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Dear Members,

1. Emergency Lighting Course – Changes to I.S. 3217: Code of Practice for Emergency Lighting

AECI Meeting with NSAI held on the 20th of January 2009. AECI were represented by Brian Flanagan and Michael Mangan.

Among the matters discussed were the changes to the Code of Practice and the effect that these changes will have for the Electrical Contracting Industry. AECI emphasised the fact that AECI Contractors have been carrying out this work over the years and that AECI Members were named in the old Code of Practice as being qualified to certify emergency lighting installations. This appears to have been omitted from the new Code of Practice.

The cost of training in the new Code of Practice was also brought to the attention of the NSAI delegation, as well as the cost of taking time out from work for three days to participate in the training and the cost of staying away from base to attend training in Dublin. NSAI agreed to look at the cost factor for AECI Members and also to look at the possibility of running the training at centres throughout the country.

It was agreed to hold a further meeting at a later date when both parties will have had time to study the implications of the changes and the training requirements for AECI Members.

2. 2009 Subscription

My sincere thanks to the many contractors who have already responded with their 2009 Subscriptions. If you have not already done so, could I please urge you do so.

3. Raffle

The result of the raffle for paying the 2009 Subscription before the end of January 2009 is as follows:

1st place – **Michael Fleming**, Flemings Electrical, Co. Wexford (Gift Voucher for 2 Nights Bed & Super Breakfast Buffet for 2 people at Radisson Hotel in Athlone)

2nd place – **Alan Commins**, Alan Commins Electrical, Co. Kilkenny (Gift Voucher for 1 Night Accommodation for 2 people & Full Irish Breakfast at Comfort Inn Hotel in Portlaoise)

3rd place – **Patrick Naughton**, Patrick Naughton Electrical, Co. Galway (Gift Voucher for 1 Night Bed & Breakfast for 2 people at Kilkenny River Court Hotel)

Well done and enjoy the stay.

We will now include the 2009 Subscriptions paid in by the end of February 2009 for a further raffle. So, even if you don't like winning raffles, I again urge you to send in your cheque for your 2009 Subs.

4. Labour Court Hearing

Just to remind you that the 'Hearing' at the Labour Court resumes today for submissions and AECI again have a presence there to monitor the procedures.

For an update on the 'Hearing' please go to our website www.aeci.ie and also see link to IER report.

5. Seminar and Training

We are still taking names for the upcoming 'Quigg Golden Government New Conditions of Contract for public works'. The date has yet to be agreed but is anticipated to be early March 2009.

An **Information Evening** on 'Employment Law' and 'Financial/Accounting Practice' is being arranged and you will be advised of the Date and Venue.

Best Regards

Chris Lundy
Executive Secretary