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**COVERAGE/DESCRIPTION OF** 

**EMPLOYEES:** Applies to employees performing work at Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Unanderra Berkley Road and who are eligible to become members of the Federated Brick, Tile and Pottery Union of Australia and the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union and the Electrical Trades Union of Australia

PARTIES: Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Pty Ltd -&- Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union, New South Wales Branch, Electrical Trades Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch, The Federated Brick, Tile and Pottery Industrial Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch

# SHINAGAWA THERMAL CERAMICS

UNANDERRA BERKELEY ROAD ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 1999-

Between

# SHINAGAWA THERMAL CERAMICS PTY LTD (ACN 082 371 891)

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FEDERATED BRICK TILE AND POSTER! SHOWSTRIAL UNION OF AUSTRALIA

CONSTRUCTION, FORESTRY, MINING AND ENERGY UNION

(NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH)

And

THE AUTOMOTIVE, FOOD, METALS, ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND KINDRED INDUSTRIES UNION, NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

And

ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION OF AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

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### 1. TITLE

This Agreement will be known as the Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Unanderra Berkeley Road Enterprise Agreement 1999 and will be submitted to the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for approval in accordance with section 34 of the Industrial Relations Act, 1996.

# 2. PARTIES BOUND

This agreement is made between Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Pty Ltd (ACN 082 371 891) and the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (New South Wales Branch) and the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union, New South Wales Branch and the Electrical Trades Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch. This agreement will be binding on Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Pty Ltd, the Unions and employees eligible to become members of the Unions who are performing work covered by the Awards at the Company's Unanderra Berkeley Road site.

## 3. **DEFINITIONS**

• "Company" means Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Pty Ltd.

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"Unions" means the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (New South

- "Unions" means the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (New South Wales Branch), the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union, New South Wales Branch and the Electrical Trades Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch.
- "Parties" means the Company, the Union and employees.
- "Site Leadership Team" or "SLT" means the team consisting of management and employee representatives established under clause 6.
- "Commission" means The Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales.
- "Award" means relevantly the Refractory Materials Makers and Assistants (State)
  Award or the Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award.

# 4. APPLICATION OF AWARD

The parties agree that the provisions of the federal Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award (except in respect of any matters dealt with in this agreement) apply to employees who would, but for the operation of this agreement, be covered by that Award.

# 5. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

This agreement has been prepared by representatives of the employees and management. The agreement will take the Company on an evolutionary step towards making it the best refractory manufacturing site in the Asia Pacific. The recognition and development of sustained strategic partnerships between all levels of the organisation is fundamental to this agreement. The Parties are committed as a site to the development of the working relationships between all employees at the Unanderra Berkeley Road site.

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- The Parties will develop the relationships to form a strategic partnership on the site that 5.2 will be long lasting, robust and of mutual benefit. The partnership will be based on absolute trust, commitment and co-operation by all Parties. The Parties will work in an environment where they recognise that the effort and performance of individual employees and the teams to which they belong will result in growth for the Company through the achievement of the business goals in conjunction with the satisfaction and development of individual employees covered by this agreement.
- The strategic partnership will be developed to actively meet all the needs of the business. 5.3 It is recognised that all employees are part of the business and will contribute to defining the business needs.
- The Parties agree that all facets of work at the Unanderra Berkeley Road site are aimed 5.4 to achieve best international standards of excellence and best practice in all relevant areas including
  - operational and business performance,
  - work organisation;
  - workplace flexibility;
  - recruitment practices;
  - continuous improvement;
  - training and development;
  - quality;
  - safety; and
  - harmonious employee relations.
- It is recognised that any work injury at the Company's Unanderra Berkeley Road site is 5.5 totally unacceptable. The SLT through the OH&S committee will involve all employees in ensuring that there is a continuous improvement in the Company's safety performance and working environment. It is an objective of this agreement through all the Parties to achieve and maintain an injury free workplace by implementing the initiatives identified in Clause 8.
- The Parties recognise that the success and viability of the business is based on customer 5.6 focus and at the Unanderra Berkeley Road site, customer focus is a driving force behind our strategies and daily actions. The most significant impact that we can make for the Company is to operate the plant safely, reliably, efficiently and effectively. During the next three years all Parties are committed to developing processes to ensure that all customer needs are met. The Parties are committed to improving the performance of the Unanderra Berkeley Road site by implementing the initiatives identified in Clause 11.

