

## **Press Release -9 June 2011**

### **CIJC (Employers) Ltd.**

The Construction Industry Joint Council (CIJC) Working Rule Agreement (WRA) covers the largest number of workers in the construction industry. As the industry standard it influences the terms of employment of approximately half a million workers.

CIJC employers are pleased to announce that following negotiations with the signatory trade unions a pay increase of 1.5% has been agreed with effect from 5th September 2011, which brings to an end a pay standstill of just over 2 years.

CIJC Employers Secretary, Gerry Lean said "Our industry continues to face the most challenging trading and economic conditions and based on the economic forecasts there is little justification for increasing pay rates at this time. However, CIJC employers are fully committed to maintaining this most important collective agreement as the premier agreement within the industry and feel that it is essential to provide recognition to those who are the lifeblood of it and its future. We have tried to balance affordability with the preservation of jobs and believe this to be a sensible settlement for all parties."

Parties to the CIJC Agreement are: Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA), Home Builders Federation (HBF), National Access & Scaffolding Confederation (NASC), National Association of Shopfitters (NAS), National Federation of Builders (NFB), National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC), Painting & Decorating Association (PDA), Scottish Building Federation (SBF), UK Contractors Group (UKCG), Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT), Unite and GMB.

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