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United Steelworkers reaches tentative labour deal with West Fraser

By The Canadian Press

BURNABY, B.C. - The United Steelworkers union has reached a series of tentative agreements with West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (TSX:WFT) in the B.C. northern Interior.

The union said Friday the deal enhances job security, improves benefits, stabilizes the long-term-disability plan and improves language regarding permanent and partial closures of manufacturing operations.

The four-year agreement, which expires on June 30, 2013, includes a \$250 signing bonus and general wage increases in the third and fourth years.

Workers will vote on the agreements over the next two to three weeks.

The agreements reached Thursday for plywood plants in Quesnel and Williams Lake followed deals at sawmills in Houston and Fraser Lake on Wednesday.

An agreement was reached at the company's sawmill in 100 Mile House in the first week of October.

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