing brief will be the same as outlined above for pre-hearing briefs. 396

f. It is expected that by the time a grievance is appealed to arbitration, each party will have: 397

(1) Made known to the other its position on the grievance: 398

(2) Introduced the principal items of evidence in support of its position; and 399

(3) Fully discussed the pertinent facts 400

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involved, disclosing a full and detailed statement of the facts relied upon.

In the event of failure to comply with this expectation, the Arbitrator will take such action within their jurisdiction to insure a proper handling of the grievance.

4. The arbitrator shall provide his/her award within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the arbitration if no post-hearing briefs are required. If post-hearing briefs are required, they must be postmarked within fourteen (14) calendar days following the close of the hearing. The arbitrator shall provide his/her award within thirty (30) days after receipt of the parties' post-hearing briefs. Failure of the arbitrator to issue a timely award (within 30 days) of either the date of the close of the record or 14 days from the filing of briefs, the parties shall select another arbitrator in accordance with Section D.

5. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on both parties and his/her compensation and the expenses of the hearing shall be borne equally by both parties. If desired by either party, or by the arbitrator, a stenographic record shall be made of all testimony taken before the arbitrator and such record shall be furnished to the arbitrator. If the record is desired by both parties or by the arbitrator, the cost of the record furnished to the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties. If both parties do not desire a record, or, if the arbitrator does not request a record but it is desired by either party, the cost of the record shall be borne by the party desiring it. Awards or settlements of grievances may or may not be retroactive but in no event may any award in a continuing grievance be retroactive to a date earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the grievance was filed in writing unless otherwise provided in this Agreement. The arbitrator shall only have jurisdiction and authority to interpret, apply, or determine compliance with the provisions relating to wages, hours of work and other conditions of employment

set forth in this Agreement insofar as shall be necessary to the determination of such grievances arising hereunder, but the arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to substitute his/her discretion for the Company's discretion (in cases where discretion is reserved to the Company under this Agreement) or to add to, detract from, or alter in any way the provisions of this Agreement.

**F. Pre-Hearing Brief Format: Company Brief or Union Brief**

**1. Statement of the Nature of the Grievance**

Include a description of the nature of the grievance, as follows:

a. State the exact wording of the grievance, the background of how the grievance arose, the date on which it was filed, the employee or employees covered by the grievance, and the department in which these employee(s) work;

b. The Union to specifically state what is being requested in the grievance and state the effective date claimed for the adjustment requested;

c. Specify the provisions and sections of the Agreement which you believe to have been violated or to be involved otherwise in the grievance;

d. State your understanding of the facts that are not in dispute and the facts that have not been agreed upon.

e. Third Step Minutes. These minutes will be prepared by the Company and reviewed by the Union, then finalized. If the Parties cannot agree on the minutes, each Party may submit its version of the Third Step meeting minutes.

**2. Statement of the Issue**

State clearly and concisely what you understand the issue or issues to be.

**3. Statement of Your Position**

In this section, state your position on the grievance. Be sure to set out all of the facts giving rise to the grievance and indicate the evidence you have to support your position. Then state your contentions clearly, with all reasons and arguments.

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**4. Conclusion**

If you wish you may add a summary of the case in this section of the brief.

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**5. Appendix**

This supplementary portion of the brief may be used for copies of any exhibits or documents on which you wish to rely. The Company brief should include copies of the complete record of the handling of the grievance in the earlier steps of the grievance procedure.

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**G. General Provisions Applying to Grievances**

1. At all steps in the grievance procedure, and particularly at the Third Step, the grievant and the Union representative should disclose to the Company representatives a full and detailed statement of the facts relied upon, the remedy sought, and the provisions of the Agreement relied upon. In the same manner, Company representatives should disclose all the pertinent facts relied upon by the Company.

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2. a. Except for disciplinary action grievances, in order to avoid the necessity of filing numerous grievances on the same subject or event, or concerning the same alleged contract violation occurring on different occasions, a single grievance may be filed by an affected employee or the Union and the facts of alleged additional violations (including the dates thereof) may be presented in writing in the appropriate Step on a form supplied by the Company. Such additional claims shall be filed promptly and must be signed by each additional grievant.

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b. When the original grievance is resolved in the grievance or arbitration procedure, the parties resolving such grievance shall review such pending claims in the light of the decision in an effort to dispose of them. If any claim is not settled, it shall be considered as a grievance and processed in accordance with the applicable procedure and the applicable time limitations.

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3. The parties agree that the time limits described above will be strictly adhered to unless by written mutual agreement the parties agree to extend the time limits for a specific number of days. Each party agrees to be reasonable in granting such extensions.

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**H. Union Grievances**

The grievance procedure may be utilized by the Union in processing grievances which allege a violation of the obligations of the Company to the Union as such. In processing such grievances, the Union shall observe the specified time limits in appealing and the Company shall observe the specified time limits in answering. In the event an employee dies, the Union may process on behalf of his/her legal heirs any claim he/she would have had relating to any monies due under any provision of this Agreement.

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**I. Suspension of Grievance Procedure**

It is further understood that an interruption or impeding of the work, stoppage or strike on the part of the Union or a lockout on the part of the Company, shall be a violation of this Agreement, and that under no circumstances shall the parties hereto discuss the grievance in question or any other grievances while the work interruption, impeding or suspension of work is in effect. It is further agreed that, if this procedure is not followed and as a result of such failure an interruption or impeding of the work, stoppage, or strike occurs, the offending person or persons refusing to resume normal work may be suspended and later discharged from the employ of the Company in accordance with Section X of this Agreement, provided,

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however, that prior to such discharge the Company will provide a list of names, clock numbers and addresses of employees considered by it to be involved to the Staff Representative of the International Union in the District in which the plant is located.

**J. Union Grievance Committee**

1. The Grievance Committee for the plant shall consist of not less than three (3) and not more than nine (9) employees, designated by the Union in writing to the Company, who will be afforded such time off without pay as may be required, except when meeting is called by the Company, to: 425

a. Attend scheduled committee meetings, 426

b. Attend meetings pertaining to discharge or grievance meetings, and 427

c. Visit departments other than their own at all reasonable times, only for the purpose of handling grievances, after notice to the head of the department to be visited and permission from their own department heads. 428

2. The maximum number of Grievance Committee members permitted to attend a meeting with Company representatives or investigate a grievance shall be four (4). 429

3. The Union may appoint representative stewards who shall aid the Grievance Committee in the prompt handling of grievances. The stewards shall be permitted to represent employees up to and including Step 2 only, in the procedure for the adjustment of grievances, set forth in this section, and will be afforded such time off without pay, as may be required. The Union shall notify the Company in writing of all duly appointed and authorized stewards. 430

**SECTION X - SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE CASES**

A. In the exercise of its rights as set forth in Section II - Management, the Company agrees that an employee shall 431

not be peremptorily discharged or suspended for a period of five (5) workdays or more, but that in all instances in which the Company may conclude that an employee's conduct may justify discharge or suspension of five (5) workdays or more, he/she shall first be suspended for a period of five (5) workdays and given written notice of such action. A copy of such notice shall be furnished to the employee's Grievance Committeeman as soon as practicable.

