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All Members,

Today, The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P. Federal Minister of Labour has **appointed** The Honourable Ted Hughes, Q.C. and Mr. John Rooney, Senior Mediator, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services **as Mediator(s) in both the BCMEA/ILWU Canada (Longshore) and BCMEA/Foremen (Local 514) negotiations.** The Minister has also advised the parties of the following:

**"The appointment of mediators is intended to promote successful negotiations and facilitate an early settlement without a work stoppage. In light of the economic importance of the west coast ports and the still tentative nature of the economic recovery, the Government is particularly interested in fostering labour relations stability in the ports at this time"**

The BCMEA welcomes Minister Raitt's appointment of Messieurs Hughes and Rooney and looks forward to working with these Mediators and the ILWU towards an early renewal of the BCMEA & ILWU Canada Longshore and ILWU Local 514 Industry Collective Agreements.

**ILWU CANADA (LONGSHORE):**

The BCMEA and ILWU CANADA (Longshore) met on 3 occasions this week, March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The parties continued their detailed review of the proposals tabled. The next meetings between the parties are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday March 9th and Wednesday March 10th.

**FOREMEN (LOCAL 514):**

The BCMEA and Local 514 negotiating committees did not meet as scheduled today due to the appointment of the Federal Mediators. The next meeting between the parties is tentatively scheduled for Friday March 12th.

Further up-dates will be communicated weekly or as significant events unfold.