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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Bargaining continues Through the 17th

The Contract Committee continued meetings with the employer through this past week in Ottawa. We will now break until Tuesday for some much needed rest and to do the necessary homework and house cleaning to prepare us for the upcoming week.

Talks this week centered on important topics already covered in previous sessions, with a more focused look at potential solutions, and the exchange of written proposals in some areas. While we believe that we have concluded some issues satisfactorily, as always, no issue is considered 'final' unless and until a full tentative agreement has been reached. To date all items that are not monetary have been presented by both sides.

We have now completed 11 consecutive days of face to face meetings. The format used this round has proven effective in use of time and building momentum. We hope to carry this forward into the next session which will start next Tuesday Jan. 22 and is scheduled to conclude on January 25th.

Our next efforts will focus on monetary issues such as hours of work and leave as well as economic increases and pensions.

We continue to maintain strict confidentiality on specific details and appreciate your understanding of this requirement.

On behalf of the committee

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