**Backgrounder on K-Bro Linens Inc**

* Public health care laundry services are being handed to a private corporation. K-Bro Linens operates eight for-profit facilities in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City. Its headquarters are based in Edmonton, Alberta.
* On January 1, 2011, K-Bro Linen Systems became a publicly traded corporation. Its stock is traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange.
* K-Bro Linens had total revenue of $116.9 million in 2011. Annual revenues increased by 8% in 2012: its annual financial statement reported earnings of $126.3 million.
* K-Bro Linens paid out $7.1 million in dividends to its shareholders in 2011, according to its 2011 annual financial statement.
* The president and CEO of K-Bro Linens is Linda J. McCurdy whose total compensation in 2011 was over $1.2 million.
* The majority of K-Bro Linens’ revenues come from public sector contracts: it reports that 75% of its revenues come from public health care contracts.
* K-Bro Linens has had difficulty hiring employees and “mitigates labour shortages through utilization of the Temporary Foreign Worker program,” according to its annual financial statement.
* K-Bro Linens currently has a 16-month contract with the Saskatoon Health Region. CUPE filed an Access to Information Request for a copy of that contract and was denied because of third party commercial confidentiality.

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