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### Statement

On behalf of the Maritime Union of Australia and the Construction Forestry and Mining Union, Mining and Energy Division, and on behalf of all Unions involved internationally in the Mining and Maritime Initiative, we the undersigned extend our fraternal greetings and sincere best wishes to ILWU members involved in the campaign against Rio Tinto at the Boron Operations.

While our Unions have had a long and bitter experience with Rio Tinto and their anti-union, anti-workforce tactics and policies here in Australia, we continue to be amazed at the way in which multi national corporations like Rio Tinto, demand and expect working men and women to sacrifice hard won conditions of employment in order to prop up already bloated corporate profits.

To the ILWU members at Boron, we offer International Solidarity in your struggle. We commend you on your tenacity, and we will continue to give you whatever support that may be required until your campaign is successfully concluded.

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