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**COVERAGE/DESCRIPTION OF** 

**EMPLOYEES:** Applies to all employees engaged in the provisions of mechanical and electrical maintenance services for the contract on site

**PARTIES:** Process Engineering Technologies Pty Ltd -&- the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union, New South Wales Branch, Electrical Trades Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch

# PROCESS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES PTY LTD SYDNEY WATER (CONTRACT 15020) ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT, 2001

The Process Engineering Technologies Pty Ltd Sydney Water (Contract 15020) Enterprise Agreement is made pursuant to Part 2 of Chapter 2 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (NSW)

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## PART A

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## 1. TITLE

This agreement shall be known as the Process Engineering Technologies Pty Ltd Sydney Water (Contract 15020) Enterprise Agreement 2001.

## 2. ARRANGEMENT

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#### 3. **DEFINITIONS**

"Employer" shall mean Process Engineering Technologies Pty Ltd.

"Unions" shall mean the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union and the Electrical Trades Union of Australia New South Wales Branch.

"Contract" shall mean the contract between PET and Sydney Water Corporation for the provision of maintenance services to North East Zone facilities (Contract # 15020).

#### 4. PARTIES

The parties to this agreement are:

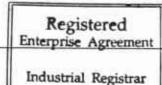
Process Engineering Technologies Pty Ltd;

The Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union; and

The Electrical Trades Union of Australia New South Wales Branch

## 5. COVERAGE AND NOMINAL TERM

- 5.1. The enterprise agreement shall apply to all employees of Process Engineering Technologies who are:
  - 5.1.1 employed in the provision of mechanical and electrical maintenance services for the Contract on site; and
  - 5:1.2 otherwise engaged in accordance with the parent awards referred to in sub clause 6.1
- An employee commencing his or her employment with Process Engineering Technologies after the date on which this agreement comes into operation shall be employed in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
- The company, the union and the employees agree that no tradesperson including apprentices & trainees shall be employed other than under the terms of this agreement. To avoid doubt, this means that no tradesperson shall be offered Australian Workplace Agreement.
- 5.4 This agreement shall operate from 1 September 2001 and shall remain in force until 31 August 2003. This agreement shall be certified by the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales.



5.5 Prior to the expiration of the agreement negotiations for the next EBA shall take place. The term of the next EBA shall be equal to the term of the contract extension with Sydney Water up to a maximum of three years.

## 6 RELATIONSHIP TO PARENT AWARD

- 6.1 It has been determined by the parties that this Enterprise Agreement shall be read wholly in conjunction with Metal, Engineering & Associated Industries (State) Award and the Electrical, Electronic & Communications Contracting Industry (State) Award (the 'Parent Awards') and provided that where there is any inconsistency, the Enterprise Agreement shall take precedence unless otherwise specified.
- 6.2 Existing over award payments and conditions of employment shall continue to apply as if they were a term of this agreement except where expressly stipulated terms of this agreement provide otherwise.
- Any new facilitative arrangement that may be incorporated in the Parent Awards, shall not be used during the life of this agreement except by agreement between the company and the Unions party to this agreement.

#### 7. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to provide the framework for the continuous improvement of the maintenance operations of the company in an efficient, flexible and productive manner consistent with best practice initiatives.

The company, the union and the employees recognise that change be introduced in a constructive, managed manner in order to secure the future viability of the company and hence, long term security of the employees, together with a safe, fair and equitable working environment.

