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TO: HOLDERS OF THE *ASSESSMENT MANUAL*

This update to the *Assessment Manual* contains amendments to the *Manual* implemented since Update 2004 – 2.

This amendment includes:

- Revisions to Appendix B. The Index of Retired Decisions from Volumes 1 – 6 (Decisions No. 1 – 423) of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter*.

A summary of the amendment is attached and the amended pages are included as part of the package.

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Attachments

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS – Update 2004 – 3

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| Appendix B | Pages 1 and
16 to 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the May 18, 2004 Board of Directors (“BOD”) meeting, the BOD approved the retirement of Decision No. 343. The Index has been updated to reflect the retirement of this Decision. The effective date of retirement is June 1, 2004. |
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APPENDIX "B"**INDEX OF RETIRED DECISIONS FROM
VOLUMES 1 – 6 (DECISIONS NO. 1 – 423) OF THE
*WORKERS' COMPENSATION REPORTER*****EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

The Board of Directors Bylaw re: Policies of the Board of Directors lists the policy manuals and other documents that are policies for purposes of the *Workers Compensation Act*. Included in the list are Decisions No. 1 – 423 in volumes 1 – 6 of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter*. These Decisions consist, for the most part, of decisions made by the former commissioners on various matters between 1973 and 1991.

In order to reduce the number of sources of policies, a strategy has been approved for consolidating Decisions No. 1 – 423 into the various policy manuals, as appropriate, and "retiring" the Decisions over time.

"Retire" for this purpose means that, as of the "retirement date", the Decision is no longer current policy under the Board of Directors Bylaw.

"Retiring" does not affect a Decision's status as policy prior to the date it was "retired". A "retired" Decision therefore applies in decision-making on historical issues to the extent it was applicable prior to the "retirement date". "Retiring" also does not affect the disposition of any individual matters dealt with in a Decision.

This Index sets out the Decisions from volumes 1 - 6 that have been "retired" and the "retirement date". It will be updated as further Decisions are "retired" in the future.¹

Please note that as of June 1, 2004, only four Decisions from Volumes 1 – 6 of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter* remain to be retired: Nos. 99, 225, 231 and 271. These Decisions will be addressed in the near future.

¹ Decisions that do not appear in the Index should not necessarily be considered current policy. Decisions or parts of Decisions may have been replaced, either expressly or impliedly, by subsequent policies in the policy manuals or other policy documents. Under the Board of Directors Bylaw, where there is a conflict between policy in Decisions No. 1 - 423 and policy in a policy manual listed in the Bylaw, the policy in the manual is paramount. In the event of any other conflict between policies, the most recently approved policy is paramount.

DECISIONS NO.	TITLE	RETIREMENT DATE
302	Termination and Wage Loss Benefits	June 17, 2003
303	Access to Claim Files	May 1, 2000
304	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
305	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
306	Selective Employment	October 21, 2003
307	The Fishing Industry	January 1, 2003
308	The Maximum Wage Rate	May 1, 2000
309	The Reimbursement of Expenses	May 1, 2000
310	Commutation of Hearing Loss Pensions	May 1, 2000
311	Commutation of Pensions	May 1, 2000
312	Transportation Costs for Physiotherapy and the Reimbursement of Expenses	June 17, 2003
313	Overpayments	June 17, 2003
314	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
315	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
316	Herniae	October 21, 2003
317	Industrial Hygiene and Cominco Ltd.	June 17, 2003
318	Stress Testing	February 24, 2004
319	Clothing Allowances	May 1, 2000
320	Continuity of Income and Assessment for Permanent Disability	February 24, 2004
321	<i>Workers Compensation Act</i>	May 1, 2000
322	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000

DECISIONS NO.	TITLE	RETIREMENT DATE
323	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
324	Personal Care Allowances	February 24, 2004
325	The Review of Old Disability Pensions	June 17, 2003
326	Industrial Diseases	October 21, 2003
327	The Maximum Wage Rate	May 1, 2000
328	The Reimbursement of Expenses	May 1, 2000
329	Industrial Health and Safety Regulations	June 17, 2003
330	Scope of Employment	February 24, 2004
331	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
332	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
333	Certain Industrial Diseases	February 24, 2004
334	Boards of Review	June 17, 2003
335	Principals of Limited Companies	January 1, 2003
336	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
337	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
338	Disclosure of Claim Files	May 1, 2000
339	The Maximum Wage Rate	May 1, 2000
340	The Reimbursement of Expenses	May 1, 2000
341	Industrial Hygiene and Cominco Ltd.	June 17, 2003
342	Assessment of Employers	May 1, 2000
343	Scope of Employment	June 1, 2004
344	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000