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EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH (7th) JOINT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, SERIES OF 2013,

Convened at 3A Conference Room, 3rd Floor, OSHC Bldg., North Ave. cor. Agham Rd. Q.C. Friday, 29 November 2013 at 12:00 NN.

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 13-11-36

Prescribing the Revised Conditions for the Compensability of Osteoarthritis Classified under Musculoskeletal Disorders, Amending for this Purpose Item No. 24 of Annex "A" of the Amended Rules on Employees Compensation

WHEREAS, Article 167 par (1) partly states that "... the Commission is empowered to determine and approve occupational diseases and work-related illness that may be considered compensable based on the peculiar hazards of employment (as amended by Sec.1 PD 1368)";

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policy of the Commission for the continuous upgrading of the benefit structure for workers through the updating on the conditions for compensability of occupational and work-related illnesses under Annex A of the Amended Rules on the Employees Compensation and due to the recent developments in the field of Occupational Medicine, this Commission finds it necessary to amend the prevailing conditions for the compensability of Osteoarthritis;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2011 this Commission issued Board Resolution No. 11-12-09 creating the Technical Review Panel to review the conditions for the compensability of occupational and work-related illnesses under Annex "A" of the Amended Rules on Employees Compensation;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Panel, composed of medical experts and leaders of professional groups and medical specialty societies deliberated after a series of meetings to present its proposed amendments on the conditions of compensability of Osteoarthritis;