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TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 140 DISTRICT DES TRANSPORTS 140

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Association internationale des machinistes et des travailleurs et travailleuses de l'aérospatiale

TO ALL IAMAW MEMBERS

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FORMER AVEOS MEMBERS

AVEOS DIRECTORS' FEDERAL COURT APPLICATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Union has been contacted by a number of former Aveos members who have received legal Notice of Application for judicial review filed by the former Directors of Aveos.

Through this Application the former Directors of Aveos are trying to overturn orders to make payments to former Aveos employees that were obtained by a federal government agency, Employment and Social Development Canada.

The Union filed the original complaint that caused ESDC to investigate and to issue these payment orders, but we have at no time been recognized by ESDC as a party to the complaint and the Union did not receive any direct notice of the proceedings leading to the payment orders, or of the current Federal Court application.

The Union has now contacted ESDC and has been told that the federal government will NOT be defending the payment orders before the Court and that this is a matter to be left to the affected individual members. In the Union's view, it is unreasonable to expect that individual employees can properly defend these payment orders in Federal Court.

The Union has therefore retained legal counsel to defend the payment orders and work to ensure that the interests of all of our former members are properly represented in this application. Since the Union is not recognized as a party to this proceeding, our legal counsel has formally responded to the Court under the names of certain members of the IAMAW bargaining unit at Aveos, with instructions to make arguments to defend the payment orders for the benefit of all former members of the IAMAW.

If you have received the Notice of Application, the Union's decision to fund legal counsel does not affect your legal right to participate in the proceedings independently. If you wish to do so, you should **immediately** contact the Federal Court for directions. Contact information for the Federal Court can be found at <http://www.cas-satj.gc.ca/en/operations/numbers.shtml>. The Application was filed with the Federal Court's Montreal Office.

As more information becomes available regarding this matter, it will be communicated.

In Solidarity,

Fred Hospes, President & Directing General Chairperson
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