B. During this period of initial suspension, the employee may, if he/she believes that he/she has been unjustly dealt with, request a hearing and a statement of the offense before his/her Department Manager and/or designated representative of the Company with the Union President, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, and his/her steward or member of the Grievance Committee as he/she may choose. At such hearing, the facts concerning the case shall be made available to both parties. 432

C. After such hearing, or if no such hearing is requested, the Company shall conclude whether the suspension shall be converted into discharge, or, dependent upon the facts of the case, that such suspension shall be extended, reduced, sustained or revoked. If the suspension is revoked, the employee shall be returned to employment and receive full compensation at his/her regular rate of pay for the time lost. In the event the disposition shall result in either the affirmation or extension of the suspension of the employee, the employee may file a grievance in Step 3 in accordance with the procedure of Section IX - Adjustment of Grievances. If after the hearing the suspension is converted to a discharge, the employee may file a grievance in accordance with paragraph D below. 433

D. In discharge cases, the time limits as set forth in Section IX - Adjustment of Grievances shall apply except: 434

1. File grievance within ten (10) calendar days after discharge. 435

2. Step 3 hearing within fifteen (15) calendar days after appeal to Step 3. 436

3. Step 3 answer within five (5) calendar days after Step 3 meeting. 437

4. Arbitration hearing within forty-five (45) calendar days after Company letter to arbitrator. 438

5. The arbitrator shall provide his/her award within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the arbitration if no post-hearing briefs are required. If post-hearing briefs are required, they must be postmarked within fourteen (14) calendar days following the close of the hearing. The arbitrator shall provide his/her award within thirty (30) days after receipt of the parties' post-hearing briefs. 439

E. Should it be determined by the Company after the hearing or by an arbitrator in accordance with Step 4 of the Grievance Procedure that the employee has been discharged or suspended unjustly, the Company shall reinstate the employee and pay for the time lost in accordance with such determination. 440

F. If such initial suspension is for not more than four (4) calendar days and the employee affected believes that he/she has been unjustly dealt with, he/she may file a grievance and have it processed in accordance with Section IX - Adjustment of Grievances. 441

G. An employee who is summoned to meet in an office with a supervisor other than his/her own immediate supervisor for the purpose of discussing possible disciplinary action shall be entitled to be accompanied by his/her Grievance Committeeman if he/she requests such representation, provided such representative is then available, and provided further that, if such representative is not then available, the employee's required attendance at such meeting shall be deferred only for such time during the shift as is necessary to provide opportunity for him to secure the attendance of such representative. 442

H. Reports covering disciplinary penalty of four (4) day's suspension or less of an employee will not be held against such employee who has a clean record for at least two (2) 443

years following the date of his/her last disciplinary report. Reports covering disciplinary penalty of five (5) days or more will not be held against any such employee who has a clean record for at least five (5) years following the last disciplinary report.

## SECTION XI - MILITARY SERVICE

### A. Reemployment

1. Except as shall be otherwise provided by law or by agreement in writing between the parties hereto, should any employee other than temporary employees at the plant, who has entered or shall enter the military service of the United States, be honorably discharged from such service and shall within ninety (90) days after he/she is relieved from such service or in the case of disabled veterans within ninety (90) days after the completion of hospitalization continuing after discharge, apply to the Company in writing for reemployment at such plant for the purposes of Section VIII - Seniority, his/her record of continuous service at that plant shall be deemed not to have been broken by his/her absence on such military service, and on the basis of said seniority, (determined in accordance with the provisions of said Section VIII) he/she shall be entitled to reemployment at such plant, if and when work which he/she is qualified to perform is available in such plant to a position, wage rate and status which he/she would have reached in normal job and wage progression had he/she not left the Company for such services and he/she shall be given preference over any other employee with less seniority as so determined by said Section VIII. Should the employee be unable to perform the job to which he/she is thereby entitled, he/she shall be granted a reasonable program of training so that he/she may have the opportunity to perform the work required. If an employee so applying for reemployment shall so request, he/she shall be granted a leave of absence without pay not to exceed sixty (60) days before he/she returns to work. The above provisions shall not apply where employees enlist or reenlist during a period other than a national emergency. 444

2. Any employee entitled to reinstatement under this section who applies for reemployment and who desires to pursue a course of study in accordance with the Federal law granting him such opportunity before or after returning to his/her employment with the Company, shall be granted a leave of absence for such purpose. Such leave of absence shall not constitute a break in the record of continuous service of such employee, but shall be included therein provided the employee reports promptly for reemployment after the completion or termination of such course of study. Any such employee must notify the Company and the Union in writing at least once each year of his/her continued interest to resume active employment with the Company upon completing or terminating such course of study. Any employee entitled to reinstatement under this section who entered the Armed Forces of the United States and who returns with service connected disability incurred during the course of his/her service shall be assigned to any vacancy which shall be suitable to such impaired condition during the continuance of such disability irrespective of seniority; provided, however, that such impairment is of such a nature as to render the veteran's returning to his/her own job or department onerous or impossible; and provided further that the veteran meets the minimum physical requirements for the job available or for the job as the Company may be able to adjust it to meet the veteran's impairment.

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#### **B. Vacations**

1. If an employee who would otherwise have been entitled to a vacation with pay, or in lieu thereof to vacation allowance, under the provisions of Section VII - Vacations, during the calendar year in which he/she shall enter the military service of the United States before he/she shall have accepted vacation allowance in lieu of vacation, he/she shall be paid an amount equal to the vacation pay which he/she would have been entitled to receive for the period of such vacation.

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2. An employee, who after being honorably

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discharged from the Armed Forces, is reinstated pursuant to the Company's Military Service Regulations, shall, in the year of his/her reinstatement, be entitled to a regular vacation based upon his/her years of continuous service.

#### **C. Military Encampment Allowance**

An employee with one (1) or more years of continuous service who is required to attend an encampment of the reserve of the Armed Forces or the National Guard shall be paid, for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks in any military year, the difference between the amount paid by the Government, not including travel, subsistence and quarters allowance, and the amount calculated by the Company in accordance with the following formula. Such pay shall be based on the number of days such employee would have worked had he/she not been attending such encampment during such two (2) weeks (plus any holiday in such two (2) weeks he/she would not have worked) and the pay for each such day shall be eight (8) times his/her average straight-time hourly rate of earnings (including applicable incentive earnings but excluding shift differentials and Sunday and overtime premiums) during the last payroll period worked prior to encampment. If the period of such encampment exceeds two (2) weeks in any military year, the period on which such pay shall be based shall be the first two (2) weeks he/she would have worked during such period. This time shall be extended in the event that the employee is ordered to fulfill his/her obligation more than the time frame allotted in this Subsection, in such event the employee shall be compensated for time served while in encampment. This will include weekend drills or encampment.

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#### **D. Advisory Committee**

A committee consisting of equal representatives of the Company and the Union shall be established in the plant for the purpose of advising on problems relating to reemployment and readjustment of returning service personnel.

