

Discussions for the renewal of the expired ILWU Local 514 Collective Agreement continued until 2 am Sunday January 4,2009.

The BCMEA advised both the Federal Mediators and the Union that the BCMEA Negotiating Team will be reviewing, with the Direct Employers Committee, the Union's proposal, which was presented to the BCMEA early Sunday morning.

Immediately following the meeting with the Direct Employers Committee scheduled for Wednesday January 7th the BCMEA has committed to the Union and Mediators that it will respond to the Union's proposal at the earliest on Wednesday January 7th but in no case any later than Friday January 9th.

The date and time of the next meeting between the Parties will be communicated as soon as it has been set with the Federal Mediators and ILWU Local 514.

Further up-dates will be provided as significant events occur. Additional information is also available on the BCMEA website at www.bcmea.com under the "News" button on the home page and sub menu button "Negotiations Update".

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