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PRESS RELEASE

Lock Out At Hematite Manufacturing

GUELPH, September 11, 2016 - Members of Workers United Canada Council Local 2508 are facing a lockout on Sunday morning at 12:01am. Members of the local union voted down proposed changes to their collective agreement, that asked for substantial concessions.

Prior to the vote, management sent a letter to local union President, Gary Panton stating that if workers did not vote to ratify the latest offer, the company would be locking them out as of 12:01 am, Sunday, September 11, 2016.

The last contract involved concessions and job losses. In these latest negotiations there is still no agreement on lower wages; transfer the cost of benefits onto workers; and reduced vacation pay for existing, senior employees.

The union has indicated to the company what the major issues are and have also indicated to the company that they are willing to continue to negotiate.

Hematite Manufacturing is located at 659 Speedvale Avenue West in Guelph. The company makes plastic automotive parts from industrial waste and recycled materials and is a Tier 1 and 2 supplier to the automotive industry. It employs 60 plus employees.

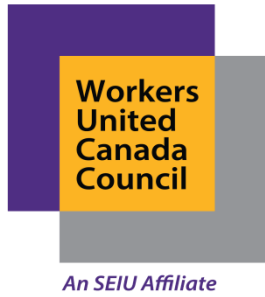
Workers United Canada Council represents 10,000 workers in Canada and 150,000 across North America. Workers United members work in auto, garment, textile, food service, hospitality, social service, manufacturing, fitness and distribution industries.

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