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**SECTION XII - HOLIDAYS**

- A. 1. The following days shall be considered holidays: 450
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|----------------|------------------------|
| New Year's Day | Thanksgiving Day       |
| Good Friday    | Day After Thanksgiving |
| Easter Monday  | First Day Buck Season  |
| Memorial Day   | Christmas Eve          |
| July 4th       | Christmas              |
| Labor Day      |                        |

2. For all hours worked by an employee on any of the holidays specified above, overtime shall be paid at the rate of two and one-half times their regular rate of pay. 451

3. The holiday shall be the 24-hour period beginning at the turn-changing hour nearest 12:01 a.m. of the holiday. If any of these holidays shall fall on a Sunday, the following Monday (and not such Sunday) shall be observed. 452

B. 1. Effective as of the date of this Agreement, an eligible employee who does not work on a holiday listed above shall be paid eight (8) times their average straight time hourly rate of earnings (including applicable incentive earnings but excluding shift differential and Sunday and overtime premiums) during the payroll period in which the holiday occurs; provided, however, that if an eligible employee is scheduled to work on any such holiday but fails to report and perform their scheduled or assigned work, such employee shall become ineligible to be paid for the unworked holiday unless such employee has failed to perform such work because of sickness or because of death in the immediate family or because of similar good cause. 453

2. As used in this section, an eligible employee is one who: 454

a. performs work in the pay period in which the holiday is observed (or the next preceding pay period), except where such employee has not performed work in the pay period because of sickness, disability or layoff, 455

but has worked or is on vacation in both the pay period preceding and the pay period following the holiday pay period; and

b. works as scheduled or assigned both on the employee's last scheduled work day prior to and the employee's first scheduled work day following the day on which the holiday is observed, unless such employee has failed to work because of sickness (requiring medical certification) or because of death in the immediate family or because of similar good cause, provided the employee can provide documentation to support the reason for their absence. The above language concerning failure to work as scheduled will also apply to employees who are scheduled to work the holiday. 456

3. a. An eligible employee who would otherwise be entitled to pay for an unworked holiday and who shall be scheduled pursuant to the provisions of Section VII to take a vacation during a period when a holiday occurs, shall be paid for the unworked holiday in addition to the employee's vacation pay. 457

b. The provisions of Section XII - B.3. shall apply to (1) an employee whose vacation has been scheduled prior to layoff and who thereafter is laid off and takes vacation as scheduled, or (2) an employee who is not at work at the time the employee's vacation is scheduled, but who thereafter returns to work and then is absent from work during a holiday week because of the employee's scheduled vacation. An employee who is not at work at the time of scheduling the employee's vacation and is not working at the time the employee's vacation commences is not eligible for holiday pay for a holiday occurring during the employee's vacation within the meaning of Section XII - B.2.b. or Section XII - B.3.a. 458

C. In determining whether an employee has worked on more than five (5) days in any week for the purposes of Section VI, a holiday occurring in such week shall be considered as a day worked by the employee whether or not the employee shall have worked on such holiday and 460

regardless of whether it was scheduled as a day of work or a day of rest; provided, however, that if the employee shall have been scheduled to work on such holiday and shall have failed to perform the work to which the employee was assigned on such day, such holiday shall not be considered as a day worked by the employee.

**SECTION XIII – SAFETY AND HEALTH**

**A. Objective and Obligation of the Parties**

1. The Company and the Union will cooperate in the continuing objective to eliminate accidents and health hazards. The Company shall continue to make reasonable provisions for the safety and health of its employees at the plant during the hours of their employment. 461

2. The Company and the Union have agreed to create a Safety Coordinator position in accordance with Appendix I attached hereto and incorporated herein. 462

3. At plants where devices which emit ionizing radiation are used, the Company will continue to maintain safety standards with respect to such devices not less rigid than those adopted from time to time by the Atomic Energy Commission and will maintain procedures designed to safeguard employees and will instruct them as to safe working procedures in event of an incident involving such device. 463

4. The Company will continue its program of periodic inplant air sampling and testing under the direction of qualified personnel. Where the Union Co-Chairman of the Safety Committee alleges a significant on-the-job health hazard due to inplant air pollution, the Company will also make such additional tests and investigations as are necessary. A report based on such additional tests and investigations shall be reviewed and discussed with the Joint Safety Committee. 464

**B. Protective Devices, Wearing Apparel and Equipment**

Protective devices, wearing apparel and other 465

equipment necessary to protect properly the employees from injury shall be provided by the Company in accordance with practices now prevailing in each separate department or as such practices may be improved from time to time by the Company. Goggles; gas masks; face shields; safety glasses; respirators; special purpose gloves; fire-proof, water-proof or acid-proof protective clothing, when necessary and required shall be provided by the Company without cost, except that the Company may assess a fair charge to cover loss or willful destruction thereof by the employee. Where any such equipment or clothing is now provided, the present practice concerning charge for loss or willful destruction by the employee shall continue. Proper heating and ventilating systems shall be installed where needed.

**C. Joint Safety Committee**

1. A Safety Committee consisting of not less than six (6) employees designated by the Union and six (6) Management members designated by the Company shall be established in the plant. The Union and the Management groups shall designate two (2) Co-Chairmen. The Safety Committee Co-Chairmen shall hold monthly meetings at times determined by the Co-Chairman, preferably during regular working hours and/or business hours. Work performed at the direction of both Safety Committee Co-Chairmen will be considered as hours of work. Time consumed on committee work by committee members designated by the Union shall not be considered hours worked to be compensated by the Company. The function of the Safety Committee shall be to advise with Plant Management concerning safety and health matters but not to handle grievances. The Committee may conduct plant tours. In the discharge of its function, the Safety Committee shall: consider existing practices and rules relating to safety and health, formulate suggested changes in existing practices and rules and recommend adoption of new practices and rules. Advice of the Safety Committee, together with supporting suggestions, recommendations and reasons, shall be submitted to 466

the safety representative of the Company for his/her consideration and for such action as he/she may consider consistent with the Company's responsibility to provide for the safety and health of its employees during the hours of their employment and the mutual objectives set forth in Subsection A.

2. When the Company introduces new personal protective apparel or extends the use of protective apparel to new areas or issues new rules relating to the use of protective apparel, the matter will be discussed with the members of the Safety Committee in advance with the objective of increasing cooperation. Should differences result from such discussions, a grievance may be filed in the Third Step by the Chairman of the Grievance Committee within thirty (30) calendar days after the Company puts such rule or requirement into effect. In the event that the grievance progresses through the grievance procedure to arbitration, the arbitrator shall determine whether such rule or requirement is appropriate to achieve the objective set forth in Subsection A.

3. In the event the Company requires an employee to testify at the formal investigation into the causes of a disabling injury, the employee may arrange to have the Union Co-Chairman of the Safety Committee or the Union member of such committee designated by the Union Co-Chairman to act in his/her absence, present as an observer at the proceedings for the period of time required to take the employee's testimony. The Union Co-Chairman will be furnished with a copy of such record as is made of the employee's testimony. In addition, in the case of accidents which resulted in disabling injury or death to employees under this Agreement and require a fact-finding investigation, the Company will, at the request of the Union Co-Chairman of the Safety Committee, supply to him a written statement of the nature of the injury, the circumstances of the accident, and any recommendations available at that time. In such cases, when requested by the Union Co-Chairman, the Company Co-Chairman of the Safety Committee, or his/her designated representative,

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will review the statement with the Union Co-Chairman. Also, in cases resulting in an OSHA investigation, the Company Co-Chairman of the Safety Committee, or his/her designated representative, when requested by the Union Co-Chairman, will visit the scene of the accident with the Union Co-Chairman, or in his/her absence, his/her designated substitute, the International Staff Representative and a member of the International Safety and Health Department or in their absences, a designated substitute from the International Union.

