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THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: Recognition of Bursitis, Tendinitis and Tenosynovitis
as Occupational Diseases

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to section 82 of the *Workers Compensation Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 492 and amendments thereto ("*Act*"), the Board of Directors must set and revise as necessary the policies of the Board of Directors, including policies respecting compensation, assessment, rehabilitation, and occupational health and safety;

AND WHEREAS:

The Board has authority under section 1 and section 225 of the *Act* to designate or recognize a disease as an occupational disease without specifying that it is peculiar to or characteristic of a particular process, trade or occupation, by including that occupational disease in the *Occupational Disease Recognition Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 71/99 ("*ODR Regulation*");

AND WHEREAS:

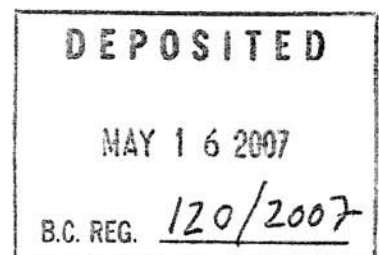
Schedule B of the *Act* was amended in 2000 to list specific forms of bursitis, tendinitis and tenosynovitis rather than listing these diseases generally.

AND WHEREAS:

Pursuant to the Provincial Government's Regulatory Reform Policy, the Board of Directors has evaluated the proposed regulatory amendments according to the established regulatory criteria.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES THAT:

1. To confirm that the Board recognizes bursitis, tendinitis and tenosynovitis as occupational diseases without specifying that they are peculiar to or

characteristic of a particular process, trade or occupation, the changes to the *ODR Regulation*, as per the attached Appendix "A", and consequential amendments to *Rehabilitation Services & Claims Manual*, Vol. II, policy item #26.03, *Recognition by Regulation of General Application*, as per the attached Appendix "B", are approved.
2. The Regulatory Criteria Exemption Form attached as Appendix "C" is approved.
3. The above amendments to the *ODR Regulation* will be deposited with the Registrar of Regulations in such form as may be required by the Registrar.
4. The above amendments to the *ODR Regulation* come into force 90 days after their deposit under the *Regulations Act*.
5. The above amendments to policy are effective on the date that the above noted regulatory amendments come into force and apply to all initial decisions on or after that date.
6. This resolution constitutes a policy decision of the Board of Directors.

DATED at Richmond, British Columbia, March 20, 2007

By the Workers' Compensation Board



**DOUGLAS J. ENNS, CHAIR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

APPENDIX A

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES THAT:

- 1 *Section 1 of the Occupational Disease Recognition Regulation, B.C. Reg. 71/99, is amended by adding the following diseases:*

Bursitis (other than the forms of bursitis mentioned in Item 12 of Schedule B of the Act);

Tendinitis, Tenosynovitis (other than the forms of tendinitis and tenosynovitis mentioned in item 13 of Schedule B of the Act).

- 2 This amendment comes into force 90 days after its deposit under the Regulations Act.

August 14, 2007

Dated at Richmond, British Columbia, March 20, 2007

By the Workers' Compensation Board



DOUGLAS J. ENNS, CHAIR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS