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Airport Authority Calling PSAC Back to the Bargaining Table

ST. JOHN'S, NL, Friday, December 14, 2012 – The Authority is calling on PSAC's bargaining team to return to the table early next week to resume negotiations on all outstanding issues.

Following 90 days on strike, PSAC agreed with the Mayor's proposed resolution to return to the table and negotiate on all outstanding issues. The Authority also agreed with that resolution.

While the silence from PSAC's bargaining team has been deafening, the Authority has taken the initiative and reserved meeting space at a local hotel in St. John's. The Authority will have its bargaining team at the hotel meeting space to await meeting with the Union's bargaining committee. The federal mediator is also being invited to attend and work with both parties towards a settlement.

The Authority expects the Union to attend and honour its commitment made to the Mayor to negotiate all outstanding issues.

“The union says this strike can be settled quickly, and we agree. The Authority presented the Union with a proposal on November 21, 2012 and it has been almost one month without a response. We look forward to receiving PSAC's response on all outstanding issues,” said Keith Collins, President and CEO of the St. John's International Airport Authority. “The Authority has made it very clear that it has a right to expect its issues to be resolved as part of an overall

settlement. We expect PSAC to address those issues in the same manner that the Authority has agreed to address PSAC's expectation of wage increases."

St. John's International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit organization with the mandate to provide the region with a safe, cost-efficient transportation facility that is a catalyst for economic growth. Under the provisions of a long-term Ground Lease with the Federal Government of Canada, the Airport Authority is responsible for the airport's operations on behalf of the community it serves.