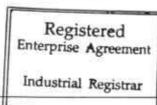
## 8. HOURS

#### 8.1. Hours of work

- 8.1.1. The ordinary hours of work for day workers shall be 38 hours per week or an average of 38 per week to be worked on one of the following bases:
- 8.1.2. 38 hours within a work cycle not exceeding seven consecutive days; or
- 8.1.3. 114 hours within a work cycle not exceeding twenty one consecutive days: or

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- 8.1.4. 152 hours within a work cycle not exceeding twenty-eight consecutive days.
- 8.2 Provided that the work cycle may differ to those listed in 8.1.1 above as to all or a section of employees by mutual agreement between PET and the relevant Union.
- 8.3 Days of work
  - 8.3.1 The ordinary hours of work prescribed by this clause may be worked on all or any days of the week Monday to Friday inclusive.
- 8.4 Spread of Hours
  - 8.4.1 The ordinary hours of work shall be between 6:00am and 6:00pm at the discretion of the employer and, except for meal breaks, shall be worked continuously.
  - 8.4.2 The spread of ordinary hours will not be changed except by agreement between PET and the majority of employees
- 8.5 Maximum Daily Hours
  - 8.5.1 The maximum number of daily ordinary hours to be worked shall not exceed 8 on any day. Provided that the maximum number of daily ordinary hours may be varied to a maximum of 10 per day.
  - 8.5.2 Provided further that in emergency circumstances, an employee may be required to work to a maximum of 16 hours.
- 8.6 Meal Breaks
  - 8.6.1 Meal breaks shall be taken in accordance with the relevant Parent Awards.
- 8.7 Restricted Access
  - 8.7.1 From time to time PET may be denied access to certain sites. In this event, PET may advise an employee, with the giving of not less than 4 weeks notice, or such shorter period as may be agreed between PET and the individual employee, that the employee will not be required to attend work on that day or days and that the employee shall instead take any accumulated RDO's or annual leave.



## 9 WAGES

- 9.1 An employee's base rate of pay shall be the appropriate rate of pay as set out in Table One of Part B Monetary Rates of this agreement.
- 9.2 The rates of pay shall increase by 4.25% from 1 September 2001 and 4.25% from 1 September 2002.
- 9.3 The base rates of pay set out in this agreement are inclusive of the following allowances:

Fares, Confined Spaces and Dirty Work Allowance;

and shall be paid for all purposes of the Agreement.

9.4 The following payments are above the base rates where applicable:

Tool Allowance, Electrical Licence Allowance, First Aid Allowance, Sanitary Allowance, High Voltage Allowance, Team Leader Allowance, Acting Supervisor Allowance and MERT (MERT in accordance with Clause 29.2).

## 10 CLASSIFICATION & COMPETENCY:

- 10.1 A proper classification & competency system based on recommendations of MISTAS has been successfully implemented.
- 10.2 Individual grievances may be referred to the dispute avoidance procedure in the enterprise agreement. This grievance should be resolved quickly to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.
- 10.3 Job Profiles:
  - 10.3.1 The development and agreement of job profiles has taken place in accordance with the above process.
  - 10.3.2 Base Trade will be 100% and 96 points as contained in Part B-Monetary Rates and Classification Structure.
- 10.4 The Company and the Unions agree that the implemented classification structure:
  - 10.4.1 will not reduce conditions of employment of any employee.
  - 10.4.2 Employees will be transferred to the classification structure contained in this agreement with no loss of pay.
  - 10.4.3 Those employees with a higher rate than contained in the classification structure will have their rate red circled and receive the wage increases contained in clause 9 of this agreement.

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## 11 ALLOWANCES

- Under its contractual obligations, the company shall require employees to start on different sites. Employees may be required to use their own car to start at or travel to different sites. If applicable, Excess Fares shall be paid in accordance with Relevant Parent Awards.
- 11.1.1 All employees shall be given a regular place of work on which calculation and excess travel shall be based. If there is a change of regular place of work for an employee, a two week settling period will be applicable where excess travel can be claimed before the new place becomes the regular place of work for that employee. This will be effective from the date of signing of this agreement.

