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**First Nickel Inc. and Mine Mill 598/CAW  
Tentative Contract Agreement Reached**

**After three days of continuous bargaining, a new tentative agreement was reached on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.**

**A ratification meeting to be held at the Richard Lake Campground Craft Shop is scheduled for Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of July at 6:00 p.m.**

**These workers have been off work since October 2008 when the mine ceased production. If ratified and based on the funding approval, it will mean the re-opening of the mine.**

**The project is scheduled to begin the first quarter of next year, but if FNI secures financing it may start earlier. As this project advances, workers will be called back. All employees who did not sever will have their recall rights extended until June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The bargaining committee is recommending acceptance.**

**Details of the agreement will be made public after the ratification meeting.**

**If ratified, this will be the fifth consecutive collective agreement reached successfully in the last 8 months, after Mystik Services Inc., Xstrata Nickel, Finlandia Care Services and Brinks Canada Inc.**

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