#### **WORK GROUPS** 6.

Employee "Work Groups" will ensure that employees work as a team with their 6.1 supervisor/manager to meet the goals of the business. The work groups will be involved in activities including the development of workplace safety improvement plans,

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- developing employee skill and competency levels, job and skill sharing and the resolution of workplace issues.
- The work groups will assist in the allocation of work roles to group members, and will be responsible for ensuring that each team member has access to necessary training and experience to enable the optimal performance of the work group.
- 6.3 Employees may be transferred and or rotated within areas at the Unanderra Berkeley Road site within their skill levels and classifications.

### 7. THE SITE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- 7.1 The Parties are committed to the establishment and maintenance of processes through which changes to the business and performance of work and the implementation of this Agreement can be discussed and monitored to ensure the interests of all employees and the Company are properly considered.
- 7.2 A "Site Leadership Team" (SLT) will be established to meet Clause 7.1 and consist of three employee and three management representatives. The SLT will operate in a consensus mode.
- 7.3 The SLT will meet regularly to monitor the implementation of this Agreement and discuss any significant workplace issue that affects the business as a whole and which are unable to be resolved through normal channels of communication. Refer to Clause 24.

# 8. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 8.1 The employees covered by this Agreement recognise that they are responsible and accountable for working in a safe manner at all times and in compliance with statutory requirements and the "safe working" policies and practices developed by the Parties and the OH&S Committee.
- 8.2 The SLT will support the OH&S Committee in the development and implementation of safety initiatives aimed to continuously improve the safety performance measures of the work place with the ultimate aim of achieving and maintaining an incident free work place.

# 9. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 9.1 The Parties acknowledge that all employees have the right to work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment. The Parties will not condone such behaviour or a work environment that gives rise to such behaviour, and any allegations of workplace harassment or discrimination will be taken seriously and investigated by the Company.
- 9.2 Recruitment, selection for specific jobs and career progression and promotion will be determined on the basis of merit, competency and potential to effectively perform the job. The document titled Selection Of Unanderra Berkeley Road Employees will be utilised.

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#### HOURS OF WORK 10.

- Employees may be required to work in accordance with the 8 or 12 hour shift roster arrangements set out below or a combination of them.
- 12 hour shift rosters. 10.2

10.2.1 The hours of work will be:

DAY SHIFT: **NIGHT SHIFT:**  7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 7:00 AM.

10.2.2 The parties agree to maintain continuous plant operations throughout the shifts including the crib breaks and shift change-overs. To achieve continuous plant operations all Parties agree to stagger the starting and finishing times.

10.2.3 The staggered starting and finishing times are:

DAY SHIFT:

6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

**NIGHT SHIFT:** 

6:30 PM - 6:30 AM

10.2.4 These times may be changed by mutual agreement and through the SLT.

- 8 hour shift rosters. 10.3
  - 10.3.1 The ordinary hours of work will be thirty eight (38) hours per week, Monday to Friday, eight (8) hours a day averaged over a nineteen (19) day four (4) week cycle.
  - 10.3.2 The spread of normal hours is Day Work 6.00am to 4.00pm and Shift Work 7.00am to 3.00pm and 3.00pm to 11.00pm and 11.00pm to 7.00am. The ordinary hours of day work are to be worked continuously except for crib breaks.
  - 10.3.3 These times may be changed by mutual agreement and through the SLT.
  - 10.3.4 The Work Groups will maintain their own rosters ensuring an agreed complement to safely meet the needs of the business and the Work Group and in accordance with leave requirements.

#### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION** 11.

- The Parties are committed to developing and implementing ongoing quality, 11.1 reliability and other improvement initiatives with the aim of continuously improving customer satisfaction and meeting their needs.
- The improvement initiatives may include: 11.2
  - targeted employee training;
  - active employee participation in improvement teams;
  - active employee participation in the development and implementation of site performance / production measures and subsequent improvement initiatives; and
  - operate plant maintenance to "reliability" maintenance (Total Productive Maintenance - TPM). Registered

# 12. SALARIED WORKING CONDITIONS

- The annualised salaries set out in Attachment 1 include components in recognition that employees may be required to work extra hours outside the ordinary hours of work as set out in sub-clauses 10.2 and 10.3. (see also clause 13)
- 12.2 Employees will be given reasonable notice when required to work outside the normal hours of work.