## 11.2 First Aid

- 11.2.1 First aid allowance as set out at item 5 of Table 2 of Part B Monetary Rates of this agreement will be payable to the elected first aid officer/s nominated for the site
- 11.2.2 PET will encourage all employees to undertake First Aid Training through the introduction of the following scheme:
- 11.2.3 The company shall pay the course costs for the First Aid Training
- 11.2.4 However, the course shall be done by the employees in their own time
- 11.2.5 There shall be a one-off incentive payment of \$50 made to the employee for participation in the First Aid Training in their own time
- 11.2.6 The First Aid allowance payment shall be made on a roster basis-to cater for a trained first aider on each site

## 11.3 High Voltage Allowance

An authorised employee shall be paid High Voltage Allowance per hour of work carried out on High Voltage equipment & booked on Maximo Work Order with Craft: Electrical (High Voltage).

## 11.4 Sanitary Allowance

An employee shall be paid Sanitary Allowance per hour of work carried out on Sewerage Treatment Plants.

#### 12 STANDRY ALLOWANCE

12.1 As the company operates a 24 hour service, there may be requirement to provide call-in services outside normal hours. There shall be a payment of a set amount of \$90 when a call-in is carried out after hours in addition to the overtime payment.

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- 12.2 The overtime payment referred to in 12.1 is a 4 hour minimum at the appropriate overtime rates.
- 12.3 On attendance of a call-in, employees who remain on the job for more than three hours shall be given a 10 hour break between the finish of the call-in and the start of the regular day work.

## 13 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS (Union Fees)

- 13.1 The company will provide payroll deductions for the payment of union fees for those employees who require this facility. Deduction will only be made providing the necessary "Authority to Deduct" form (provided by the union) has been submitted to PET.
- 13.2.1 Pay slips shall include all legal obligations including RDO's and annual leave.

#### 14 VEHICLES

- 14.1 PET provided vehicles are the property of PET and will be allocated on the basis of usage kilometre and need requirements.
- 14.2 PET will, where required, swap, move or replace vehicles based on the above.

#### 15 CLOTHING

5.2.1

15.1 Employees shall be provided with:

i.	Five shirts/trousers or five pairs of overalls; - Yearly	
ii.	Safety shoes; - Yearly or wear and tear	
iii,	Hard hat; - 3 years or wear and tear	
iv.	Jacket (Bluey) - wear and tear	
v.	Wet weather gear Jacket / Trousers - wear and tear	
vi.	Broadbrim hat - wear and tear	
vii.	Ear muffs – wear and tear	
viii.	Safety glasses - wear and tear	

and any other protective clothing required to ensure the health and safety of the employee whilst at work.

15.2 At the discretion of PET the items provided by this sub-clause will be supplied either on an annual or 'wear' and 'tear' basis.

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The item is no longer providing protection; and

ii. The worn item is provided to PET.

## 16 CASUAL AND CONTRACT LABOUR

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- 16.1 All contractors and casual labour working in or in connection with the coverage of this agreement shall receive no less than the minimum rates prescribed in Part B Monetary Rates of this agreement.
- 16.2 Casual employees employed subject to this clause will receive a casual loading of a minimum of 20% in addition to the rates of pay prescribed in Part B Monetary Rates. The 20% loading includes payment for an additional one-twelfth loading of the ordinary time casual hourly rate as prescribed by the Annual Holidays Act 1944.
- 16.3 Notwithstanding 16.2 PET may use casual and contract labour subject to organisational requirements provided the following consultative procedure is followed;
- 16.3.1 The supervisor in conjunction with site personnel make the initial request for additional labour to the management. The management will inform the supervisor and or site personnel of the arrival on site of the casual contract labour.
- 16.3.2 Disputes over the use of casuals and or contractors will be conducted in accordance with clause 30 of this agreement "Dispute Resolution Procedures".
- 16.3.3 Casual employees will not be engaged continuously for longer than 6 months. A casual employee engaged continuously for 6 months will be offered a permanent position if one is available. If no permanent position is available, the employee and PET may agree that the employee shall remain on casual basis until a permanent position becomes available. In any event, a casual employee and PET may agree to extend the casual arrangement beyond 6 months where the employee requests such an extension. Any agreement made pursuant to this clause should be in writing and kept on the employee's records.

