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TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984
s.23 application for award or variation of award

Tasmanian Trades and Labor Council
(T7702 of 1998)

Private and public sector awards

FULL BENCH:

PRESIDENT F D WESTWOOD
DEPUTY PRESIDENT B R JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER R J WATLING

Wage Rates - State Wage Case July 1998 - application to review the Wage Fixing Principles and to vary awards in a manner consistent with the Australian Industrial Relations Commission decision in Print number Q 1998 Safety Net Review - Wages - Agreed Settlement - Two-stage Arbitrated Safety Net Adjustment - ffpp on or after 14 July 1998 and ffpp on or after 14 October 1998 - Revised Wage Fixing Principles - Approved

FIBREGLASS AND PLASTICS AWARD

ORDER BY CONSENT -

No. 1 of 1998

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AMEND THE **FIBREGLASS AND PLASTICS AWARD** IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

By deleting Clause 8 - Wage Rates, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"8. WAGE RATES

1. WAGE RATES

Adult employees shall be paid in accordance with the following classification structure which shall be read in conjunction with the classification definitions contained in Clause 7 - Definitions:

(a) Operative from the first full pay period to commence on or after 14 July 1998:

Classification	Base Rate Relativity %	Base Rate \$	Safety Net Adjustment \$	Weekly Wage Rate \$
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 1	78	325.50	44.00	369.50
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 2	82	342.10	44.00	386.10
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 3	87.4	364.60	44.00	408.60
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 4	92.4	385.50	44.00	429.50
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 5	97	404.70	44.00	448.70
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 6	100	417.20	44.00	461.20
Tradesperson Level 1	100	417.20	44.00	461.20
Tradesperson Level 2	105	438.10	44.00	482.10
Tradesperson Level 3	110	458.90	44.00	502.90
Tradesperson Special Class	115	479.80	44.00	523.80
Advanced Tradesperson Level 1	125	521.50	43.00	564.50
Advanced Tradesperson Level 2	130	542.40	43.00	585.40

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(b) Operative from the first full pay period to commence on or after 14 October 1998:

Classification	Base Rate Relativity %	Base Rate \$	Safety Net Adjustment \$	Weekly Wage Rate \$
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 1	78	325.50	48.00	373.50
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 2	82	342.10	48.00	390.10
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 3	87.4	364.60	48.00	412.60
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 4	92.4	385.50	48.00	433.50
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 5	97	404.70	48.00	452.70
Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 6	100	417.20	48.00	465.20
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2. CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE - TRANSLATION SCHEDULE

(a) For the purpose of identifying an employees new classification in accordance with the creation of a new broadly based and generic classification structure the following schedule shall apply:

<u>Pre-existing Classification</u>	<u>New Classification</u>
Tradesman	Tradesperson Level 1
Laminator	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 3
Mixer	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 3
Mixer's Assistant	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 2
Labourer	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 1
Heavy Machine Operator	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 3
Light Machine Operator	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 2
Fitter	Tradesperson Level 1
Cleaner	Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 3

PROVIDED that employees who, prior to the first full pay period commencing on or after 18 July 1991, are in receipt of wage rates in excess of those herein prescribed shall not have their wage rate reduced as a result of the making of this new award and the translation process.

(b) The parties to the award shall co-operate in the translation from the old structure to the new structure. In the event of any disagreement the matter shall be referred to the Tasmanian Industrial Commission for determination.

3. APPRENTICES

The minimum weekly wage rate to be paid by employers to apprentices shall be the undermentioned percentages of the Tradesperson Level 1 rate of wages appearing in subclause 1 - Wage Rates.

	Percentage of Tradesperson Level 1 Rate %
First year	38
Second year	55
Third year	72
Fourth year	88

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4. JUNIORS

The minimum weekly wage rate to be paid by employers to junior workers shall be the undermentioned percentages of the weekly wage rate appearing in subclause 1 - Wage Rates of this clause for the classification Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 2.

	Percentage of Manufacturing/Production Employee Level 2 Rate %
Under 17 years of age	65
17 Years of age to 18 years of age	75
18 years of age to 19 years of age	85
19 years of age to 20 years of age	100

5. TRAINEES

The weekly wages payable to a trainee shall be determined by multiplying the appropriate junior rate as prescribed in this clause by 39 which represents the actual weeks spent on the job and dividing that sum by 52 to provide a weekly wage. The rate determined shall in no case be less than the minimum rate prescribed by the Australian Traineeship System guidelines.

