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Vancouver, B.C. – The Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is pleased to announce the successful completion of bargaining with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1004 which represents 4000 PNE employees.

Members of CUPE Local 1004 and the PNE's Board of Directors have ratified the memorandum of agreement which was recommended by both bargaining committees. The new collective agreement runs from January 1st, 2011 until December 31st, 2013 and highlights of the deal include:

- General wage increases of 1.5% over each of the three years of the agreement;
- Increase to the lowest Fairtime pay grade from \$9.95/hour to \$10.33/hour;
- Increase to the lowest Playland pay grade from \$10.05/hour to \$10.33/hour;
- Improvements to Employee Benefits plans.

Although best known for the 17 day annual Fair, the PNE also operates Playland Amusement Park and a vibrant year-round facility rental and maintenance division that is responsible for the upkeep, rentals and management of the 114-acre Hastings Park site, including all of the buildings on the site.

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

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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