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Re: AECI Policy on EPACE / Further comment from Labour Court Hearing / Raffle / AGM 7th March 2009

Dear Members,

1. **AECI Policy on EPACE** - AECI Executive Council decided, in December 2006, to withdraw from all EPACE activities until such time as EPACE address the issue of independent inspectors and that is still the case to-day.

The issue of co-operating with EPACE Inspections is a matter for each individual Contractor, because in order to get a Certificate of Compliance from EPACE it may be required to accept inspection. EPACE do not have any statutory powers but are in a position to refer cases to the Labour Court where severe penalties may be handed down for non-compliance to the electrical REA (Registered Employment Agreement).

The current electrical REA stipulates the requirement to make Pension and Sick Pay Contributions for Employees in the Electrical Contracting Industry but does **not** make any reference to EPACE Contributions.

2. **Labour Court Hearing** - Further to the recent email of the 20th January 2009 (Re Hearing at Labour Court) to our Members, this memo turned up and was read out by Mr. Roddy Horan (Counsel NECI) during Wednesday 21st January 2009 at the Hearing and the accurate reporting of this issue is as follows:

We can confirm that:

- a) There was an AECI delegate present in the Labour Court on Wednesday morning 21st of January 2009 when the above mentioned notice to AECI Members was produced to the Hearing.
- b) Our delegate in the Labour Court sought clarification from the presiding Chairman regarding the Labour Court's records on AECI's position.
- c) It was confirmed that the AECI's position **is as stated** in the letter produced by AECI to its Members on the 20th January 2009.

3. **2009 Subscription/Incentives** - We want to thank the Members who have already submitted the 2009 Subscription and we are giving an incentive to include these Members and other Members who pay before the end of January 2009, in the form of a raffle for vouchers with a hotel stay for 2 and other such incentives to those Members.

4. **2009 AGM** - Our AGM is planned for Saturday the 7th March 2009 at 10am in Portlaoise. We would like to see all our Members make a big effort to attend this occasion.

Best Regards

Chris Lundy
Executive Secretary AECI