

OTTAWA, Sept. 28, 2013 /CNW/ - The Honourable Dr. K. Kellie Leitch, Minister of Labour and Minister of Status of Women, congratulated Canadian North and Unifor, Local 2002 (formerly known as the General Workers Union of Canada (CAW-Canada)), on reaching an agreement which has been ratified by the membership.

"I am pleased that Canadian North and Unifor, Local 2002, have worked together to achieve an agreement," said Minister Leitch. "Both parties remained focused on the negotiation process which was beneficial in avoiding any work stoppages and ensured uninterrupted services at Canadian North."

Canadian North airline provides scheduled flights and cargo services throughout Nunavut and the Northwest Territories . The previous collective agreement, covering 146 ticket agents and cargo handlers, expired on December 31, 2012 .

The Labour Program's Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service provides dispute resolution and prevention assistance to trade unions and employers under the *Canada Labour Code*.

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