

Caterpillar trade union network

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Collective bargaining in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. Oberhelman

On May 27/28, trade union representatives of the IndustriALL Global Union Caterpillar trade union network, met in Esher, UK.

We represent Caterpillar workers in five continents, united in IndustriALL Global Union, which stands for more than 50 million men and women through affiliates in some 140 countries – including thousands of Caterpillar workers worldwide and more than 800 members of the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Worker International Union (USW) in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Caterpillar workers worldwide and the members of USW Local 1343 are proud of their work. Without their continued labor and sacrifices over many years, there would be no record earnings, revenue or profit to boast about when Caterpillar increases executive compensation or declares a dividend for its shareholders.

Because of the hard work and dedication of the Caterpillar workers worldwide Caterpillar is the number one mining equipment maker in the world. For that reason and many others, Caterpillar management must recognize these workers' contributions to the company, respect their loyalty, skills and experience and rise to the challenge of bargaining in good faith for a fair contract in South Milwaukee.

We are all united in solidarity with the USW and our brothers and sisters at USW Local 1343 as they negotiate for a collective bargaining agreement that recognizes and rewards the skilled and difficult work they engage in every day. We wish to remind Caterpillar that the workers we represent continue to be the company's most valuable asset.

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