In order to achieve stability of income and related living standards these rates will be paid as a weekly wage and will be unaffected by the 13 weeks off-the-job training to be carried out during the 12 month training period.

6. LEADING HANDS

(a)	In charge of 1 to 3 employees	\$10.30 per week extra
(b)	In charge of 4 to 6 employees	\$13.30 per week extra
(c)	In charge of 7 to 9 employees	\$15.80 per week extra
(d)	In charge of more than 9 employees	\$18.40 per week extra

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7. SUPPORTED WAGE SYSTEM

(a) Eligibility Criteria

Subject to this subclause an employer may engage employees at a supported wage rate (as set out in paragraph (c) of this division) who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a Disability Support Pension and who, because of their disability, are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level normally required for the class of work for which they are engaged.

PROVIDED that this subclause does not apply to any existing employee who has a claim against the employer which is subject to the provisions of workers' compensation legislation or any provision of this award relating to the rehabilitation of employees who are injured in the course of their current employment.

PROVIDED FURTHER that this subclause does not apply to employers in respect of their facility, programme, undertaking, service or the like which receives funding under the *Disability Services Act 1986* and fulfils the dual role of service provider and sheltered employer to people with disabilities who are in receipt of or are eligible for a disability support pension, except with respect to an organisation which has received recognition under Section 10 or under Section 12A of the above Act, or if a part only has received recognition, that part.

(b) For the purposes of this subclause:

'Accredited Assessor' means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the Supported Wage System to perform assessments of an individual's productive capacity within the Supported Wage System.

'Assessment instrument' means the form provided for under the Supported Wage System that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the Supported Wage System.

'Disability Support Pension' means the pension available under the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the *Social Security Act 1991*, as amended from time to time, or any successor to that scheme.

'Supported Wage System' means the Commonwealth Government System to promote employment for people who cannot work at full award wages because of a disability.

(c) Supported Wage Rates

Employees to whom this subclause applies shall be paid the applicable percentage of the minimum rate of pay prescribed by this award for the class of work which the person is performing according to the following schedule:

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Assessed Capacity (paragraph (d))	% of Prescribed Award Rate
10%	10%
20%	20%
30%	30%
40%	40%
50%	50%
60%	60%
70%	70%
80%	80%
90%	90%

PROVIDED that the minimum amount payable shall be not less than \$45 per week.

(d) Assessment of Capacity

For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the award rate to be paid to a supported wage employee under this award, the productive capacity of the employee will be assessed in accordance with the Supported Wage System and documented in an assessment instrument by either:

- (i) the employer and a union party to the award, in consultation with the employee or, if desired by any of these;
- (ii) the employer and an accredited Assessor from a panel agreed by the parties to the award and the employee.

(e) Lodgment of Assessment Instrument

- (i) All assessment instruments under the conditions of this subclause, including the appropriate percentage of the award wage to be paid to the employee, shall be lodged by the employer with the Registrar of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission.
- (ii) All assessment instruments shall be agreed and signed by the parties to the assessment, provided that where a union which is party to the award, is not a party to the assessment, it shall be referred by the Registrar of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission to the union by certified mail and shall take effect unless an objection is notified to the Registrar of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission within 10 working days.

(f) Review of Assessment

The assessment of the applicable percentage shall be subject to annual review or earlier on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review shall be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the Supported Wage System.

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(g) Other Terms and Conditions of Employment

Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage shall apply to the wage rate only. Employees covered by the supported wage provisions of this subclause shall be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as all other workers covered by this award who are paid on a pro rata basis.

(h) Workplace Adjustment

An employer wishing to employ a person under the provisions of this subclause shall take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation in consultation with other workers in the area.

(i) Trial Period

- (i) In order for an adequate assessment of the employee's capacity to be made, an employer may employ a person under the provisions of this subclause for a trial period not exceeding 12 weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding four weeks) may be needed.
- (ii) During that trial period the assessment of capacity shall be undertaken and the proposed wage rate for a continuing employment relationship shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs (d) and (e).
- (iii) The minimum amount payable to the employee during the trial period shall be no less than \$45 per week or such greater amount as is agreed from time to time between the parties.
- (iv) Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialed.
- (v) Where the employer and employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment shall be entered into based on the outcome of assessment under paragraph (c) hereof."

Operative Date

This Order shall come into operation from the first full pay period to commence on or after 14 July 1998.

B R Johnson
DEPUTY PRESIDENT

21 August 1998