

BCMEA AND ILWU-CANADA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE

On January 17 and 18, 2008, the Parties met with Federal Conciliator John Rooney at Federal Mediation Services offices in Vancouver.

Significant progress was made by the Parties towards reaching a new collective agreement.

Following a 21 hour bargaining session commencing at 0900 Friday January 17 and concluding 0600 Saturday morning January 19, the Parties paused for rest and to review each other's respective positions on the remaining outstanding issues.

The BCMEA will be in contact with Conciliator Rooney Monday morning January 21, 2008. The Conciliator has advised the Parties that he remains available to continue to provide assistance and support to the BCMEA and ILWU bargaining teams as they work on resolving the remaining outstanding issues.

Further updates will be issued as developments occur.

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