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SODEXHO WORKERS AT EKATI JOIN PSAC/UNW

Yellowknife, NT.... Workers providing valuable kitchen and custodial services at BHP Billiton Ekati Diamond Mine have chosen the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and its component Union of Northern Workers (UNW) as their bargaining agent. These workers are employed by Sodexho, a multinational service provider contracted to provide these services at Ekati. The Canada Industrial Relations Board issued the certificate on February 14, 2008.

“PSAC congratulates and welcomes these new members. Our Union is an excellent fit for these employees who work along side PSAC Brothers and Sisters at Ekati,” says Jean-François Des Lauriers, Regional Executive Vice President, PSAC North.

These workers fought for Union representation to address issues of wages and overtime, but also for fairness in the workplace with respect to job duties, shift schedules and health and safety training.

“The UNW has gained valuable experience in representing mine workers and we look forward to extending that service to our new members” said Todd Parsons, President, Union of Northern Workers. “UNW and PSAC look forward to representing these new members.”

BHP Billiton and PSAC recently ratified a new collective agreement for the PSAC/UNW Local at Ekati Diamond Mine. The process of negotiating a collective agreement for the Sodexho employees will take place in the very near future.

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