#### D. Disputes

An employee or group of employees who believe that they are being required to work under conditions which are unsafe or unhealthy beyond the normal hazard inherent in the operation in question shall have the right to file a grievance in Step 3 of the grievance procedure and process it according to the provisions of Section IX - Adjustment of Grievances.

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#### E. Limitation on Use of Disciplinary Records

Written records of disciplinary action against the employee involved for the violation of a safety rule but not involving a penalty of time off will not be used by the Company in any arbitration proceeding where such action occurred one (1) or more years prior to the date of the event which is the subject of such arbitration.

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### SECTION XIV - SEVERANCE ALLOWANCE

#### A. Conditions of Allowance

When in the sole judgment of the Company, it decides to close the plant permanently or discontinue permanently a department of the plant or a substantial portion thereof and terminate the employment of individuals, an employee whose employment is terminated either directly or indirectly as a result thereof because he/she was not entitled to other employment with the Company under the provisions of Section VIII - Seniority, of this Agreement

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and paragraph B.2. below, shall be entitled to a severance allowance in accordance with and subject to the following provisions.

**B. Eligibility**

1. a. Such an employee to be eligible for a severance allowance shall have accumulated three (3) or more years of continuous Company service as computed in accordance with Section VIII - Seniority, of this Agreement.

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b. In lieu of severance allowance, the Company may offer an eligible employee a job in at least the same job class for which he/she is qualified in the same general locality. The employee shall have the option of either accepting such new employment or requesting his/her severance allowance. If an employee accepts such other employment, his/her continuous service record in the new department shall be deemed to have commenced as of the date of the transfer, except that for the purposes of severance pay under this section and for the purposes of Section VII - Vacations, his/her previous continuous service record shall be maintained and not be deemed to have been broken by the transfer.

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2. As an exception to Paragraph 1. above, an employee otherwise eligible for severance pay who is entitled under Section VIII - Seniority, to a job in at least the same job class shall not be entitled to severance pay whether he/she accepts or rejects the transfer. If such transfer results directly in the permanent displacement of some other employee, the latter shall be eligible for severance pay provided he/she otherwise qualifies under the terms of this section.

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**C. Scale of Allowance**

An eligible individual shall receive severance allowance based upon the following weeks for the corresponding continuous Company service:

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Continuous Company Service	Weeks of Severance Allowance
3 years but less than 5 years	4
5 years but less than 7 years	6
7 years but less than 10 years	7
10 years or more	8

**D. Calculation of Allowance**

A week's severance allowance shall be determined in accordance with the provisions for calculation of vacation pay as set forth in Subsection F. of Section VII - Vacations.

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**E. Non-Duplication of Allowance**

Severance allowance shall not be duplicated for the same severance whether the other obligation arises by reason of contract, law or otherwise. If an individual is or shall become entitled to any discharge, liquidation, severance or dismissal allowance or payment of similar kind by reason of any law of the United States of America or any of the states, districts or territories thereof subject to its jurisdiction, the total amount of such payments shall be deducted from the severance allowance to which the individual may be entitled under this section, or any payment made by the Company under this section may be offset against such payments. Statutory unemployment compensation payments shall be excluded from the non-duplication provisions of this paragraph.

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**F. Election Concerning Layoff Status**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, an employee who would otherwise have been terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement and under the circumstances specified in Section XIV-A. may, at such time elect to be placed upon layoff status for thirty (30) days or to continue on layoff status for an additional thirty (30) days if he/she had already been on layoff status. At the end of such 30-day period, he/she may elect to continue on layoff status

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or to be terminated and receive severance allowance if he/she is eligible to any such allowance under the provisions of Section XIV; provided, however, if he/she elects to continue on layoff status after the 30-day period specified above, and is unable to secure employment with the Company within an additional 60-day period, at the conclusion of such additional 60-day period, he/she may elect to be terminated and receive severance allowance if he/she is eligible for such allowance. Any Supplemental Unemployment Benefit payment received by him for any period after the beginning of such 30-day period shall be deducted from any such severance allowance to which he/she would have been otherwise eligible at the beginning of such 30-day period.

**G. Payment of Allowance**

Payment shall be made in a lump sum at the time of termination. Acceptance of severance allowance shall terminate employment and continuous service for all purposes under this Agreement. 479

**SECTION XV – OTHER AGREEMENTS**

The Company and the Union have negotiated the following Agreements. Those Agreements are memorialized in separate documents which have been negotiated as part of the 2023 contract negotiations. 480

**A. Pensions**

Pension benefits are provided for pursuant to a separate signed agreement agreed to during the 2023 negotiations between the Company and the Union. 481

**B. Insurance**

Insurance benefits are provided for pursuant to a separate signed agreement agreed to during the 2023 negotiations between the Company and the Union. 482

**C. SUB**

SUB benefits are provided for pursuant to a separate signed agreement agreed to during the 2023 negotiations between the Company and the Union. 483

**D. 401(k)**

401(k) defined contribution retirement benefits are provided pursuant to a separate signed agreement agreed to during the 2023 negotiations between the Company and the Union. 484

**E. Prior Agreements**

1. The terms and conditions established by this Agreement replace those established by the Agreement of August 1, 2020, except as otherwise provided in this August 1, 2023 Agreement. 485

2. Any memorandum of understanding or agreement not contained herein shall be considered null and void. 486

3. Any letter of understanding, memorandum agreement or arbitration award involving any other company shall not be considered as binding between the parties to this Agreement. 487

**SECTION XVI – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE AND PAID PARENTAL LEAVE**

A. The parties agree to follow the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 in connection with the reinstatement and employment of employees. 488

B. Effective January 1, 2021, employees will be eligible to participate in the Carpenter Paid Parental Leave Policy as may be amended from time to time for all Carpenter employees. 489

**SECTION XVII – TERMINATION DATE**

A. Except as otherwise provided below, this Agreement shall terminate at the expiration of sixty (60) days after either party shall give written notice of termination to the other party but in any event shall not terminate earlier than 12:01 a.m. August 1, 2027. 490

B. If either party gives such notice it may include therein notice of its desire to negotiate with respect to insurance, pensions and supplemental unemployment benefits, (existing provisions or agreements as to insurance, 491

pensions, and supplemental unemployment benefits to the contrary notwithstanding) and the parties shall meet within thirty (30) days thereafter to negotiate with respect to such matters. If the parties shall not agree with respect to such matters 1) by 12:01 a.m. August 1, 2027 or by the end of sixty (60) days after the giving of such notice, whichever is later., either party may thereafter resort to strike or lockout as the case may be in support of its position in respect to such matters as well as any other matter in dispute (the existing agreements or provisions with respect to insurance, pensions, and supplemental unemployment benefits to the contrary notwithstanding).

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C. Any notice to be given under this Agreement shall be given by certified mail; be completed by and at the time of mailing; and, if by the Company, be addressed to the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union of America, Five Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, and if by the Union to the Company at 2626 South Ligonier Street, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650. Either party may, by like written notice change the address to which certified mail notice to it shall be given.

