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**Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting employees issued lock out notice.**

Surrey, BC, August 20, 2012 – Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting would like to advise motorists and residents of the East Kootenay region that we have issued lockout notice to our employees. The lockout commenced on Sunday, August 19, 2012.

Essential services as dictated by the Labour Relations Board will be maintained throughout this labour action.

The province of BC is divided into twenty-eight maintenance service areas. Twenty-seven of those areas successfully reached settlements in March, 2012. Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting's offers have been consistent with the agreements negotiated by all other service areas across the province, but our employees have flatly rejected our offers.

Collective bargaining began in December, 2011, and has reached the point where the union's bargaining committee has declined to meet to discuss our most recent offer. Repeated attempts have been made to resume bargaining, but the union has been unwilling to meet.

This lockout action has been initiated to bring the union back to the table in order to secure a new collective agreement and prevent any labour action from affecting our winter operations.

Mainroad is committed to safety on our highways and will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience caused by this labour action. The public is encouraged to call Mainroad toll free anytime at 1-800-665-4929 to report unsafe road conditions.

About Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting LP

Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting LP is a division of the Mainroad Group, a 100% employee-owned British Columbia company specializing in infrastructure products and services. Mainroad was formed in 1988 and has successfully held the maximum number of Government road maintenance contracts in BC since then. The company has become one of BC's most diversified groups of civil infrastructure, maintenance and construction experts. The Company is dedicated to providing Government, communities, and the public with the very best in road maintenance, services: effectively, efficiently, and safely.

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