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BMW WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS — ORGANIZING WIN ON VAE NORTRAK CHEYENNE, INC.

Southfield, MI — When the votes were counted on Thursday, April 15, 2004, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes (BMW) became the official representative of production and maintenance workers at VAE Nortrak Cheyenne, Inc. in Cheyenne, Wyoming. VAE Nortrak, Inc. manufactures railroad and transit track and supplies track materials to the rail industrial market.

The organizing campaign began early in December, 2003. The BMW petitioned the National Labor Relations Board in March when enough authorization cards were secured to request an election. Ninety percent of the employees turned out for the representation vote, and the majority said “Yes” to joining BMW.

“I commend the in-house organizing committee members, who were instrumental in the outcome of this election,” noted Tim McCall, BMW Director of Organizing. “With their constant perseverance, the support of the Wyoming State AFL-CIO, Officers and Staff of the Union Pacific System Division and the Western Region Vice President, union representation is now a reality at Nortrak.”

“We are very pleased to welcome these new members to the BMW,” Acting President Freddie Simpson said.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes represents 50,000 rail workers that build and maintain the track, bridges and buildings on the railroads in the United States and Canada.

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