## 13. ANNUALISED SALARIES

13.1 Employees will be paid an annualised salary. The relevant salaries for each classification are set out in Attachment 1 of this agreement. The classification definitions are set out in the document titled Unanderra Berkeley Road Classification Structure (set out in Attachment 2) for the operators, and the Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award for the trade employees.

The parties agree that the classification structure and definitions may be revised from time to time during the term of this agreement in accordance with the Company's business needs.

The annualised salaries will be inclusive of the following entitlements:

- (i) all Award entitlements including but not limited to:
  - base weekly wage and safety net adjustments;
  - overtime payments including payments for call-in;
  - allowances including leading hand, meal, industry, shift, and other special disability allowances (excluding First Aid);
  - all travel monies;
  - penalty payments; and
  - annual leave loading;
- (ii) quarterly and other lump sum performance payments;
- (iii) other payments previously available under the Unanderra Berkeley Road Plant Productivity Agreement; and
- (iv) any over-award payments or allowances.
- 13.2 Salaries will be paid in equal weekly instalments by means of direct deposit transfer into an account with a financial institution nominated by the employee and acceptable to the Company.
- 13.3 Employees covered by this Agreement will be entitled to the following increases in the salaries set out in Attachment 1 to this Agreement. Any increases in Award rates of pay, including but not limited to increases arising from State Wage Case decisions (including Safety Net Adjustments) will be absorbed into the increases set out below on the first pay period commencing on or after:

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- 28 April 1999, salaries will be increased by 4.5%;
- 26 April 2000, salaries will be increased by 4.5%; and
- 25 April 2001, salaries will be increased by 4.5%.

# 14. MANNING

- 14.1 The Parties agree that manning reductions are to take place in order for the annualised salaries in Attachment 1 to take effect.
- 14.2 The Parties agree that the plant will be operated with only one electrician. The reduction to one electrician will be through one electrician volunteering to permanently transfer to the Port Kembla site.
- 14.3 The Parties agree that the plant will be operated with one less fitter. The reduction of one fitter will be through natural attrition, VER (if available) or dismissal.
- 14.4 The Parties agree that the plant will be operated with one less plant operator. The reduction of one plant operator will be through natural attrition, VER (if available) or dismissal.

# 15. FIRST AID ALLOWANCE

In addition to the salaries in Clause 13, a payment will be made to the annual salary for those people who have a Senior First Aid Certificate. Payment will be made to those nominated by the Company and only one of the payments can be made to an individual.

Salary Increase

Senior First Aid Certificate

\$620 per annum

# 16. CLOTHING ISSUE

On an annual basis, employees will be entitled to a clothing issue based on a points system with each article of clothing and footwear being allocated a certain number of points by the Supply Department. Employees are to ensure that their choice of protective clothing is in accordance with the site Personal Protective Equipment Policy. Additional clothing will be at the discretion of the site Manager. Clothing issues are normally made during January each year.

# 17. ANNUAL LEAVE

17.1 Payments made during periods of annual leave or on termination of employment will be paid for at the annualised salary rate applying at the time. No annual leave loading will be payable.

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#### LEAVE 18.

#### Annual Leave 18.1

Employees will be entitled to annual leave in accordance with the Annual Holidays Act 1944 (NSW) and the Unanderra Berkeley Road Plant Annual Leave Guidelines in place from time to time (see Attachment 3).

#### Sick Leave 18.2

The Company has a discretionary sick leave policy which will apply for the duration of this agreement (see Attachment 4).

#### Long Service Leave 18.3

Employees are entitled to Long Service Leave in accordance with the Long Service Leave Act 1955 (NSW) at the salary rate.

#### Compassionate or Bereavement Leave 18.4

Additional leave will be granted at the discretion of the Work Group and or Management.

#### UNTAKEN SICK LEAVE 19.

The Company, if requested by an employee, will pay to the employee an amount equal to the employee's salary for the period of any un-taken sick leave entitlement which was accumulated before the introduction of the Company's discretionary sick leave policy. Payment of untaken sick leave will be paid at the employee's rate of pay prior to the implementation of annualised salaries. If such payment is made by the Company the proportion of the employee's accumulated sick leave to which the payment relates will be extinguished.

#### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY 20.

