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The Southern African Clothing & Textile Workers' Union (SACTWU) has settled its 2017 wage negotiations for the General Goods & Handbags (GGH) leather sector.

The settlement was negotiated under the auspices of the National Bargaining Council for the Leather Manufacturing Industry of South Africa.

An 8% wage increase was agreed to, with the Association of South African Manufacturers of Luggage, Handbags & General Goods, which is the organisation representing employers in the sector. The trade union agency fee has also been increased from R14.75 to R15.64 per week.

The wage increase came into effect, nationally, on 1 July 2017 and is effective for a one year period.

This sector covers approximately 1977 workers.

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If further comment is required, kindly contact SACTWU's National Negotiator for the GGH sector, Jane Kastoor on contact phone number 021 447 4570 or 0713352153.