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To: Employers Affected by CLR Refractory Bricklayers - Construction and Maintenance and Refractory Labourers - Maintenance Collective Agreements

From: R. Neil Tidsbury

Re: Vehicle and Travel Allowances

On December 22nd, Finance Canada posted "*Government Announces the 2018 Automobile Deduction Limits and Expense Benefit Rates for Business*" (see <http://www.fin.gc.ca/n17/17-131-eng.asp>). The relevant provisions of that release are below:

1. The limit on the deduction of tax-exempt allowances that are paid by employers to employees who use their personal vehicle for business purposes for 2018 will be increased by 1 cent to 55 cents per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres driven, and to 49 cents per kilometre for each additional kilometre to reflect that, since the last change to this limit, the per kilometre costs associated with owning and operating an automobile have increased by roughly 1 cent. ...

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of the above noted collective agreements, the vehicle allowance will rise to 52 cents per kilometre effective the first pay period following May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019.

All other travel allowances will remain unchanged as per the applicable collective agreement.

Representatives of the Building Trades of Alberta have reviewed and concurred with this information.

Sincerely,
**Construction Labour Relations –
An Alberta Association**

R. Neil Tidsbury, President, and
Secretary to the Coordinating Committee of Registered Employers' Organizations

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