- The Company's aim is to maximise employment security. 20.1
- If a downturn in business necessitates a reduction in manning, the Company's priority 20.2 will be to redeploy employees to available positions at any of the Company sites.
- The Company will initially request for volunteers for redeployment. If this fails to get 20.3 sufficient volunteers then redeployment will take place using the Selection Of Unanderra Berkeley Employees document.
- There will be no short term transfers between the Unanderra Berkeley Road Plant and 20.4 the Port Kembla and Gladstonbury Avenue Plants, transfers will be on a permanent basis. As the Unanderra Berkeley Road and the Port Kembla Plants operate on all up salary packages the following conditions will apply on transferring to the Gladstonbury Avenue Plant - a one off payment of \$2500 (less applicable tax) will be made on transfer and the individual will work in accordance with the terms of the Enterprise Agreement applying to employees at the Gladstonbury Avenue Plant . If Gladstonbury Avenue adopts an all up salary package in the future then the one off payment will cease

- 20.5 If re-deployment opportunities are not available the Company may:
  - 19.5.1 invite employees to offer themselves for voluntary early retirement; or
  - invite employees to transfer their employment to BHP in accordance with the arrangement agreed 19 September 1997 between BHP Refractories Pty Ltd, the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, the Communication, Electrical, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia and the AWU-FIME Amalgamated Union in the agreement titled "Agreement re Market and Sale Related Labour Adjustments Port Kembla and Unanderra Plants".
- 20.6 If the reduction in employees achieved by applying steps 20.2, 20.3, 20.4 and 20.5 are insufficient to meet the needs of the business then the Selection Of Unanderra Berkeley Employees document will be used to meet the business needs in manning reductions.

# 21. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- 21.1 It is the Company's and Unions intention that any concerns about the behaviour of all employees be resolved in a timely and pro-active manner. The objective is to address unacceptable employee behaviour to ensure that it ceases.
- 21.2 The following disciplinary procedure will apply to all employees:

# Step 1 - Counselling

The employee will be counselled by the supervisor or company officer. It will be the employee's option as to whether or not he/she desires his/her delegate to be present during the issuing of this counselling. The employee will be advised that failure to show the required improvement in the area for which the counselling has been issued or failure to perform satisfactorily in any other area for which further counselling is warranted, will result in proceeding to the second step of the formal counselling and warning system. The counselling will be recorded on the formal counselling and warning notice and placed on file and shall remain on file for a period of six months.

# Step 2 - First Warning

The first warning is issued to the employee by the supervisor and/or company officer in the presence of the employee's union delegate. The warning will be recorded on the formal counselling and warning notice and placed on file and will remain on file for a period of six months. The employee will be advised that failure to show the required improvement in the area for which the warning has been issued or failure to perform satisfactorily in any other area for which a further warning is warranted, will result in proceeding to the third step of the formal counselling and warning system.

# Step 3 - Final Warning

The final warning is issued to the employee by the supervisor and/or a company officer in the presence of the employee's union delegate. The warning will be recorded on the formal counselling and warning notice and placed on file. Copies of the written warning will be provided to the employee's union delegate and the supervisor. The formal warning remains effective for 12 months. The employee is advised that failure to show

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the required improvement in the area for which the warning has been issued or failure to perform satisfactorily in any other area for which a further warning is warranted, will result in termination of employment with the company. Every employee shall have the right to inspect the formal warning file relating to their own warnings to ensure their accuracy.

# Step 4 - Termination of Employment

The employee is advised by the supervisor and/or a company officer that his/her services are to be terminated for a further breach of his/her duties and obligations for which he/she has received previous counselling and warnings. Where practicable, the employee's union delegate should be present.

Summary Dismissal - The formal counselling and warning system shall not apply to an employee who performs an act of serious misconduct. Such an act warrants instant dismissal and the offending employee will be advised by the supervisor or the company officer of his/her termination of employment. The delegate will be advised of the dismissal as soon as practicable after such dismissal.

- Despite clause 21.2, the Company may at its discretion, elect to suspend an employee without pay for a specified period in appropriate circumstances.

  Such circumstances could include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (i) pending an investigation by the Company into any allegation of misconduct or inappropriate behaviour by the employee;
  - (ii) in conjunction with a written warning or as part of a disciplinary procedure; or
  - (iii) where the employer considers termination of employment warranted but decides that there are mitigating circumstances or factors to be taken into account.

