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Dear Brother Dave and Members of Local 30,

Re: International Solidarity with Locked out ILWU Miners

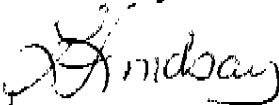
The International Longshore and Warehouse Union – Canada and its fifteen thousand affiliates across Canada write to express our outrage at the action taken by Rio Tinto by locking out ILWU members at the Boron Operations and bringing in scab labour.

We in Canada, in the Longshore division, are currently negotiating our Collective Agreement so we know full well how low some employers will sink to crush the rights of workers. When we see the levels of profit posted by Rio Tinto last year, some 3.7 billion dollars, it makes us steel our resolve against these companies who would use goon tactics to rob the workers of their rights to decent wages and benefits.

We see a familiar picture being painted around the world as these corporate behemoths try to destroy unionized workers, their families and their organizations. You can be sure that in Canada we stand firmly with you in this fight against Rio Tinto and any others who might presume to take away the rights of Workers.

We call on Rio Tinto to return to good faith bargaining and return the ILWU workers to the Mine. You have our full support for the workers and their families.

In Solidarity


for Tom Dufresne
President

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Robert Ashton
First Vice President

cc: International, San Francisco