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ILWU/PMA UPDATE

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) will convene a caucus the week December 15. During the caucus ILWU leaders will determine if they are satisfied with negotiations to that point. If they are comfortable, they would then start the process to get authorization to sign a tentative contract. If union leadership is not satisfied with negotiations to that point, they would then return to negotiations with the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA).

Importers, exporters, terminal operators, trade organizations and others are hopeful negotiations are coming to a close and the union can move forward with authorizing a contract. While Longshoremen continue to receive their wages during the current work slowdown, businesses across the country are slowing down due to the congestion at West Coast ports. Because the ILWU and PMA have agreed to not discuss the content of negotiations, it is unknown what issues are still outstanding.

Happy Holidays and thank you for your continued support.

As always, please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufoltd.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

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