### 22. UNION DELEGATES

- 22.1 The Company is committed to the training and development of union delegates at the site so that they have appropriate skills to successfully perform the following responsibilities:
  - developing positive relationships between employees and management;
  - facilitating the implementation of the Company's enterprise agreement;
  - assisting in the resolution of employee grievances and disputes;
  - improving communications within the workplace;
  - ensuring leadership in planning future direction;
  - liaising with union and industry organisations; and
  - right of entry for union officials.
- 22.2 Subject to approval of their Work Group, Delegates will be given suitable time during work hours to resolve issues.

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The Company will consider requests for paid time off for Union Delegates to 22.3 attend Trade Union Courses.

#### EMPLOYEE LEARNING PROCESS 23.

- The Parties are committed to a continuing process of improving employees' skills, knowledge and competency. The Parties agree to the implementation of skill sharing, and the removal of any restrictions on employees performing any work for which they are suitability trained and competent, and which is SAFE, LEGAL AND LOGICAL. Changes to work practices will be discussed and agreed to by the SLT before implementation.
- The Parties are committed to the objective of employees participating in training. 23.2

#### **Competency Learning** 23.3

- 22.3.1 All learning will be competency based where possible and clearly defined and agreed standards will be set. Both on and off the job training will be provided and financial support will be given by the Company where appropriate. The work groups will be responsible for the scheduling of all employee learning activities.
- 22.3.2 Roles will be defined and agreed in terms of accountabilities and responsibilities in the document Unanderra Berkeley Road Classification Structure (see Attachment 2) and appropriate awards. The roles will be based on business needs with the key tasks being aligned to competency standards.
- 22.3.3 Employees will have ongoing assessment against job roles and competency profiles. The outcome of the assessment will be to identify training gaps which will be addressed in the individual development plan.
- 22.3.4 The work groups will give each employee a development plan to address training gaps. The development plan will be an action plan made up of various training and development activities matched to competencies, which need to be developed. The development plan will be agreed with the team leader in consultation with the work group and will be reviewed regularly. It is the responsibility of the employee, in consultation with the employee's work group, to complete development plans. Financial and other support will be given to the employee for this purpose where appropriate.

#### **DISPUTES PROCEDURE** 24.

#### Step 1 24.1

Any employee or a work team with a grievance about any issue, should try to resolve the issue within the work team. An employee may consult his or her union delegate and involve the representative in any discussions. If the work group needs time to consider options for resolution, normal work must continue until the matter is resolved by the work group or referred to the next stage.

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## 24.2 Step 2

If the matter is not resolved in accordance with step 1, it will be referred to the SLT for consideration. The SLT may consult with the union representatives or obtain any other assistance as is needed to resolve the issues. The SLT must take into account the implications of the issue for the entire work site and other work groups may be consulted if necessary.

# 24.3 Step 3

If the issue cannot be resolved at stage 2, it will be referred to the Commission or an agreed mediator. The Parties will meet their own costs of the mediation.

If the issue is referred to the Commission, the Commission will only be required to conciliate unless the Parties consent to arbitration.

Whilst the above procedure is taking place, normal safe work will continue. No party will be prejudiced as to final settlement by the continuance of work in accordance with this clause.

# 25. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

- 25.1 The Parties will monitor the implementation of the agreement by measuring results against identified performance targets.
- 25.2 Regular performance audits will be conducted by the SLT.
- 25.3 The performance indicators and targets to be monitored will be agreed by the SLT and will be looking for improvements in such measures as:
  - safety;
  - productivity;
  - rejection;
  - customer satisfaction; and
  - up-time.

# 26. WORKPLACE CHANGE INITIATIVES

- Work teams and individual employees are encouraged to develop ideas and initiatives to improve the performance of the workplace.
- New ideas or initiatives which have been developed by a work group or employee should first be submitted to the SLT for consideration before implementation.
- 26.3 Following consideration of the idea or initiative by the SLT, the work group or employee will be notified:
  - (i) whether any further action is proposed in relation to the idea or initiative; and
  - (ii) if any, further action is to be taken.

