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#### BCMEA / ILWU Contract Situation

The BCMEA and ILWU Local 514 continued discussions today with Mediator John Rooney. The BCMEA provided a comprehensive response to the Union's proposals dated January 15, 2009. Notwithstanding this effort, no further progress has been made. The mediator will be in contact with both parties to set-up further dates.

Further up-dates will be provided as significant developments unfold. Additional information is also available on the BCMEA website at,

[http://www.bcmea.com/ns\\_negotiations\\_current.aspx](http://www.bcmea.com/ns_negotiations_current.aspx)

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