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BARGAINING FOCUSES ON PERMANENT PARTIAL PLANT CLOSURE AND UNION SHOP

Three days of talks have not produced dramatic results. In fact, all outstanding items prior to this session remain unresolved.

Bargaining this week focused on permanent partial plant closures for lumber manufacturing and logging, and the use of non-union Contractors. And while the Parties are “close” with respect to permanent partial plant closures, the USW BC Coast Bargaining Committee is still fighting the Company’s efforts to reduce the amount of total severance pay due to our members in the event of a permanent or partial closure. The Parties are not any closer to resolving the issues of the use of non-union Contractors.

The USW BC Coast Bargaining Committee is well aware that talks are not progressing quickly. The USW Committee has been clear from the very start about their commitment to bargain effective language to protect their members in the event of permanent plant or permanent partial plant closures. On this key item, and on the matter of protecting the union shop, the USW Committee is committed to achieving fair collective agreement language for the union and it’s members.

Collective bargaining between the two Parties will pause next week and then continue on Tuesday, July 13th again in Nanaimo.

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