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### 27. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

27.1 Employment shall be by the week. Notice shall be in accordance with the following:

# 26.1.1 Notice of Termination by the Company

(i) In order to terminate the employment of a full-time or regular part-time employee, the Company will give to the employee the period of notice specified in the table below:

Period of Continuous Service	Period of Notice
One year or less	One week
Over one year and up to the completion of three years	Two weeks
Over three years and up to the completion of five years	Three weeks
Over five years of completed services	Four weeks

- (ii) In addition to the above notice, employees over 45 years of age at the time of the giving of the notice with not less than two years continuous service with the Company will be given an additional weeks notice.
- (iii) The Company may terminate an employee's employment by making a payment of salary in lieu of notice. Employment may be terminated by the employee working part of the required period of notice and by the Company making payment in lieu for the remainder of the period of notice.
- (iv) In calculating any payment in lieu of notice, the relevant part of the employee's annual salary which would have been received in respect of the period of notice had the employee's employment not been terminated will be used.
- (v) The periods of notice in this clause will not apply in the case of dismissal for conduct that justifies instant dismissal.

# 26.1.2 Notice of Termination by Employee

- (i) The notice of termination required to be given by an employee is the same as that required of the Company, except that there is no requirement for the employee to give additional notice based on his or her age.
- (ii) If an employee fails to give notice, the Company has the right to withhold any salary owing to the employee, to a maximum amount equal to the salary for the relevant period of notice.

# 28. PERIOD OF OPERATION OF AGREEMENT

28.1 This Agreement will operate from the date of its approval by the Commission until 24 March 2002. Negotiations for a new agreement will commence 3 months prior to Registered

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expiry of this agreement.

# 29. NO EXTRA CLAIMS

29.1 The Union and employees will not make any claims relating to wages, salaries and conditions of employment during the term of this agreement.

DATED the

day of

1999

30. SIGNATORIES

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SIGNED for and on behalf of The AUTOMOTIVE, FOOD, METALS, ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND KINDRED INDUSTRIES UNION, NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH  Witness Name (printed): David Bourne	Secretary Name (printed): PAUL BASTIAN
SIGNED for and on behalf of ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION OF AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH  Witness Name (printed): LESLEY SRUHAN	Secretary Name (printed): BERNIE RIORDAN
SIGNED for and on behalf of SHINAGAWA  THERMAL CERAMICS PTY LTD  (ACN 016 258 976) in the presence of:  Director or Secretary  Name (printed):	Director Name (printed):  Registered Enterprise Agreement  Industrial Registrar

# ATTACHMENT 1 - ANNUALISED SALARIES

# As of 24/03/1999

# **OPERATIONS**

Level	Shift Work	Day Work
BASIC	\$29600	\$28000
1	\$34600	\$33000
2	\$39600	\$38000
3	\$42600	\$41000
4	\$45900	\$44300
5	\$48960	\$47360
6	\$53040	\$51400
7	\$58140	\$56500

# **MECHANICAL**

Level	Shift Work	Day Work
Basic	\$43600	\$41900
C10	\$53600	\$51900
C7	\$63600	\$61900
C6	\$68500	\$66800

# ELECTRICAL

Level	Shift Work	Day Work
Basic	\$44000	\$42200
C6	\$72000	\$70200
C.5	\$81000	\$79200

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# ATTACHMENT 2 – UNANDERRA BERKELEY ROAD CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

- 1. Scheme Outline
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### 1. Scheme Outline

Unanderra Berkeley Road Competency-based Classification Structure will allow a career path for employees based on a flexible, multi-skilled workforce, with an emphasis on safety and training throughout the units, in addition to job rotation, being the prime elements.

The structure is made up of levels ranging from **Basic Entry** through to **Level 7**. Progression through to **Level 5** is available to **all** employees based on proficiency in skills acquired and maintained for those levels. **Levels 6 and 7** are by appointment only.

Competency Assessment in each Job Unit will be carried out by a delegation nominated by the Training Committee, and consisting of three people: a Team Leader, an Operator who has been deemed competent in the Job Unit, and a Company Representative.

The standards to which an Operator must perform to be considered competent are contained in the Competency Assessment Checklist for each Job Unit. The Checklist is used as a reference during training, and during the assessment itself. To achieve competency to a particular Level, the Operator must accumulate the points allocated to that particular Level.

