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**Bargaining Update - BCMEA / ILWU Canada (Longshore) & BCMEA/ Foreman Local 514**

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The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P. Federal Minister of Labour has appointed The Honourable Ted Hughes, Q.C. and Mr. John Rooney, Senior Mediator, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services as Mediator(s) in both the BCMEA/ILWU Canada (Longshore) and BCMEA/Foremen (Local 514) negotiations. The Minister has also advised the parties of the following:

"The appointment of mediators is intended to promote successful negotiations and facilitate an early settlement without a work stoppage. In light of the economic importance of the west coast ports and the still tentative nature of the economic recovery, the Government is particularly interested in fostering labour relations stability in the ports at this time"

The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association is confident that these appointments will assist in moving forward the renewal of the ILWU Canada (Longshore) and Foreman Local 514 Industry Collective Agreements.

For additional information and updates on the progress of the bargaining process, please visit the BCMEA website at: [http://www.bcmea.com/ns\\_negotiations\\_current.aspx](http://www.bcmea.com/ns_negotiations_current.aspx).

Thank You,

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