



# Press Release

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## Catalyst employees vote to strike

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**VANCOUVER** – At locations in Campbell River, Powell River and Crofton, Catalyst employees have voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action. The vote, taken last week, showed strike support of 95%.

"It's unfortunate that it has come down to this," said Mike Fenton, CEP National Staff Representative. "The employer knows that we are committed to achieving the pattern agreement without any other concessions, so this falls squarely on their shoulders."

At this time, the union is mulling over its options. "Our goal is to negotiate the pattern agreement with Catalyst. We have committed to this with all the other employers and if Catalyst is hoping for a special deal, they are mistaken," concludes Mr. Fenton.

CEP has already settled the pattern agreement with Canfor, Howe Sound Pulp and Paper, West Fraser, Domtar and Kruger here in British Columbia. Catalyst was the lead company in negotiations six years ago when they were named Norske Canada. At the time, the agreement was considered a breakthrough in pulp and paper negotiations in Canada.

CEP represents 15,000 members in British Columbia. It also represents 150,000 workers across Canada, including 40,000 members in the forest products sector.

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