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From *The Canadian Press*, July 26, 2010 - 2:50 p.m.

## United Steelworkers and Western Forest Products reach deal on B.C. coast

By The Canadian Press

BURNABY, B.C. - The United Steelworkers said Monday it has reached a tentative agreement with Western Forest Products (TSX:WEF) covering some 2,400 workers at sawmilling and woodland operations on the B.C. coast.

The union said the four-year agreement, which expires in June 2014, enhances job security, improves health and welfare benefits, stabilizes the long-term disability plan, improves severance pay and rebuilds preferential hiring protections.

The tentative deal also includes a signing bonus, general wage increases in the third and fourth year and significant adjustments to trades rates.

Steelworkers Local 1-1937 and Local 1-85 represent workers on Vancouver Island, the B.C. coast and Haida Gwaii.

Western Forest Products has eight sawmills and four remanufacturing plants.

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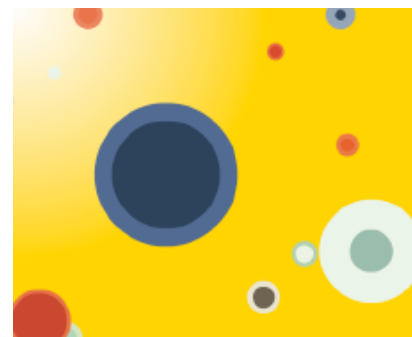
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