

August 26, 2008

A “GREAT” CONTRACT UPDATE SCHEDULED MEETING TURNOUT!!

We had over 1600 members in attendance at our four (4) scheduled Duneland Falls meetings.

It is my obligation to inform everyone regarding our response to the Arcelor/Mittal Bargaining Committee that time is running out.

If they (the Company) elect to continue down the path of ill conceived drive to increase a competitive edge over our members at other plants, including Burns Harbor, they will be subjected to the full resolve of our members and its leadership.

We have spent many years of sacrifice to save a dying industry to keep our steel making jobs, while saving our communities we live in. ***“We deserve a fair and far-reaching Labor Agreement.”*** I will not present you a tentative agreement without achieving our objectives that provide all of us with a high level of security regarding wages, hours of work and conditions of employment; **one that surpasses any labor contract in the history of this great union.**

This is our time...we have sacrificed, we have worked, we have set production records that boggle the minds of other steel industries throughout the world. We have made a rich family from India extremely wealthy. **It is time to share that wealth in a more respectful way with our members.**

If we have not reached a tentative agreement by today, we have been authorized by the International President, Leo Gerard to take a “Strike Authorization Vote” on August 27, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Duneland Falls Banquet Center.

I will keep you informed.

Paul Gipson, President
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AT THE UNION HALL ... (IF YOU HAVE MOVED, CHANGED YOUR
NAME, NEW PHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, ETC)**

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