#### 17 APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

17.1 Apprentices and trainees will be covered by this agreement in accordance with subclause 5.1 providing that an apprentice or trainee will receive the appropriate percent or proportion of the minimum rates of pay as they would under the relevant Parent Awards. As provided in Part B – Monetary Rates of this agreement.

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## 18 SICK LEAVE

18.1 Employees shall be entitled to sick leave in accordance with the parent awards

## 19 CARERS LEAVE

## 19.1Use of Sick Leave for Carers Leave

- (a) An employee other than a casual employee, with responsibilities in relation to a class of person set out in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c), who needs the employee's care and support, shall be entitled to use, in accordance with this subclause, any current or accrued sick leave entitlement, for absences to provide care and support, for such persons when they are ill. Such leave may be taken for part of a single day.
- (b) The employee shall, if required, establish either by production of a medical certificate or statutory declaration, the illness of the person concerned and that the illness is such as to require care by another person. In normal circumstances, an employee must not take carer's leave under this subclause where another person has taken leave to care for the same person.
- (c) The entitlement to use sick leave in accordance with this subclause is subject to:
  - (i) the employee being responsible for the care of the person concerned; and
  - (ii) the person concerned being:
    - (a) a spouse of the employee; or
    - (b) a de facto spouse, who, in relation to a person, is a person of the opposite sex to the first mentioned person who lives with the first mentioned person as the husband or wife of that person on a bona fide domestic basis although not legally married to that person; or
    - (c) a child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a step child, a foster child or an ex-nuptial child), parent (including a foster parent and legal guardian), grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee or spouse or de facto spouse of the employee; or

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- (d) a same sex partner who lives with the employee as the de facto partner of that employee on a bona fide domestic basis; or
- (e) a relative of the employee who is a member of the same household, where for the purposes of this paragraph:
  - 1. "relative" means a person related by blood, marriage or affinity;
  - 2. "affinity" means a relationship that one spouse because of marriage has to blood relatives of the other; and
  - 3. "household" means a family group living in the same domestic dwelling.
- (d) An employee shall, wherever practicable, give the employer notice prior to the absence of the intention to take leave, the name of the person requiring care and that persons relationship to the employee, the reasons for taking such leave and the estimated length of absence. If it is not practicable for the employee to give prior notice of absence, the employee shall notify the employer by telephone of such absence at the first opportunity on the day of absence.

## 19.2 Unpaid Leave for Family Purpose

An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to take unpaid leave for the purpose of providing care and support to a member of a class of person set out in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subclause (1) who is ill.

## 19.3 Annual Leave

- (a) An employee may elect with the consent of the employer, subject to the Annual Holidays Act 1944, to take annual leave not exceeding five days in single day periods or part thereof, in any calendar year at a time or times agreed by the parties.
- (b) Access to annual leave, as prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subclause above, shall be exclusive of any shutdown period provided for elsewhere under this award.

(c) An employee and employer may agree to defer payment of the annual leave loading in respect of single day absences, until at least five consecutive annual leave days are taken.

19.4 Time Off in Lieu of Payment for Overtime

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- (a) An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to take time off in lieu of payment for overtime at a time or times agreed with the employer within 12 months of the said election.
- (b) Overtime taken as time off during ordinary time hours shall be taken at the ordinary time rate, that is an hour for each hour worked.
- (c) If, having elected to take time as leave in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subclause, the leave is not taken for whatever reason payment for time accrued at overtime rates shall be made at the expiry of the 12 month period or on termination.
- (d) Where no election is made in accordance with the said paragraph (a), the employee shall be paid overtime rates in accordance with the award.

## 19.5 Make-up Time

- (a) An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to work "make-up time", under which the employee takes time off during ordinary hours, and works those hours at a later time, during the spread of ordinary hours provided in the award, at the ordinary rate of pay.
- (b) An employee on shift work may elect, with the consent of the employer, to work "make-up time" (under which the employee takes time off ordinary hours and works those hours at a later time), at the shift work rate which would have been applicable to the hours taken off.

