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MEETING NOTICE

DATE	May 31, 2014	
TO	ALL CMSG MEMBERS at SEASPAN ULC	
cc	Capt. Mike Armstrong	WB President
	Capt. Mark Boucher	National President
	Jeff Sanders	Business Agent
FROM	Zulema Sanabria	Secretary Treasurer
SUBJECT	Special Meeting to Conduct a Strike Vote for Members at Seaspan ULC	

While the Guild and our Negotiating Committee have not walked away from the bargaining table and would have preferred to have reached a negotiated settlement, this has not occurred. Conciliation with the assistance of the Federal Mediation Service was not successful and bargaining has reached an impasse. The company has notified the Guild that a new contract will be imposed unilaterally commencing on June 9th. Information about this development including the changes and concessions that the company intends to implement are posted on the Guild website.

The Negotiating Committee met today to fully review the situation and determined that the Guild is faced with no alternative but to conduct a strike vote. Due to the urgency of the situation, a referendum by mail is not practicable, so a Special Meeting to conduct this strike vote will be held in accordance with the National By-Laws. Voting will take place at the meeting by secret ballot and Members are only eligible to vote in person, at the meeting. With due consideration to encourage maximum participation, the meeting will take place as follows:

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Location: CMSG Chainlocker – 218 Blue Mountain Street, Suite #101, Coquitlam, BC

Time: 08:00 to 16:00

Detailed information regarding the current situation will be available for discussion during the meeting. We appreciate you taking the time and effort to participate in this important decision, particularly with such short notice and look forward to seeing you there!

Yours truly,

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Zulema Sanabria
Secretary Treasurer