D. Typographical or printing errors shall not be construed to change the meaning and intent of the parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed in the respective names by their respective representatives thereunto duly authorized, as of the day and year first above written.

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APPENDIX A

STANDARD HOURLY WAGE SCALE

WAGES for 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 - PRODUCTION

APPENDIX A-1

STANDARD HOURLY WAGE SCALE

EFFECTIVE 8/16/2023

JOB CLASS	WAGE GROUP	Effective 8/1/2023	Effective 8/1/2024	Effective 8/1/2025	Effective 8/1/2026	Job Class	Wage Group	INCENTIVE CALCULATION	HOURLY ADDITIVE	TOTAL HOURLY RATE
1	1	26.02	27.06	28.14	29.27	1	1	5.200	20.820	26.02
2	1	26.02	27.06	28.14	29.27	2	1	5.200	20.820	26.02
3	1	26.02	27.06	28.14	29.27	3	1	5.329	20.691	26.02
4	1	26.02	27.06	28.14	29.27	4	1	5.458	20.562	26.02
5	1	26.02	27.06	28.14	29.27	5	1	5.587	20.433	26.02
6	1	26.02	27.06	28.14	29.27	6	1	5.716	20.304	26.02
7	2	26.99	28.07	29.19	30.36	7	2	5.845	21.145	26.99
8	2	26.99	28.07	29.19	30.36	8	2	5.974	21.016	26.99
9	2	26.99	28.07	29.19	30.36	9	2	6.103	20.887	26.99
10	2	26.99	28.07	29.19	30.36	10	2	6.232	20.758	26.99
11	2	26.99	28.07	29.19	30.36	11	2	6.361	20.629	26.99
12	3	27.57	28.67	29.82	31.01	12	3	6.490	21.080	27.57
13	3	27.57	28.67	29.82	31.01	13	3	6.619	20.951	27.57
14	3	27.57	28.67	29.82	31.01	14	3	6.748	20.822	27.57
15	4	28.55	29.69	30.88	32.11	15	4	6.877	21.673	28.55
16	4	28.55	29.69	30.88	32.11	16	4	7.006	21.544	28.55
17	4	28.55	29.69	30.88	32.11	17	4	7.135	21.415	28.55
18	4	28.55	29.69	30.88	32.11	18	4	7.264	21.286	28.55
19	4	28.55	29.69	30.88	32.11	19	4	7.393	21.157	28.55
20	5	29.71	30.90	32.13	33.42	20	5	7.522	22.188	29.71
21	5	29.71	30.90	32.13	33.42	21	5	7.651	22.059	29.71
22	5	29.71	30.90	32.13	33.42	22	5	7.780	21.930	29.71
23	5	29.71	30.90	32.13	33.42	23	5	7.909	21.801	29.71
24	5	29.71	30.90	32.13	33.42	24	5	8.038	21.672	29.71
25	5	29.71	30.90	32.13	33.42	25	5	8.169	21.541	29.71
26	6	32.83	34.14	35.51	36.93	26	6	8.269	24.561	32.83
27	6	32.83	34.14	35.51	36.93	27	6	8.425	24.405	32.83
28	6	32.83	34.14	35.51	36.93	28	6	8.554	24.276	32.83
29	6	32.83	34.14	35.51	36.93	29	6	7.006	25.824	32.83
30	6	32.83	34.14	35.51	36.93	30	6	7.780	25.050	32.83
31	6	32.83	34.14	35.51	36.93	31	6	8.554	24.276	32.83

APPENDIX A-1

STANDARD HOURLY WAGE SCALE

EFFECTIVE 8/1/2024

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STANDARD HOURLY WAGE SCALE

EFFECTIVE 8/1/2025

Job Class	Wage Group	INCENTIVE CALCULATION	HOURLY ADDITIVE	TOTAL HOURLY RATE
1	1	5.200	21.861	27.06
2	1	5.200	21.861	27.06
3	1	5.329	21.732	27.06
4	1	5.458	21.603	27.06
5	1	5.587	21.474	27.06
6	1	5.716	21.345	27.06
7	2	5.845	22.225	28.07
8	2	5.974	22.096	28.07
9	2	6.103	21.967	28.07
10	2	6.232	21.838	28.07
11	2	6.361	21.709	28.07
12	3	6.490	22.183	28.67
13	3	6.619	22.054	28.67
14	3	6.748	21.925	28.67
15	4	6.877	22.815	29.69
16	4	7.006	22.686	29.69
17	4	7.135	22.557	29.69
18	4	7.264	22.428	29.69
19	4	7.393	22.299	29.69
20	5	7.522	23.376	30.90
21	5	7.651	23.247	30.90
22	5	7.780	23.118	30.90
23	5	7.909	22.989	30.90
24	5	8.038	22.860	30.90
25	6	8.169	22.729	30.90
26	6	8.269	25.874	34.14
27	6	8.425	25.718	34.14
28	6	8.554	25.589	34.14
29	6	7.006	27.137	34.14
30	6	7.780	26.363	34.14
31	6	8.554	25.589	34.14

Job Class	Wage Group	INCENTIVE CALCULATION	HOURLY ADDITIVE	TOTAL HOURLY RATE
1	1	5.200	22.943	28.14
2	1	5.200	22.943	28.14
3	1	5.329	22.814	28.14
4	1	5.458	22.685	28.14
5	1	5.587	22.556	28.14
6	1	5.716	22.427	28.14
7	2	5.845	23.347	29.19
8	2	5.974	23.218	29.19
9	2	6.103	23.089	29.19
10	2	6.232	22.960	29.19
11	2	6.361	22.831	29.19
12	3	6.490	23.330	29.82
13	3	6.619	23.201	29.82
14	3	6.748	23.072	29.82
15	4	6.877	24.003	30.88
16	4	7.006	23.874	30.88
17	4	7.135	23.745	30.88
18	4	7.264	23.616	30.88
19	4	7.393	23.487	30.88
20	5	7.522	24.612	32.13
21	5	7.651	24.483	32.13
22	5	7.780	24.354	32.13
23	5	7.909	24.225	32.13
24	5	8.038	24.096	32.13
25	6	8.169	23.965	32.13
26	6	8.269	27.240	35.51
27	6	8.425	27.084	35.51
28	6	8.554	26.955	35.51
29	6	7.006	28.503	35.51
30	6	7.780	27.729	35.51
31	6	8.554	26.955	35.51