## 19.6 Rostered Days Off

- (a) An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to take a rostered day off at any time.
- (b) An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to take rostered days off in part day amounts.
- An employee may elect, with the consent of the employer, to accrue some or all rostered days off for the purpose of creating a bank to be drawn upon at a time mutually agreed between the employer and employee, or subject to reasonable notice by the employee or the employer.

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## 20 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

20.1 An employee shall be entitled to a maximum of three days leave without loss of pay on each occasion of the death of a person referred to in the relevant parent award.

20.2 With the exception of 20.1 above, bereavement leave shall be taken in accordance with relevant parent award to this agreement.

## 21 JURY SERVICE

Employees required to attend for jury service during their rostered working hours shall be reimbursed by the company an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in respect of their absence for such jury service and the amount of wage they would have received in respect of the ordinary hours they would have worked had they not been on jury service. Employees shall notify the company as soon as possible of the date upon which they are required to attend for jury service. Further, employees shall notify the company proof of attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received in respect of such jury service before the company will make payment.

## 22 ACCIDENT PAY

- 22.1 "Accident Pay" means a weekly payment of an amount being the difference between the weekly amount of compensation paid to the employee pursuant to relevant workers compensation legislation and the employee's appropriate rate of pay as prescribed in Part B Monetary rates of this agreement
- 22.2 Accident pay as defined above will be provided to an employee for up to 26 weeks during the period in which the employee is in receipt of workers compensation.

## 23 LONG SERVICE LEAVE

- 23.1 Entitlements
- 23.1.1 Each employee shall accrue long service leave in accordance with the Long Service Act 1955 (NSW) (the 'Long Service Leave Act').
- 23.1.2 An employee whose service commenced after 1 April 1963 is entitled to 2 months leave for 10 years continuous service. Further long service leave of 1 month accrues after each 5 years of service. A month is defined as 4 1/3 weeks.
- 23.2 Pro Rata Entitlement
- 23.2.1 Employees are entitled to a pro rata payment when they have completed between 5 and 10 service, where the employment is terminated due to the following reasons:

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- i By the employer for any reason other than serious and wilful misconduct; or
- ii By the employee because of illness, incapacity, domestic or other pressing necessity; or

- iii Due to the death of the employee.
- 23.3 Taking Leave
- 23.3.1 When taking the leave, the employee shall give at least 1 months notice of the date from which it is proposed that the employees long service leave will be taken. On the provision of such notice, leave shall be granted by PET, subject to the needs of the employers establishment. Provision of such notice may be waived where agreement on the taking of leave is reached between the employee and PET.
- 23.3.2 PET may instruct an employee to take long service leave with the provision of 1 months notice.

## 24 TRAINING

- 24.1 PET recognises the importance of on going employee training. Training is currently provided to employees and it represents a significant investment by the company. PET welcomes the input of all employees in this area.
- 24.2 Training will be provided in line with the training policy & the Skills Enhancement Training Programme. The committee will outline training requirements on a quarterly basis and decide who will be trained. Training must be relevant to the services provided under the Sydney Water Contract. This training program shall be subject to PET Management approval.
- 24.3 PET has established a method of skills evaluation that was formulated in conjunction with all employees. Employees skills have been assessed. The assessment determined that some employees skills fell short their pay rate.
- 24.4 The first focus of the training program will be to bring these employees skills up to their pay rate. This will remove the inequality that currently exists.
- 24.5 Training and Work Scope: The Company shall provide the necessary training and resources to enable employees to reach their full potential in accordance with the business needs of the enterprise.
- 24.6 Employees shall undertake training to enable them to perform a broader range of duties in order to complete the whole task at hand, provided that it is safe, legal and practicable for them to do so.
- 24.7 Training Programme Details: A fundamental element of the classification structure is the skills enhancement training programme. The aim of this programme is to develop competencies that reflect the standards which shall ensure worker safety and the development of a highly skilled and flexible workforce relevant to the services provided by the company.
- 24.8 The Company shall utilise the skills and expertise of internal and external training to develop the skills enhancement training programme.

