



Press Release

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada
202 – 9940 106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2N2

Tentative Agreement Reached Between West Fraser and CEP

For immediate release

December 16, 2008

EDMONTON - The Communications, Energy, and Paperworkers Union of Canada is pleased to announce that they have reached a tentative agreement on the renewal of the collective agreements for the members of CEP Local 855 in Hinton, Alberta.

This new agreement, which will be offered for ratification to the members in January, provides for the implementation of the CEP Industry Pattern Agreement. This agreement has already been adopted at pulp and paper mills operated by West Fraser in Quesnel, BC and Kitimat.

“This is good news for our members in Hinton,” states Don Boucher, CEP Administrative Vice President, Western Region. “This industry is certainly facing challenges and this agreement will go a long way to providing stability for the employer as well as our members and the community of Hinton.”

CEP Local 855 represents 600 workers at the West Fraser sawmill and pulp mill in Hinton, Alberta

The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada represents 150,000 members from coast to coast, including 40,000 members in the pulp and paper industry.

- 30 -

For further information contact:

Jim Dixon, CEP National Staff Representative (204) 771-7090