



Collective Employment Agreement Bargaining 2008

Status Update – 2nd October 2008

The KiwiRail and RMTU negotiating teams met again on Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October to continue bargaining for the renewal of the 2005 – 2008 Collective Employment Agreement.

As advised in our joint communication last week the parties were committed to work together on their respective positions with the clear objective of reaching a settlement.

We are pleased to advise that a provisional settlement has been achieved between KiwiRail and the RMTU on a collective agreement for a 2 year period.

The settlement package includes general and sector specific increases, the provision of an additional week's annual leave after 7 years service and the restoration of clause "12.5". All increases are backdated to July 1 2008.

While this has been a lengthy process, this was necessary to ensure that both parties were able to achieve their respective objectives.

Over the next week the parties will confirm the detail of the settlement to enable the ratification process to take place. Full details will be provided at report back meetings nationwide.

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