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NOTICE TO CANADIAN AFFILIATES OF THE AMPTP AND CMPA MEMBER COMPANIES SIGNATORY TO THE 2012 BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON COUNCIL OF FILM UNIONS MASTER AGREEMENT:

Re: Safety Committees

At the March 14, 2013 meeting of the Consultation Committee established under the British Columbia and Yukon Council of Film Unions ("B.C. Council") Master Agreement, representatives of the B.C. Council raised as a topic of discussion: Safety Committees.

This is a reminder that the Part 3, Division 4 of the Workers Compensation Act of BC requires:

"An employer must establish and maintain a joint health and safety committee

- (a) in each workplace where 20 or more workers of the employer are regularly employed, and
- (b) in any other workplace for which a joint committee is required by order."

WorkSafeBC provides a *Joint Health & Safety Committee Workbook* at the following link: http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/health and safety/by topic/assets/pdf/jointoch.pdf

In the Workbook, it is pointed out that the committee itself does not have the authority to act on its own recommendations and adds that it "is vital that the employer representatives have sufficient authority to act upon many matters agreed upon at a meeting."

Please instruct Production Managers on your Company's productions working within the jurisdiction of the B.C. Council of this requirement by WorkSafeBC.

Sincerely,

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