

News Releases Air Canada comments on developments in IAMAW tentative agreement ratification process

MONTREAL, July 6 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada said today that it has been advised by the IAMAW that the tentative pension funding moratorium and labour stability agreements reached by the parties on June 8, 2009 would be resubmitted for ratification to the membership.

On July 1, 2009 the IAMAW had advised that the tentative agreements were narrowly rejected by one of its bargaining units as follows:Clerical - 93.2% in favour Finance - 87.5 % in favour

Technical, Maintenance and Operational Support - 50.8% againstln view of these results, the Company and the IAMAW held discussions over the weekend and agreed on the clarification of certain issues and for a prompt revote on the original agreements.

The Company has concluded agreements on a cost neutral basis for collective agreement extensions with its entire unionized workforce in Canada, in addition to having reached tentative agreements on a pension funding moratorium. The agreements are subject to a number of conditions including ratification by the membership of each of the five unions, the adoption by the Federal Government of an Order-in-Council amending Air Canada's pension funding rules and Air Canada raising a minimum of \$600 million in new financing.

The CAW and CALDA contracts have been ratified and the ratification process is ongoing with ACPA and CUPE.

The IAMAW represents approximately 12,300 Technical, Maintenance and Operational Support, Clerical and Finance Employees at Air Canada.

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