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Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Release Assessment Rates for 2021

Yellowknife, NT (November 30, 2020) – The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (WSCC) has announced that the 2021 employer assessment rates will be maintained at the 2020 rate levels.

“Against the backdrop of the economic uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are pleased to be able to provide rate stability next year for employers in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut,” said Debbie Molloy, WSCC President and CEO.

“While the average rate remains the same, some employers will see some changes in their group rates. The safety performance of every industry and the employers within it always matters.

“The WSCC is working to support employers to create and maintain strong safety programs and solid return to work programs. Preventing injuries and making sure people can safely return to work as soon as possible is what will ultimately make the biggest difference in the amount employers pay,” said Molloy.

In 2021, the average provisional target assessment rate per \$100 of assessable payroll will hold at \$2.40.

This provisional target rate is the rate employers would pay if there was only one rate for all employers and is the starting point for rate setting. The amount each individual employer pays is based on their annual payroll and the group rate for their industry based on claims costs.

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Together with our partners, the WSCC provides services to almost 40,000 workers and 4,000 employers across the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. We process over 3,000 claims and conduct over 1,000 inspections annually to ensure the safety of Northern workplaces. The WSCC is unique in Canada as it is the only workers' compensation organization in the country to insure workers across more than one province or territory. We proudly offer services in the official languages of both territories.