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The necessary training to achieve the skill levels shall be provided by the Company by way of on-the-job training and off-the-job based instruction. Training in accordance with the skills enhancement training programme

- shall ordinarily be undertaken in both the employee's and the employer's time; however, some courses may need to be attended outside ordinary working hours at no cost to the employer.
- 24.10 Consultative Committee Overview: The consultative committee shall oversee the skills enhancement training programme. The consultative committee shall be required to overview the training programme content and evaluation criteria to suit the requirements of the Company for service delivery to the Sydney Water Corporation assets.
- 24.11 The consultative committee shall also be required to facilitate the resolution of difficulties and problems which may arise in the establishment and implementation of the skills enhancement training programme.
- 24.12 Progress Through the Skills Enhancement Training Programme: Employees will start at the appropriate entry level and will be given the opportunity to progress to the highest level in accordance with the business needs of PET. Business needs will be determined by the volume and nature of the Company's work requirements, which will establish the numbers required in each classification level.
- 24.13 Workforce Participation as Trainers: In accordance with the PET group's philosophy that its workforce is its greatest asset, appropriate employees shall be selected by the consultative committee to participate in the evaluation of courses for inclusion in the training programme. These employees shall be encouraged to participate in appropriately accredited programmes so that they shall be suitably equipped to demonstrate and present elements of the training programme to the workforce.
- 24.14 Demonstration and Use of Enhanced Skills: Prior to employees advancing in the classification levels, they shall be required to undergo an objective evaluation of their specific skills. Employees will be assessed on and paid for the skills required to be used by the Company. The existing evaluation methodology will be used.
- 24.15 As part of the evaluation, all eligible employees shall be required to demonstrate competency in the skills previously held or those acquired as part of the skills enhancement training programme. Once employees have successfully demonstrated their skill—competency to the appropriate classification level, they will be required to undertake work in the field commensurate with that skill level.
- 24.16 Payment of Course Fees: The Company will reimburse the cost of course fees for approved courses, subject to the following conditions:
- 24.17 Prior to the commencement of the course, discussions between the Contract Manager and the employee involved shall identify and agree whether completion of the intended course is in the Company's interests and will therefore be considered an approved course. Such agreement, if approved, shall be recorded in the personnel file; and course fees shall be reimbursed on the successful completion of the course.

Registered employee and the future and current operational needs, PET is committed to Enterprise Agreement ensuring that training is available to employees by mutual agreement.

24.19 PET will endeavour to employ a suitable number of apprentices under the confines of the agreed contract structure

## 25 UNION OFFICIALS AND SHOP STEWARDS RIGHTS

- An official or officer of the union/s shall have the right to enter the employer's establishment at any time during working hours for the purposes of conducting union business and matters incidental to union business, subject to the *Industrial Relations Act* 1996.
- 25.2 The shop steward(s) shall have access to the following rights and facilities:
  - 25.2.1 The right of a shop steward to be freely, independently elected by union members as their workplace representative. Upon being informed by the union of the identity of the shop steward, the employer shall then formally recognise the shop steward as a legitimate representative of the union and workplace members until informed otherwise.
  - 25.2.2 The right of shop stewards to address any employees who are not members of the union, during non-work time.
  - 25.2.3 The right of a shop steward to have protection from victimisation.

## 25.3 Bargaining Agents Fee

- 25.3.1 The company shall advise all employees prior to commencing work for the company that a "Bargaining Agents" Fee of \$500.00 per annum is payable to the union.
- 25.3.2 The relevant employee to which this clause shall apply shall pay the "Bargaining Agents fee" to the union in advance on a pro rata basis for any time which the employee is employed by the company. By arrangement with the union this can be done in quarterly instalments throughout the year.