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# 2. Unit Rating Factors & Point Allocation

Each Job Unit on the Plant was rated to determine the amount of work involved, according to the following factors:

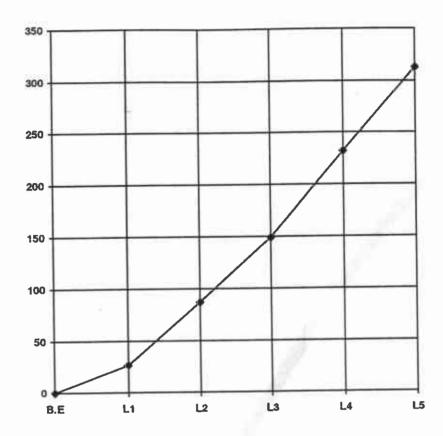
Factor	Points Rating
a. Product Quality & Output (Impact on Process)	0-8
b. Difficulty to Learn	0-10
c. Physical Difficulty & Condition	0-5
d. Complexity (Skill & Knowledge)	0-5
e. Problem Solving	0-5
f. Working with Other (in the Team & outside)	0-5
g. Mental Effort (Concentration & Alertness)	0-5

# 3. Job Units and Ratings

Unit	Points Rating
1. Oil & Greasing	7
2. Amenities	8
3. Basic Press Robots	11
4. Forklift	12
5. Front End Loader	12
6. Bucher Press Die Change	13
7. Fukai Press Die Change	13
8. Transfer Cars Manual Operation	14
9. Raw Materials	19
10.Manual Despatch	21
11.Bucher Press	22
12.Brick Saw	24
13.Fukai Press	25
14.Mixer	26
15.Grinding Room	28
16.Unloader / Packing Line	29
17.Unloader / Packing Line	31 Register

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# 4. Points Structure for Classification Levels



To attain each Classification Level, the following point tallies must be reached:

Level 1	27 Points
Level 2	87 Points
Level 3	149 Points -
Level 4	232 Points
Level 5	313 Points

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5. Level Structure

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BASIC ENTRY	LEVELI	7								
(3 months trial)	Amenities		Bucher Press	22	Brick Saw	24	Mixer	24	#1 Unloader	31
Core Competencies	Forklift	12	Bucher Die Change	4	Fukai Press	25	Grinding Room	28	#2 Unloader	29
Plant Induction	Front End Loader	12	Transfer Cars	13	Fukai Die Change	13	Raw Materials	61	Manual Despatch	21
OH&S Policy	Oiling/ Greasing	7	Basic Robots	=	7					
Environmental Policy										

Achievable:  Points Required to Level 1: 27 Level 2: 87 Level 3: 149 Level 4: 232 Level 5: 313	Maximum Points	39	66	191	232	313
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# Levels 6 and 7

Level 6 and 7 classification are positions with responsibility and accountability for the following (but not limited to) Team Leader functions.

Level 6 Classification is fundamentally for operators who are in training for Level 7 positions and applicable to specialist functions.

Employees in Level 6 & 7 positions must maintain their skills to remain in these positions.

The payrates for Level 6 & 7 positions applies only to the positions and not to the individuals.

### SAFETY

- Ensure all employees, visitors, and contractors comply with company and Unanderra Berkeley Road site specific safety rules and standard procedures.
- Investigate incidents/accidents and complete all required documents and entries.

**ENVIRONMENT** - Ensure all employees, visitors comply to the Company policy.

### PERSONNEL

- Oversee the training in accordance with the classification structure and development of operators.
- Time keeping.
- Communicate with relevant people and organisations.

### **PRODUCTION**

- Manage the running of the business and coordinate his team on a shift basis to meet plant needs.
- Ensure plant performance, schedules and uptime targets are met.
- Trouble shooting and problem solving.

# **QUALITY**

- Ensure product is made to specifications.
- Audit operators against standard operating procedures and AS9001.
- Maintain rejection below budget.
- Develop and update standard procedures, training manuals etc.

