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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Human Rights Commission announces that a Board of Inquiry will commence on Tuesday, July 8th, 2003 to hear the complaint of George Smith of Harbour Grace.

Mr. Smith filed a human rights complaint alleging that his former employer, PCL Industrial Constructors Ltd., discriminated against him on the basis of a physical disability when he was laid off in March, 2001. Mr. Smith's lay off occurred 4.5 days after a three month absence from work to recover from a workplace injury. Mr. Smith had been employed as a welder at the Bull Arm construction site. The complaint has not been resolved during the Commission investigation.

The hearing into the complaint, which is open to the public, is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at the Labour Relations Hearing Room, 5th Floor, Beothuck Building, 20 Crosbie Place, St. John's, Newfoundland. Valerie Marshall, a Solicitor from St. John's, has been assigned to hear the matter.

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