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Dear Metal Industry Employers and Employees

APPLICATION TO PUT MEIBC UNDER BUSINESS RESCUE: SOLIDARITY

The union, Solidarity, has recently approached the Court to place the MEIBC under business rescue. This is not much different from asking the Court to liquidate the Council. What makes this action to be unprecedented is that it is championed by a Trade union whose members would be at the receiving end if the Council was to close its doors due to this action.

Understandably so, other unions are not in support of this action. It is in the interest of all unions to protect the interests of their members through the all-important Collective Bargaining process which is responsible for the setting of wage increases and other conditions of employment as much as it is in the interest of the employers as they are able to sustain and grow their business in a peaceful and conducive climate.

If the Council's history is anything to go by, it is ultimately Collective Bargaining, facilitated by the Council, that ensures that industry peace and stability prevails in our industry. All of this is now under threat as we await the outcome of the Court on the matter.

We will keep you abreast of developments in this regard.

Metal and Engineering Industries Bargaining Council (MEIBC) Management.

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