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### 7. Rules of the Scheme

- Accreditation to a particular Level will be determined by trained Accreditors and Management: 1 Team Leader, 1 competent Operator and 1 Staff member.
- 2. Competency Level for each Unit will be determined by the above Accreditors, to the standard contained in the Competency Assessment Checklist for the Unit.
- 3. Accreditation and progression through the Level Classifications will be subject to the Plant business needs.
- 4. All employees will be required to participate in training and maintain their proficiency in all the unit functions consistent with their Classification.
- 5. Accreditation to a particular Level requires an achievement of points allocated to that Level. Employees will be re-classified to the next highest Level when they have passed the Competency Assessment checklist for that Level.
- 6. A register of employees will be kept, showing dates of accreditation for their Classification Level.
- 7. Job rotation will allow employees to move throughout the Plant for the purpose of training.
- 8. Management will provide training opportunities for employees in accordance with the Plant business needs and manning requirements.
- 9. Training and refresher training will be determined by the Training Committee, Management and business needs.
- 10. All Operators will participate in training and the training of others up to their own classification.
- 11. All employees will sit through the Competency Assessment Checklist to determine their skill level during the transition from the old classification structure to the new classification structure.
- 12. All employees will be available to train and acquire skills up to and including Level 5 depending on plant business needs, manning requirements and individual abilities.
- 13. All employees will retain their current pay rate until they have been accredited to a higher skill level.
- 14. All employees will be given an opportunity and reasonable time frame to upgrade their skill level to maintain their current rate of pay level. The time frame will be determined by management and the training committee.
- 15. Employees who are unable to upgrade their skill level to match their current pay rate will have their pay rate frozen until such time that their pay rate is equal to their correct skill level so as to ensure creditability of the classification structure and avoid stoppers. Registered Enterprise Agreement

- 16. The number of Level 6 and 7 positions will be determined by management and business needs.
- 17. Employees in Level 6 and 7 positions cannot voluntarily resign without notice from these positions unless there is a suitable replacement and or a vacant position exists on the plant.
- 18. Employees in Level 6 positions will be required to fill Level 7 positions as required at the Level 6 pay rate.
- 19. Employees in Level 6 positions who are required to fill Level 7 positions for a duration exceeding two consecutive calendar months will be paid at the Level 7 pay rate for that period.
- 20. Relief for the day work dispatch position would preferably come from a day worker employee. However if there is no day work employee regardless of the reason or the day worker is not suitable then the relief for the day work dispatch position would come from the Team Leader on day shift at that time or from the Store position.

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# ATTACHMENT 3 - UNANDERRA BERKELEY ROAD ANNUAL LEAVE GUIDELINES

- 1. Employees will be notified by their anniversary date that they have received the annual leave which must be taken within 6 months.
- 2. Annual leave forms must be completed and submitted a minimum 4 weeks prior to the required date.
- Minimum annual leave to be taken is 1 full pay block.
- 4. Only one shift CFMEU person per shift to be on annual leave at any time.
- 5. Only one day worker CFMEU to be on annual leave at any time.
- 6. Only one electrician to be on annual leave at any time.
- 7. Only one fitter to be on annual leave at any time.
- 8. Annual leave must be taken within 6 months post anniversary date. The company may at times advance annual leave upto 6 months prior to anniversary date.
- 9. Annual leave not taken within 6 months post anniversary date must be approved in accordance with the *Annual Holidays Act* (1944) (NSW). Approval must be made with the Registrar.
- 10. Outstanding annual leave after a plant shutdown must be taken within a 6 month period of the plant shutdown.
- 11. Employees with accrued annual leave will be approached and asked if they would like to take their accrued annual leave or leave it as per the *Annual Holidays Act (1944)* (NSW).
- Emergency annual leave will be treated as per current practice.
- 13. Long Service leave will be taken in accordance with the Long Service Leave Act (1955) (NSW).

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# ATTACHMENT 4- DISCRETIONARY SICK LEAVE POLICY

- 1.1 The Company regards sick leave as being an insurance against loss of salary in time of genuine ill health or injury, and the Company's sick leave policy provides for the salary being continued for a reasonable period subject to the following conditions.
- 1.2 Payment of sick leave is at the discretion of the Company and each case will be treated on its merits. No distinction is made between ordinary illness or personal injury and injury received from outside sporting and other activities.
- 1.3 Sick leave payment is based on the relevant employee's salary.
- To receive sick leave payment an employee must arrange for their supervisor to be advised, prior to normal commencing time, that they are unable to attend work and as far as practicable state the nature of the injury or illness and the estimated duration.
- Where an employee is off work on sick leave for a period of one week or more, a doctor's certificate stating that they are fit to return to work must be supplied.

  Absences on the days before and or the days after a Public Holiday or an Annual Leave period will require a Medical Certificate for payment.
- Where an employee's attendance level becomes unacceptable to the Company, the Company will implement the Disciplinary Procedure. As part of implementing this procedure, the employees concerned may require additional proof of absence or illness.

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