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Dear Electricians,

By now the result of the AECI Ballot Paper on the Labour Court Recommendations is widely known (almost 80% rejected by AECI Members).

Presently there is a great calm in the Electrical/Construction Industry perhaps it is because of the holiday period or maybe the lack of projects starting up or lack of work generally.

Representatives of the AECI are, however, involved in meetings this week with various parties including a planned ENJIC (Electrical National Joint Industrial Council) meeting. We will keep you informed as to the outcome of these meetings.

It has been shown in the past few weeks during our discussion with ECA (Electrical Contractors Association), TEEU (Technical Engineering & Electrical Union) and the LRC (Labour Relations Commission) that our genuine strength in membership has helped our cause and forced these Bodies to listen to our point of view.

It is high time however that the Electrical Industry as **a whole**, pull together to overcome the difficulties our Industry faces and achieve conditions that will help Electrical Contractors compete and gain work when our economy returns to normality.

The fragmentation of the Electrical Industry into smaller representative Bodies, I have no doubt, has had an adverse effect on the welfare of Electrical Contractors in Ireland as it has confused the public at large and weakens the objectives of our Industry to achieve our aims.

Yours Sincerely,
Chris Lundy

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Executive Secretary of the AECI