## 26 TRADE UNION TRAINING LEAVE

- 26.1 Subject to subclause 25.1 of this Clause, an employee appointed or elected as an accredited representative of the Unions ('as defined') to which he/she belongs shall upon application in writing be granted up to five days per annum for the purpose of trade union training leave without loss of pay.
- Nothing in this clause requires that all five days available must be used each year by the employee and the balance of days remaining and the days available for trade union training leave will not accumulate from year to year.

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Granting trade union training leave will be subject to mutual agreement between the employer and the employee. Such agreement will take account of the operational needs of the organisation and course dates at the time.

## 27 RIGHT OF ENTRY

- 27.1 Right of Entry shall be in accordance with the client's site visitor's policy, that is, upon arrival the union official shall present at the front office to sign the visitors' book and notify P.E.T management of their presence on site. The union official shall be allowed to interview union members in company time provided the operational needs of the business are not unreasonably affected.
- 27.2 Except for the provisions of 27.1 Part 7 of Chapter 5 "Entry and Inspection by Officers of Industrial Organisations" of the New South Wales Industrial Relations Act 1996 will apply.

## 28 SUPERANNUATION

## 1 Definitions

- 28.1.1 Unless the contrary intention appears, an expression used in this clause has the same meaning as it has in the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 (the 'Superannuation Act')
- 28.1.2 ordinary time earnings" is the rate of pay referred to in Clause 9.1 of the agreement
- 28.1.3 eligible employee" shall mean an employee whose ordinary time earnings are more than \$250.00 per calendar month.
- 28.1.4 "NESS" shall mean N.S.W Electrical Superannuation Scheme (No. 1).
- 28.1.5 "STA" shall mean Superannuation Trust of Australia.

## 28.2 Contributions

- 28.2.1 The employer must contribute to superannuation at not less than the percentage of ordinary time earnings specified in the Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992 and related legislation. This level of contribution shall be made in respect of all eligible employees.
- 28.2.2 The contributions shall be in line with relevant government requirements
- 28.2.3 The contributions shall be made into NESS or STA.
- 28.2.4 The contributions shall be made monthly or more frequently.
- 28.2.5 The contributions continue until the eligible employee/s employment is terminated or until it is no longer lawful to make contributions.
  - Any employee wishing to enter into a salary sacrifice super contribution arrangement shall provide to PET proof that the employee has consulted an independent financial adviser. Salary

sacrifice payment can be made by such employees wishing the company to deduct payments before tax for contribution to their super fund.

Except for the provisions of this clause the relevant parent awards shall apply.

## 29 REDUNDANCY

- 29.1 Redundancy provisions shall be in accordance with the "Electrical, Electronic & Communications Contracting Industry (State) Award" and the "Metal and Engineering Industry Redundancy (State) Award".
- 29.2 PET will make contributions to MERT on behalf of employees (other than apprentices and trainees) at the rate of \$48 per week worked. Such payment will offset any payment required in accordance with clause 29.1 above.
- 29.3 PET, the Unions and employees, parties to this agreement, agree that the payment of redundancy at the rate of \$46 per week has been paid to all employees for the period up to 15 February 2000. This payment is an offset for any payment required in accordance with 29.1 for that period.
- 29.4 In addition to the provisions as per clause 29.1 upon redundancy unpaid sick leave accrued up to a maximum of ten days will be included in the final payment.

## 30 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

30.1 Termination of employment shall be in accordance with the notice provisions of the Australian Workplace Relations Act 1996. The notice provisions set by Section 170CM(2) are:

Employee's period of continuous service with the	Period of Notice	
employer		
Not more than 1 year	At least 1 week	
More than 1 year but not more than 3 years	At least 2 weeks	
More than 3 years but not more than 5 years	At least 3 weeks	
More than 5 years	At least 4 weeks	

Note: the period of notice granted will be increased by 1 week if the imployee:

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i is over 45 years old; and

- ii has completed at least 2 years of continuous service with the employer.
- 30.2 At the time of termination the employer shall, upon receipt of a request from an employee whose employment has been terminated, provide to an employee

a written statement specifying the period of his or her employment and the classification of, or the type of work performed by the employee.