**APPENDIX A-1  
STANDARD HOURLY WAGE SCALE**

**EFFECTIVE 8/1/2026**

**APPENDIX A-2  
TRADE AND CRAFT**

Job Class	Wage Group	INCENTIVE CALCULATION	HOURLY ADDITIVE	TOTAL HOURLY RATE	Job Class	Craft	8/16/2023	8/1/2024	8/1/2025	8/1/2026
1	1	5.200	24.069	29.27	66	Bricklayer	\$29.90	\$31.10	\$32.34	\$33.63
2	1	5.200	24.069	29.27	56	Mechanic	\$31.20	\$32.45	\$33.75	\$35.10
3	1	5.329	23.940	29.27	56	Mobile Equipment Repair	\$31.20	\$32.45	\$33.75	\$35.10
4	1	5.458	23.811	29.27	46	Machinist	\$33.80	\$35.15	\$36.56	\$38.02
5	1	5.587	23.682	29.27	75	Electrician	\$33.80	\$35.15	\$36.56	\$38.02
6	1	5.716	23.553	29.27	96	Electrical Maintainer	\$36.40	\$37.86	\$39.37	\$40.95
7	2	5.845	24.515	30.36	36	Maintenance Specialist	\$39.00	\$40.56	\$42.18	\$43.87
8	2	5.974	24.386	30.36		<b>Group Lead</b>				
9	2	6.103	24.257	30.36	86	Group Leader - Maintenance	\$35.36	\$36.77	\$38.25	\$39.78
10	2	6.232	24.128	30.36		Mobile Equipment Repair				
11	2	6.361	23.999	30.36	86	Group Lead	\$35.36	\$36.77	\$38.25	\$39.78
12	3	6.490	24.523	31.01		Building & Grounds Group				
13	3	6.619	24.394	31.01	86	Lead	\$35.36	\$36.77	\$38.25	\$39.78
14	3	6.748	24.265	31.01		<b>M-Tech</b>				
15	4	6.877	25.238	32.11	62	Bricklayer M-Tech	\$35.10	\$36.50	\$37.96	\$39.48
16	4	7.006	25.109	32.11	63	Bricklayer M-Tech (GF)	\$35.76	\$37.19	\$38.68	\$40.23
17	4	7.135	24.980	32.11	52	Mechanic M-Tech	\$36.40	\$37.86	\$39.37	\$40.95
18	4	7.264	24.851	32.11		Mobile Equipment Repair				
19	4	7.393	24.722	32.11	52	M-Tech	\$36.40	\$37.86	\$39.37	\$40.95
20	5	7.522	25.898	33.42	42	Machinist M-Tech	\$39.00	\$40.56	\$42.18	\$43.87
21	5	7.651	25.769	33.42	72	Electrical M-Tech	\$39.00	\$40.56	\$42.18	\$43.87
22	5	7.780	25.640	33.42		Electrical Maintainer				
23	5	7.909	25.511	33.42	92	M-Tech	\$41.60	\$43.26	\$44.99	\$46.79
24	5	8.038	25.382	33.42		Maintenance Specialist				
25	6	8.169	25.251	33.42	32	M-Tech	\$44.20	\$45.97	\$47.81	\$49.72
26	6	8.269	28.660	36.93	32	RSS M-Tech	\$44.20	\$45.97	\$47.81	\$49.72
27	6	8.425	28.504	36.93		<b>Helper</b>				
28	6	8.554	28.375	36.93	50	Mechanic Helper	\$27.04	\$28.12	\$29.25	\$30.42
29	6	7.006	29.923	36.93	70	Electrician Helper	\$29.64	\$30.83	\$32.06	\$33.34
30	6	7.780	29.149	36.93		Electrical Maintainer				
31	6	8.554	28.375	36.93	90	Helper	\$32.34	\$33.63	\$34.98	\$36.38
						Maintenance Specialist				
					34	Helper	\$34.84	\$36.23	\$37.68	\$39.19

**APPENDIX A-3  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
2023 RATIFICATION BONUS**

A \$1250 lump sum bonus, less applicable withholdings, will be paid to all employees who are active as of the date of ratification. This includes those employees on furlough, layoff or other approved leaves and probationary employees. All furloughed, laid-off or employees on approved leaves will be paid their ratification bonus upon their return to work or upon the expiration of their unemployment or leave benefits. Probationary employees will receive their ratification bonus upon the completion of their probationary period.

**APPENDIX B  
OVERTIME SENIORITY UNITS**

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Electrician	PFF - Operator
Electrical Maintainer	Press
Finishing - Cold Mill	Raw Material Services
Finishing - Hot Mill B/SPD	Saws
Finishing - Warehouse	Storeroom
Grinding	Vac Arc
Inspection Lab	VIM #2
Maintenance Utility	VAR #2
Maintenance Specialist	

**APPENDIX C  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROCEDURE**

Latrobe Steel Company ("Company") and USW Unit 1537\*\* agree that they have a vital interest in maintaining safe, healthy, and efficient working conditions for all employees. Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on the job may pose serious safety and health risks not only to the user, but to all those who work with the user, as well as to our customers. The parties also recognize that their own health and future are dependent upon the physical and psychological health of all employees. The parties have established the following policies with regard to use, possession or sale of drugs or alcohol:

- The manufacture, possession, use, consumption, distribution, sale, purchase, or transfer of, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited while on the Company premises or while performing Company business.
- The Company will maintain pre-employment screening practices (see Testing below) designed to prevent hiring individuals who use illegal drugs or individuals whose use of legal drugs or alcohol indicates a potential for impaired or unsafe job performance.
- Employees will not be permitted to work while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. All employees will be tested (see Testing below) for drugs and alcohol in the following circumstances:
  - (a) After every OSHA recordable injury accident.
  - (b) When severe and prolonged reduction in productivity is noted.
  - (c) If observed using a prohibited substance on the job.
  - (d) If reporting to work in an unfit condition.
  - (e) If observed under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
  - (f) Before returning to work after a six-month absence for any reason.

(g) As required by a customer's program or contract with a federal or state agency.

Employees who occupy sensitive positions from a safety, health or security standpoint, including all transportation positions, will be tested on at least an annual basis. Refusal to comply with a fitness-for-duty evaluation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. Employees testing positive will be referred to the Company's Employee Assistance Program ("EAP") for suitable medical treatment or rehabilitation. Before being allowed to return to work, an employee must receive medical clearance, and, upon return to work, will be retested without notice for a period of one year.

It is recognized that employees undergoing prescribed medical treatment with a controlled substance that may affect the safe performance of their duties are required to provide written documentation from their personal physician to the Company's Medical Review Officer ("MRO") and may be required to be reassigned from their normal job until they are medically fit to return to their normal job.

**PROCEDURE**

The Company recognizes that drug/alcohol abuse is a treatable illness. The Company shall not discriminate against employees who voluntarily seek treatment for such illnesses. No employee shall have his/her or her job security threatened by seeking assistance for a substance abuse problem. The same consideration for referral and treatment that is afforded to other employees having non-drug/ non-alcohol related illnesses shall extend to such employees. Every effort shall be made to provide an early identification of a substance abuser, to work with and assist the employee in seeking and obtaining treatment without undue delay. Training will be provided to supervisors and union representatives to allow them to recognize symptoms of substance abuse impairment. Early identification of the substance abuser shall be based upon job performance and related criteria, as well as resulting impairment on the job from the job activities or reasonable suspension as described below. The supervisor of the employee shall bring such information to the attention of



the Company's Labor Relations representative who will notify the President, USW Unit 1537\*\* for further evaluation. An employee who voluntarily seeks treatment for a substance abuse problem which requires a leave of absence for treatment shall be granted such leave of absence if supported by appropriate medical certification and further shall be eligible for benefits under the existing Program of Insurance Benefits.

