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RE: CLAIM FOR HEIGHT MONEY

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2006

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DECISION

This dispute relates to a claim by the Union for the multi-storey allowance to apply to works being undertaken by their members on the J Cade "Building at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The claim resulted in a visit by Panel Representatives to the site on 23 October, 2006 which was followed by a Conference between the parties.

A hearing of the matter was held on Friday 17th November 2006 at which time the Union outlined its claim based on the fact that their members are engaged on plumbing and air-conditioning systems servicing an adjacent building (Baulderstone). All workers within that project are in receipt of multi-storey allowance and given that the plumbing and air-conditioning systems are one and the same, therefore the allowance should also be paid to those workers on the J Cade " section of the works.

The employers stated that by whatever measure the work in question did not meet the criteria for the payment of multi-storey allowance in accordance with the Award.

Having considered the arguments put by the parties, the Panel finds that there can be no doubt that the building in question (J Cade Building) does not meet the required Award formula for the application of multi-storey allowance.

In turning to the issue in respect to the effect of separate contracts on the same work systems, the Panel is not in a position to determine the contractual arrangements undertaken with the Client. However, in the event that any employee engaged on the project in question, be required to undertake any works on the adjacent (Baulderstone) building under construction, then such employees should be in receipt of the appropriate multi-story allowance for the period so engaged.

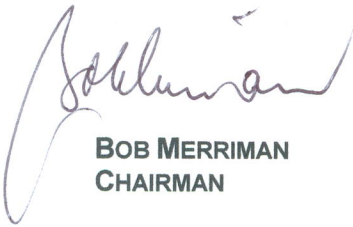
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