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**More To Gain  
From Your Union**

Helping you to gain the best representation  
and fairness at work

For all employees at

**EWS Railway Ltd**



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## Mobility Allowance for EWS Engineering staff

A mobility allowance is being introduced to recognise those engineering staff who support the business by agreeing to work away from home for periods of time throughout the working year

For each night lodging away from home, an allowance of £20 taxable will be payable

Engineering standard hotel conditions will apply for staff working away from home.

Where engineering staff have to work at another location for a short period of time, they will not suffer a financial loss in such a situation.

This allowance will apply to engineering staff based in the UK, who agree to lodge in other parts of the UK/ Europe in order to assist production. It does not apply to engineering staff who are currently based/ seconded to work in Europe.

## COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE RAILWAY PENSION SCHEME

There is going to be a Pension Commission established in accordance with the following framework to review the Railway Pension Scheme.

### Membership

The Train Operating Companies, Network Rail, the Freight Operating Companies, the Infrastructure Companies, the companies within the omnibus section and the Rail Unions ("the Sponsors") will work together to ensure that as soon as reasonably practicable a Commission comprising of the following independent members is established:-

- A Chair, with expert knowledge of pensions, drawn from outside the rail industry, and subject to the approval of the Sponsors; and
- Two wing members, one to be nominated by the employers and the other by | the rail unions.

The Commission will be assisted in its work by two representatives from within the industry ("the Representatives"), one nominated jointly by the employers and the other nominated jointly by the rail unions, and whose role will be to facilitate the collation of evidence and the monitoring of the costs of the Commission.

### Terms of reference for the Commission

Against a background of rising costs of pension provision, the perceived constraints of the current Railway Pension Scheme and the rail unions' pension campaign objectives, the Commission as a first step will seek to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Scheme. It will then, in the context of the current legal framework (and taking into consideration any pending legislation) and the commercial structure of the industry, consider what, if any, alternative means of long term pension provision might be available for consideration by industry stakeholders, including consideration of structural reform, which is fair and affordable to both employees and employers.

**The EWS Engineering National Council would like to inform all Engineering staff that EWS Railway have sign up to the review**

## Freight on Rail

### AMICUS is joining the Freight on Rail campaign with the CSEU

The Freight on Rail campaign's aim is to get goods off roads and onto our railways as an important step in developing a more sustainable distribution system.

Freight on Rail is a partnership between the transport trade unions, the Rail Freight Group, Railtrack, Transport 2000 and the rail freight operating companies.

Freight on Rail works to promote the economic, social and environmental benefits of rail freight, both nationally and locally. It advocates policy changes that support the shift to rail and provides information and help on freight related issues.

To find out more information about the Freight on Rail campaign go to :

<http://www.freightonrail.org.uk>

## Amicus National Sector Conferences 2006

The Amicus Transport Sector Conference requested that the National Sector Committee of the union campaigns for the re-installment of the employee travel facilities for all employees that work in the industry along with campaigns for Apprentice training number to be increased and investment support for the Rail Industry

### Amicus is the largest engineering union within the Rail Industry delivering professional representation and extensive legal support for Amicus members

Organisers - EWS Engineering National Council

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**The Rail industry is changing rapidly and now more than ever  
Rail workers need the professional support of  
a union that puts its members first**

  
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