

# **Declaration of Spousal Status**

(R.Q.)	
Member Name	
Social Insurance Number Last 3 digits only	
Employer Name	
In accordance with pension benefits legislation and the terms of the Plan, your Spouse may be entitled to certain benefits following your death, regardless of any other beneficiary(ies) you have named. Benefits not payable to your Spouse will be paid to your named beneficiary(ies) or to your estate, as applicable.  Please check the appropriate box from each of Sections A and B below.	
Section A – I certify that, as	of the date of this declaration (please check one):
I have a Spouse, as defined by the applicable legislation. The definition of Spouse under the various pension benefits legislation is described on the back of this form.	

Female

Common-Law

First

Day / Month / Year

Civil union (Quebec only)

United Food & Commercial Workers Pension Plan (Local 1991-P) — Registration number 22604

I do not have a Spouse, as defined by the applicable legislation.

Male

Married

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Initials



Spouse's Name: \_

Spouse's Gender:

Marital Status:

Spouse's Date of Birth:

## Section B – I also certify that, as of the date of this declaration (please check one) No part of my pension entitlement under the plan has been assigned pursuant to an agreement, court order or family arbitration award as a result of breakdown of a spousal relationship, OR A portion of my pension entitlement under the plan was assigned as a result of breakdown of a spousal relationship and the payment is settled. There is no other pension entitlement owed to my former spouse, OR A portion of my pension entitlement under the plan has been assigned as a result of breakdown of a spousal relationship but has not yet been settled and a copy of the applicable agreement/court order/family arbitration award is attached. **Required Signatures** Signature of Plan Member: Date: Signature of Witness\*: Print Name of Witness\*: \* The Spouse identified above, if any, cannot witness the member's signature. Return to: TUAC Pension Plan Administrator 1991-P Mercer (Canada) Limited 1 Place Ville Marie, suite 1500, Montréal (Québec) H3B 2B5 TUAC1991-P@mercer.com

#### DEFINITION OF SPOUSE UNDER PENSION BENEFITS LEGISLATION

#### Quebec

Your spouse is the person who, at the date a determination of spousal status is required:

- (a) is married to or in a civil union with you and is not legally separated from bed and board; or
- (b) if you are not married to or in a civil union with anyone, the person who has been living in a conjugal relationship with you for a period of not less than three years, or for a period of not less than one year if:
  - (i) at least one child is born or to be born of your union;
  - (ii) you have jointly adopted at least one child while living together in a conjugal relationship; or
  - (iii) one of you has adopted at least one child who is the child of the other while living together in a conjugal relationship.

For the purposes of paragraph (b) above, the birth or adoption of a child prior to the period of conjugal relationship existing on the day as of which spousal status is established may qualify a person as a spouse.

### Note:

- 1. Regardless of applicable provincial or federal spouse definition, if you are not legally married, the Income Tax Act requires a minimum of one year of cohabitation; if this criterion is not met it may affect the **method** of payment of plan benefits;
- 2. The existence of a prior legal agreement or court order may modify spousal rights under provincial or federal pension legislation:
- 3. If you have any questions or concerns, please confer with your benefits administrator for assistance in completing this form.