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## **Dear Members,**

Just to update you on some of the important issues that we are currently dealing with:

### 1. TEEU Strike Action – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009

The AECI, ECA and TEEU met in the Maldrone Hotel, Portlaoise on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 with a view to seek common ground to avert the upcoming strike. Unfortunately after making our case strongly for a reduction in pay the TEEU were adamant that their members are seeking increases in pay for 2008 and 2009. So an agreement could not be reached at this meeting and accordance with TEEU, Strike Action is going ahead.

**(See attached detailed letter suggested to give to your employees).**

### 2. EPACE

The issue that most of our members have with EPACE was discussed and length with strong views from the TEEU which exposed that they would be happy to keep to control on the working of EPACE as AECI and ECA have both withdrawn their support. They finally agreed to look at the issues that we outlined regarding the negative side and operation with EPACE and they are willing to discuss this matter further to try to make EPACE more acceptable and workable.

### 3. REA (Register Employment Agreement)

As we informed you previously a subcommittee was formed some time ago to carry out a restructuring of the REA as requested by the Labour Court. This Draft document was finally completed on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and submitted to the chairman of the ENJIC (Electrical National Joint Industrial Council) who then passed it on to the officials in the TEEU. The memo that came out from the TEEU (Mr. Eamonn Devoy) on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to all their members highlighted some of our suggested changes in the REA to the various clauses. It must be pointed out that these changes were merely our subcommittee's suggestions and 'not written in stone', but for discussion. The TEEU have discarded our suggested Draft REA as 'a joke', without submitting their alternative suggestions. ***Your point of view or the issues would be welcomed.***

### 4. Compliance Bill

A delegation from the AECI met with the Junior Minister of Enterprise and Employment Mr. Dara Calleary and his associates. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the **how**, **when** and **if** NERA/EPACE gain statutory powers and the qualification and background of the inspectors selected.

Yours Sincerely,

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Chris Lundy  
Executive Secretary