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## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR**

NO. R. 720 14 AUGUST 2015

# LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1995

# METAL AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES BARGAINING COUNCIL: EXTENSION TO NON-PARTIES OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COLLECTIVE AMENDING AGREEMENT

I, MILDRED NELISIWE OLIPHANT, Minister of Labour, hereby in terms of section 32(2) read with section 32(5) and section 32(8) of the Labour Relations Act, 1995, declare that the collective agreement which appears in the Schedule hereto, which was concluded in the Metal and Engineering Industries Bargaining Council and is binding in terms of section 31 of the Labour Relations Act, 1995, on the parties which concluded the agreement, shall be binding on the other employers and employees in that Industry, with effect from the second Monday after the date of publication of this Notice and for the period ending on 30 June 2017.

MINISTER OF LABOUR

### SCHEDULE

# METAL AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES BARGAINING COUNCIL DISPUTE RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the Labour Relations Act, No. 66 of 1995, made and entered into by and between the-

Association of Electrical Cable Manufactures of South Africa

Association of Metal Service Centres of South Africa

Cape Engineer's and Founder's Association

Construction Engineering Association (South Africa)

Eastern Cape Engineering and Allied Industries Association (ECEAIA)

Electrical Engineering and Allied Industries Association

Electrical Manufacturers Association of South Africa (EMASA)

Ferro Alloy Producers Association

Gate and Fence Association

Hand Tool Manufacturers Association (HATMA)

Iron and Steel Producers Association of South Africa (ISPA)

KwaZulu Natal Engineering Industries Association

Lift Engineering Industries Association of South Africa

Light Engineering Industries Association of South Africa

Non-Ferrous Metal Industries Association of South Africa

Plumbers and Engineering Brassware Manufacturer Association

Pressure Vessel Manufacturers Association of South Africa

Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Manufacturers and Suppliers Association (RAMSA)

South African Electro-Plating Industries Association

South African Engineers and Founders Association

South African Fastener's Manufactures Association

South African Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Contractors Association (SARACCA)

South African Post Tensioning Association (SAPTA)

South African Pump Manufacturers Association 🗦

South African Reinforced Concrete Engineers Association (SARCEA)

South African Valve and Actuators Manufacturers Association (SAVAMA)

(hereinafter referred to as the "employers" or the "employers' organizations"), of the one part and the:

Chemical, Energy, Paper, Printing, Wood and Allied Workers Union (CEPPWAWU)

Metal and Electrical Workers Union of South Africa

United Association of S.A. (UASA The Union)

National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA)

S.A. Equity Workers Association (SAEWA)

(hereinafter referred as the "employees" or the trade unions") of the other part being the parties to the Metal Engineering Industries Bargaining Council to amend the Agreement published under G.N. R.961 of 9 October 2009)

#### CLAUSE 1: SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

- (1) The terms of this Agreement shall be observed in the Iron, Steel, Steel, Engineering and Metallurgical Industry
  - by all employers who are members of the employers' organizations and
     by all employees who are members of the trade unions
  - (b) throughout the Republic of South Africa

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause (1), the terms of this Agreement shall apply to-
  - (a) apprentices or learners only to extent to which they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Manpower Training Act, 1981, or the Skills Development Act, No. 97 of 1998, or any contract entered into or any conditions fixed thereunder and;
  - (b) trainees under training in terms of section 30 of the Manpower Training Act, 1981 or Section 19 of the Skills Development Act, No. 97 of 1998, only in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or any conditions fixed thereunder.
- (3) "Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause 1 (1) (a) and 2 this agreement shall not apply to employers and employees who are not members of the employers organizations and trade unions respectively."

# 2. CLAUSE 2: PERIOD OF OPERATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall come into operation on such date as may be fixed by the Minister of Labour in terms of section 32 of the Labour Relations Act, 1995, and shall remain in force until 31 March 2020

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The provisions contained in clause 2 of Agreement published under Government Notice No. R 961 of 9 October 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the "Former Agreement") as further amended and re-enacted from time to time, shall apply to employers and employees.

# 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The provisions contained in clause 3 to 6 of the Agreement under Government Notice No. R. 418 of 17 April 2009 (as further amended and re-enacted from time to time), shall apply to employers and employees.

### CLAUSE 6: EXEMPTIONS

- (1) Substitute the following for subclause 1(c):
  - "(c) An application for exemption will be decided upon within 30 days of receipt of an application".
- (2)(a) Insert the following as subclause 5(d):
  - "(d) An appeal shall be heard, if required, and decided upon within 30 days after an appeal is lodged".
  - (b) Re-number the existing sub-clause (d) to read (e).
- 6. ANNEXURE A: RULES FOR CONCILIATING AND ARBITRATING DISPUTES IN

  THE METAL AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES BARGAINING COUNCIL

  (ARRANGEMENT OF RULES)
  - (a) Substitute the following for Part G: Pre-dismissal arbitrations

# "PART G: INQUIRY BY ARBITRATOR

- 25. How to request an inquiry by an Arbitrator in terms of section 188A of the Act."
- (b) Insert the following new paragraph under item 7 of Part B: Conciliation of Disputes:
  - "(4) The Council must assist applicants administratively, that earn below the threshold as determined by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act".
  - (c) Substitute the following for Part G: Pre dismissal Arbitrations":

### PART G

### "INQUIRY BY ARBITRATOR

- How to request an Inquiry by Arbitrator in terms of section 188A.
  - (1) An employer requesting the Council to conduct an inquiry by arbitrator, must do so by delivering a completed referral form to the Council.
  - (2) The employee must sign the referral form consenting to the inquiry by the arbitrator. If an employee has consented in terms of section 188A(4)(b), the referral form does not have to be signed by the employee but the copy of the contract containing the consent must be attached to the form.
  - (3) When filing the referral form, the employer must pay the prescribed fee to the Council. Payment of the fee may only be made by:
    - (a) bank guaranteed CHEQUE; OR
    - (b) electronic transfer into the bank account of the Council.
  - (4) Within fourteen days of receiving a request in terms of sub-clause (1) and payment of the prescribed fee, the Council must notify the parties to the inquiry by an arbitrator of when and where the inquiry will be held.
  - (5) unless the parties agree otherwise, the Council must give the parties at least fourteen days notice of the commencement of the inquiry by an arbitrator.
  - (6) The Council is only required to refund a fee paid in terms of sub-rule (3), if the Council is notified of the resolution of the matter prior to issuing a notice in terms of sub-rule (4)."

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Thus signed at Johannesburg on.....

Seifsa on behalf of its Associations :.

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- Association of Metal Service Centre of South Africa
- Cape Engineers and Founders Association

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