## 31 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

- The parties to this agreement are committed to resolving grievances through open communication and to achieving a prompt resolution of any grievance. A grievance shall be dealt with in the following manner.
  - 31.1.1 The employee(s) shall attempt to solve the grievance with their immediate supervisor.
  - 31.1.2 Should the matter remain unresolved, or where discussion with the immediate supervisor would be inappropriate, the employee(s) will notify the Manager or a nominated person of the grievance.
  - 31.1.3 The Manager or a nominated person shall arrange a meeting with the employee within 7 days of the notification, or as otherwise agreed to attempt a resolution of the grievance.
  - 31.1.4 The employee will be entitled to have a union representative or nominee present during any of these stages.
  - 31.1.5 Should the matter remain unresolved the matter may be referred to the Industrial Relations Commission of NSW for conciliation and arbitration, in accordance with the *Industrial Relations Act 1996*.
- While these processes are being followed the parties shall be committed to avoid stoppages of work, lockouts or other bans or limitations on the performance of work and the employer shall ensure that all practices applied during the operation of the procedure are in accordance with safe working practices and consistent with established custom and practice at the enterprise.

#### 32 NO EXTRA CLAIMS

- The employer and the unions agree that they will not, for the duration of this agreement, pursue any extra claims except where such claims are consistent with State Wage Case Decisions.
- 32.2 Increases granted through future State Wage Case decisions shall be offset against the minimum rates prescribed by Part B Monetary Rates of this agreement.

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#### 33 RENEGOTIATION

- 33.1 The employer and the employees agree to commence negotiations for a replacement agreement no later than 1 month prior to the expiry of this agreement by holding a mass meeting subject to contract extension.
- 33.2 Subject to this agreement, the employer and the unions agree that they shall bargain collectively in relation to any matter, whether arising from this

agreement or not, and in relation to the renewal, extension, variation or renegotiation of this agreement.

## 34 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

- 34.1 The parties agree to establish a consultative committee to assist the parties improve the productivity, efficiency and to provide for the effective involvement of union members in the decision making process. The committee will consist of an equal number of employer representatives and employee representatives.
- 34.2 The consultative committee will also assist in the role of site training requirements. The committee will ensure an equitable balance of company and employee issues in the preparation, delivery and evaluation of training programs.

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## 35 SIGNATORIES

Signed for and on behalf of Process Engineering Technologies Pty Ltd Transwater (Contract 15020).

(Signature of Witness) (Signature)

GARY TUCER
(Name of Witness)

06/02/02 (Date)

Signed by the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union on behalf of employees to be covered by this agreement.

(Signature of Witness)

Signed by the Electrical Trades Union on behalf of employees to be covered by this agreement.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature)

(Signature)

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## PART B - MONETARY RATES

Table 1						
Classification	Classification Base Rate	From 1 September 2001	From 1 September 2002			
PET 0 PET 1 PET 2 PET 3 PET 4	\$15.58 \$16.36 \$17.18 \$18.81 \$1 <del>9</del> .63	4.25% \$17.65 \$18.54 \$19.46 \$21.31 \$22.24	4.25% \$18.40 \$19.32 \$20.29 \$22.21 \$23.18			
Table 2						
Hours of work Revised Allowances	38 Rate/week	Rate/hour	To be Included in All-Purpose rate?			
Tool Electrical License Sanitary First Aid MERT High Voltage Team Leader Acting Supervisor	\$10.20 \$26.00 \$11.40 \$9.50 \$48.00 \$35.00 \$58.00	\$0.28 \$0.68 \$0.30 \$0.25 \$1.26 \$0.30 \$0.92 \$1.53	Y N N N N			
Table 3						
Apprentice & Trainee Rates Apprentice Level		From 1 September 2001	From 1 September 2002			
1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year 4th Year  Registered Enterprise Agreemen		\$7.79 \$10.20 \$13.90 \$16.32	\$8.12 \$10.63 \$14.49 \$17.01			
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