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CANADIAN AUTO WORKERS CANADA, LOCAL 4624 - and -

DELTA SYDNEY

(Appellant) (Respondent)

CA 170486 Halifax, N.S. CHIPMAN, J.A. (Orally)

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APPEAL HEARD: September 26, 2001

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SUBJECT: Arbitration - setting aside arbitrator's award, principles to be

applied.

Labour Law - collective agreement - when interpretation of collective

agreement by arbitrator will be set aside.

SUMMARY: The grievor, a member of the appellant Union, was employed by the

respondent in its hotel at Sydney. She had transferred from the laundry housekeeping department to the front desk whereupon she had the least departmental seniority of four employees there but greater hotel seniority

then any of them.

The arbitrator was called upon, inter alia, to interpret two provisions of the Collective Agreement dealing with seniority and the allocation of hours within a department. The arbitrator's award was set aside by the chambers judge on the ground that the arbitrator's interpretation of the provisions of the Collective Agreement was not one that the language thereof would

reasonably bear.

ISSUES: Whether the chambers judge erred in the conclusion that the interpretation

of the agreement by the arbitrator was not one which the language of the

agreement would reasonably bear.

RESULT: The Court of Appeal referred to the governing principles regarding the

setting aside of an arbitrator's award and concluded that the chambers

judge did not err in setting the award aside.

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