

## **Stop Work Meeting – ILWU Local 500 – Wednesday, February 13, 2008**

Further to our bulletin of earlier today, please be advised that there will be no work performed in the Port of Vancouver (excluding Deltaport) on the 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. shifts on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. The reason for this is that Local 500 has scheduled a meeting with their members from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to review the terms of the tentative collective agreement and as such there will be no work performed on the 8:00 a.m. shift. Local 514 (foremen) have their regularly scheduled union meeting during the 4:30 p.m. shift on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

We have been working with ILWU Officials all day to rectify this unacceptable situation but we have not been able to find a resolution. Local 500 cannot move their special meeting to review the collective agreement and Local 514 cannot move their meeting as it has been scheduled for some time. Additionally, the movement of the Local 514's meeting to the day shift would also entail the movement of Local 502's special meeting scheduled for the night of February 13, 2008. Locals 514 is not willing to move their meeting.

Given the importance of ratifying the tentative agreement, it is necessary that the ILWU Locals have the required time to properly review the terms and conditions of the new agreement thoroughly with their members. As such, the scheduled meetings in each Local are crucial to the ratification process.

Accordingly the status of stop work meetings for Vancouver and New Westminster areas will be as follows:

### **Local 502 – New Westminster and Deltaport:**

4:30 p.m. shift Wednesday, February 13, 2008 – No work will be performed on this shift.

### **Local 500 – Vancouver:**

8:00 a.m. shift and 4:30 p.m. shifts – No work will be performed on these two shifts due to Local 500 meeting on the 8:00 a.m. shift and Local 514 meeting on the 4:30 p.m. shift.

We will keep you apprised of any changes as and if they occur.

Should you have any questions, please contact Onkar Athwal at 604-694-2316 or 604-787-6128 (cell).