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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## JOINT STATEMENT - PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION - CUPE

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** - The Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 1004 would like to clarify statements made about potential job action at the PNE or its Playland division.

The PNE and CUPE 1004 are currently in negotiations for a collective agreement, but work disruptions occurring with CUPE 1004 membership in the City of Vancouver will not affect the PNE or Playland because although both groups are members of CUPE 1004 – they are different certifications, so negotiate separately.

"Negotiations are progressing well and we are hopeful for a positive settlement coming shortly," says CUPE National Representative Neil Bradbury. "As of now, there is no anticipated job action at Playland or any of the PNE's operations, indeed we're focused on arriving at a settlement and looking forward to the Fair."

"The PNE is looking forward to reaching a successful agreement with our CUPE union membership," says Stacy Shields, Vice President of Human Resources for the PNE.

For more information about the Pacific National Exhibition visit: www.pne.ca.

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 17-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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