An employee who has been informed of the Company Drug and Alcohol Policy and refuses to seek the assistance of the EAP after testing positive will be terminated. Employees will be given one (1) opportunity (other than pre-notification of a substance abuse problem) to request rehabilitation in the event that they do not pass the drug and/or alcohol testing procedure as outline herein. If an employee enters a rehabilitation program as a result of such failure, said employee shall sign the proper release in order to permit the Company's MRO to stay in contact with the employees' physician or counselor during the treatment to ensure that the employee is in compliance with the prescribed treatment. The employee will be placed on medical leave during his/her or her absence. Once the Company has been informed in writing by the employee's physician or counselor that the employee is able to return to work and before the employee returns to work, the employee must sign a "Last Chance Agreement" relevant to the Drug and Alcohol issue only, and agree to be tested without notice up to four times over a period of one year. After signing the "Last Chance Agreement" and before returning to work, the employee must subject himself/herself to another drug or alcohol test to demonstrate fitness for duty. An employee tested for-cause may be placed on probationary status while waiting for the test results, and may be sent home without pay during the time required for a specimen to be evaluated. If the employee passes such test the employee shall automatically be reinstated to his/her job and shall be made whole for any and all loss of earnings.

#### REASONABLE SUSPICION

Reasonable Suspicion for testing purposes means suspicion based on specific personal observation by not less than two (2) supervisors (if available) or a supervisor and a Union official (if available), when only one supervisor is available.

The observing supervisor shall describe and document not less than three (3) of the following symptoms to give rise for testing.

**Symptoms:** Slurred Speech, Disorientation, Odor of Alcohol, Odor of Marijuana, Staggering Walk, Glazed Eyes, Glassy Eyes, Hallucinations (seeing things that are not there), Poor Time and Distance Perceptions, Disoriented Behavior, Wanders Aimlessly, Belligerent Conduct toward other employees/supervisors or damages equipment where damage amounts exceed \$1,500 to the equipment. The parties agree that other symptoms not mentioned above may support reasonable suspicion testing.

#### TESTING

All testing will be done by a qualified independent licensed testing laboratory chosen by the Company and agreed to by the President, USWA Unit 1537\*\*. The test will not be conducted by the Company's MRO or nurse. The collection, shipment, chain of custody, and retention procedures for blood, urine or other samples shall be in accordance with the procedures established by applicable government agencies. All employee records relating to drug or alcohol tests shall be treated as medical records and kept confidential.

#### DRUG TESTING

An immunoassay screening test will be performed on the drugs listed below. If the screening test is positive, then a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (CG/MS) confirmatory test will be performed as listed below. Employees and applicants will be required to sign a Chemical Screening Consent and Release Form before testing. Refusal to sign the form will be cause for dismissal or not to be hired. The employee shall be paid any loss earnings while being transported to and from such testing facility and while taking such test. The Company shall provide transportation to and from such facility. Prior to actually taking such test, the employee may admit that he/she/she has a substance abuse problem and shall be provided the necessary rehabilitation as though he/she/she entered into a rehabilitation program voluntarily with no detrimental results to said employee. (This provision does not prevent appropriate discipline for those

who are involved in accidents, damage Company property or threaten other employees/supervisors.) The employee must notify the person administering such test of any medications whether prescribed or over the counter, in order for the levels of such medication to be considered in the test. However, this medication shall not have a negative impact on the employee provided that such pre-testing notification is given. Any request by a tested employee for a second confirmation test to be conducted shall be honored. The cost of both the first test and any second test shall be paid by the Company.

Drugs are screened by immunoassay. Positive results are confirmed by gas chromatography with mass spectrometry (GC/MS). The following threshold concentrations are used for this analysis:

Drug	Screening Threshold	Confirmation
Amphetamines	1,000 ng/ml	500 ng/ml
Barbiturates	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
Benzodiazepines	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
Cocaine metabolite	300 ng/ml	150 ng/ml
Opiates	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
Phencyclidine	25 ng/ml	25 ng/ml
Methadone	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
Methaqualone	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
Propoxyphene	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
Marijuana metabolite	50 ng/ml	15 ng/ml

The Company's MRO shall first inform the tested employee of the results. In the event that a test result is positive the employee shall supply information to the Company's MRO that may explain why such result was positive.

**ALCOHOL TESTING**

The Company may utilize breathalyzers or other testing procedures to detect alcohol use or possible impairment of employees. The minimum threshold concentration level that determines a positive breathalyzer test is .02 below the legal limit

as followed in the Pennsylvania Law DUI Law (not the CDL limits) of breath. If the breathalyzer screening test is positive, then a confirmatory blood alcohol test will be performed at a designated medical laboratory.

**DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions should be used to interpret the Drug and Alcohol Policy and the EAP Policy.

**Drugs:** Any substance other than alcohol that can affect an individual's psycho-motor skills, perception or judgment. Prescription drugs are substances prescribed for individual consumption by a licensed medical practitioner for a specific ailment or illness. Illegal drugs include any drug or controlled substance of which the sale or consumption is illegal. Controlled substances are mind-altering and/or addictive substances included under the provisions of the US Government's Controlled Substances Act of 1970, as amended. The Company will test for the following drugs:

Amphetamines	Phencyclidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cocaine Metabolite	Propoxyphene
Opiates	Marijuana Metabolite

**Alcohol:** Any beverage that has an alcoholic content in excess of three (3%) percent by volume.

**Abuse:** Excessive use of drugs or alcohol for the intended purpose of intoxication or altered feelings. Also, any use of controlled substances or prescription drugs other than under medical supervision.

**At Work:** The term "at work" includes any time an employee is on Company's property and all working hours (including meal periods and break periods), while on the Company premises. It also includes all times when an employee is operating a Company-owned or leased vehicle for Company business. The term "on premises" includes any work site, or office that is owned, rented, utilized, or serviced by the Company or by any customer or vendor of the Company. "On premise" does not include restaurants, places of public accommodation or recreation, or common carriers.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

The following persons are identified as being responsible for administering and implementing the Company Drug and Alcohol Policy and the EAP Policy. The Company's MRO has overall responsibility for the administration of the Drug and Alcohol Policy and the EAP. The Company's Labor Relations Representative or his/her designee is responsible for:

- communicating the policies to all employees;
- advising applicants & employees of their rights & responsibilities under these policies;
- determining, in conjunction with the Manager of Safety, those jobs that are considered "health, safety, or security sensitive";
- ensuring that the criteria used for identifying "sensitive" jobs are applied consistently throughout the Company;
- establishing education & training for supervisors that will help them to effectively participate in the identification & referral of affected employees;
- working with supervisors or the President, USWA Unit 1537\*\*, who refer employees with performance deficiencies possibly related to drug or alcohol abuse;

- referring employees to the providers of the EAP;
- selecting the laboratory and EAP service providers;
- maintaining confidentiality of all records of all applicants & employees affected by these policies; and
- monitoring the effectiveness of the Drug and Alcohol Policy & EAP

### PRESIDENT, USWA UNIT 1537\*\*

The President of USWA Unit 1537\*\* is responsible for:

- communicating, in conjunction with the Company Labor Relations Representative, the Drug and Alcohol and EAP policies to all USWA Unit 1537\*\* members;
- endorsing the laboratory facility selected by the Company's Labor Relations Representative;
- undergoing education and training to effectively participate in the administration of the Drug and Alcohol Policy and EAP;
- reporting, in a confidential manner, any employee's request for referral to the EAP to the Company Labor Relations Representative; and
- reviewing, in a confidential manner, any supervisor's report of an employee needing outside counseling or other intervention with the Company's Labor Relations Representative.

