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Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Announces New Workers' Advisor

Yellowknife, NT (January 3, 2017) – Today, the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) welcomes the appointment of Mr. Patrick Scott of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, as the new Worker's Advisor for the Northwest Territories & Nunavut.

Appointed by the Northwest Territories Minister Responsible for the WSCC, the Honourable Glen Abernethy, Mr. Scott begins his three-year term as an advocate for injured workers.

The Workers' Advisor acts independently and impartially from the WSCC, helping injured workers and their dependants through every step of the claims process, like:

- Getting information from the WSCC;
- Talking with the WSCC about the claim and trying to work out a solution to areas of disagreement;
- Explaining the WSCC process and decisions;
- Helping decide if more information is necessary to support their case;
- Reviewing file evidence;
- Helping prepare and present their case to all WSCC decision-making levels; and
- Helping to find other community services that might be of assistance.

"Beginning the claims process can appear intimidating," says Dave Grundy, WSCC President & CEO. "The Workers' Advisor is an important member of a claimant's team, and Mr. Scott will certainly be an asset."

Injured workers can find out more about the Workers' Advisor online at workersadvisor.ca.

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Together, with our partners, the WSCC provides services to almost 40,000 workers and 4,000 employers across the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. We process over 3,000 claims and conduct over 1,000

inspections annually to ensure the safety of Northern workplaces. The WSCC is unique in Canada as it is the only workers' compensation organization in the country to insure workers across more than one province or territory. We proudly offer services in the official languages of both territories.