
Pay Update and Ballot

Dear Colleagues

There have been further negotiations and representations made to the company this week, as your GMB Negotiating Shop Stewards have sought to get an improvement in pay and benefits for members.

Your negotiating team have fought long and hard to try and get some improvement on pay and conditions. However, the company line has not changed. They say trading conditions are not great, the economic situation is bleak and they won't make an offer to increase any pay, conditions or benefits.

Your GMB Shop Stewards are not happy with the company position. We all know that a pay freeze is causing real pain for our members, who are loyal Wilkinson employees. However, the fact is we have now reached the end of the road in terms of negotiations. We gave a commitment to members that when we got a final position on pay there would be an all-member ballot.

At the moment we are putting in place provisions for the promised ballot to take place. This will be a fully postal ballot. As soon as we get an idea from the printers as to how soon they can get ballot papers and the covering letters out, we will inform Shop Stewards and members. We are hoping that ballot papers will be ready to be sent out early next week, and we anticipate that the closing date for the ballot will be December 7th.

Members will be kept advised of progress.

Yours sincerely,



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GMB National Secretary