### SUPERVISORS

Supervisors are responsible for:

- undergoing education and training to effectively participate in the administration of the Drug and Alcohol Policy and EAP;
- reporting, in a confidential manner, any observed employee performance inadequacies that appear to call for outside counseling or other intervention to the Company's Labor Relations Representative for further review with the President, USWA Unit 1537\*\*; and

- reporting, in a confidential manner, any facts or suspicions of illegal actions relating to substance abuse to the Company Labor Relation's Representative for action.

#### **APPENDIX D - LETTER AGREEMENT I-LAB VACATION SCHEDULE**

Following ratification of the 2017 Agreement, the parties agree that a representative from the Company, a Union-appointed representative, and an hourly employee from the I-Lab, will meet with I-Lab Management annually, to attempt to develop a schedule that allows more than one employee off per week. Vacation scheduling will continue to be completed in accordance with Section VII Vacation, Subsection D.2.

#### **APPENDIX E - LETTER AGREEMENT CONFINED SPACE RESCUE TEAM ("CSRT"):**

The CSRT will operate as follows. Employees are chosen based on:

1. Qualifications
2. Plant Seniority

The CSRT teams will be assigned on a quarterly basis. During the team's assignment, overtime if any, will be assigned based on plant seniority. Overtime rates will be paid in accordance with the 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement, Section VI - Overtime - C.

Employees will be paid in accordance with Section IV, Wages, Paragraph H. - Miscellaneous, 2. a. and 2. b. MP 139 and MP 140.

#### **APPENDIX F - LETTER AGREEMENT NDT TECHNICIAN POSITION**

In order to fill open or available NDT Technician positions, the parties have agreed to the following terms:

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1. The parties agree to not apply the learner rates to the NDT Trainee Technician position. The two-tier wage scale will apply to new hires as provided in the 2014 Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"). All trainees will start at JC 16 when completing level 1, level 2 certifications and qualifying on machines. The Company agrees to waive the learner rates to any current tier one employees who are training toward the level 2 certification.

2. The Company agrees to post additional NDT Technician positions. The Company also agrees to first attempt to fill the NDT Technician positions from the current employees. If there are no current or not enough employees who bid on the NDT Technician positions, the Company will then have the right, consistent with the CBA, to hire employees from the street.

3. The schedule to train all new NDT Technicians on all machines will consist of the following:

- 1600 hours to become Level 2 certification (approximately 40 weeks).

- Within six months, certified on level 1, level 2 and qualified on one machine and completes the qualification of a second machine (or sooner if the employee passes qualifications for a second machine), move from JC 16 to JC 22.

- Within six months of qualifying on a second machine and completes the qualification on all machines (or sooner if employee passes qualification for all machines), move from JC 22 to JC 28.

4. If the Company fails to provide adequate time/resources to complete the above NDT Technicians training as outlined above, the Company agrees to pay the NDT employee the next higher JC rate as if the employee had completed the training in accordance with the above training schedule. This Paragraph will not apply to employees who fail to qualify on the machines because of reasons not related to the Company actions (time/resources). If an employee fails any of the progressive requirements twice for the same task, the employee will remain at the same JC until he/she completes the required training if it extends past the six-

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month increment. The Level 3 NDT Technicians will have the responsibility for certifying and qualifying the NDT Technicians to move from JC 16 to JC 22 and from JC 22 to JC 28.

5. All NDT Technicians who are hired or bid to the NDT position after August 1, 2017, will have an 8320 hour worked bid-bar from bidding out of the department, after accepting assignment to the job.

#### **APPENDIX G - LETTER AGREEMENT PENSION REPRESENTATIVES**

The Company agrees to make a pension representative available quarterly via video conference to address/advise prospective retirees. Employees will be required to sign up for specific dates and times.

#### **APPENDIX H - LETTER AGREEMENT BULLETIN BOARDS**

The Company agrees to provide bulletin boards which will be placed in the three (3) main Women's locker rooms and the three (3) main Men's locker rooms for the purpose of posting Union notices approved by the Union and the Company.

#### **APPENDIX I**

#### **CARPENTER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION and USW SAFETY COORDINATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**DEPT:** Plantwide

**JOB CLASS:** TBD

**PLANT TITLE:** EH&S Coordinator

**ORIGINAL DATE:** 7/07/2023 **REVISED DATE:**

The Company and Union agree to a fulltime Union EH&S

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Coordinator who will work under the direction of the Manager – EH&S. The employee shall be nominated by the Union and mutually agreed upon by the Company through a joint interview process. The Company and Union agree to pay the EH&S Coordinator at the JC Group 5 or the employees current hourly rate which is higher.

#### **PRIMARY FUNCTION:**

1. Works with direction from EH&S management and department managers and in coordination with Local Union Leadership in providing input to departmental resources on safety related issues
2. Provides support in the implementation of measures to help protect employees from potentially hazardous work methods, processes, or materials.
3. Assists with accident investigations to help identify root causes
4. Inspects and evaluates workplace environments, equipment, and practices to ensure compliance with safety standards and government regulations
5. Participates in cross-functional problem solving teams

#### **WORKING PROCEDURE**

1. Shall participate and assist in the coordination of the activities of the Joint Safety Committee. Such coordination shall include:
  - a. Tracking of recommendations or corrective actions identified during JSC Gemba
  - b. Provide recommendations for improving health, safety & environment programs to the Company and the Union
2. Review Department Specific Checklists and assist with weekly, monthly, and quarterly checks.
3. Follow up on Gensuite ATS entries
4. Assist with tracking Hands Safe, Ergonomics, and Machine guarding action items to closure.

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5. Use Area specific critical 7 intensity rates to focus on department needs and follow-up on past due actions.

6. Follow-up on stop cards and work with area supervision, management and/or EHS to resolve with employees

7. Perform at least two safety observations a week and enter observations into Gensulte for tracking and review. (Utilize bi-weekly safety observation focus topics as a guide to perform peer-to-peer observations)

8. Shall recommend and make improvements to new hire EH&S training

9. Maintains a clean, orderly, and safe work environment (Work with continuous improvement team to conduct 5S housekeeping audits.)

10. Adheres to standard operating procedures, rules, regulations, and practices

11. Shall participate or lead meetings or other communication efforts

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Company and the Union agree that employees selected as the EH&S Coordinators shall have a four-month trial period to decide to remain in the position or return to their former bid position.

2. The Company and the Union will have the authority to remove an employee from the EH&S Coordinator position at any time they jointly agree that removal is appropriate.

3. The Company has the right to discipline and discharge the EH&S Coordinator pursuant to the 2023-2027 Agreement. All disciplinary decisions will be subject to the Grievance Procedure.

Employees who are removed by the Company and the Union will have a right to return to their former bid position within the four-month-trial period. Thereafter, they will be returned to their prior seniority department and assigned to a position that they are qualified to perform. If there are no such vacancies, the employee will be assigned to the Labor Pool.

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