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ILWU - Canada 'limited job action' amounts to work-to-rule, disrupts port activities

*Strike notice at GCT Canada Limited Partnership effective
Monday, May 27, 2019 in British Columbia.*

[**Vancouver, British Columbia, May 28, 2019**] The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) is deeply concerned about the impacts that have already been felt on the waterfront today as a result of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union – Canada's (ILWU – Canada) escalated job action. The union stated that there would be limited and targeted job action at both terminals, such as an overtime ban; however, additional work-to-rule job actions and other tactics have been witnessed causing disruption and productivity slowdowns, which will negatively impact the Canadian economy.

"We were prepared to extend the conciliation and negotiation period to allow more time for both sides to come to agreement. The Union held a strike vote, with a result of a 98.4% vote in favour, then elected to walk away from the bargaining table, and are now intentionally disrupting operations at the peril of the port and the Canadian economy," said Jeff Scott, Board Chair for the BCMEA.

"We remain optimistic that both sides can come to agreement," said Scott. "However, today's activities demonstrate the ILWU is prepared to go well beyond its stated 'limited and targeted job action' and is already directly affecting people's jobs and the broader economy by delaying goods from reaching their intended destination through specific work-to-rule job action."

The uncertainty caused by the strike notice that has also now evolved from targeted job action to work-to-rule action, has spurred cargo diversion from the BC Coast. This is harmful to Canadian communities, to Canadian workers and to the Canadian economy.

About BCMEA

The BCMEA represents approximately 55 waterfront employers and, by extension, the more than 7,000 individuals who work for them. BCMEA customer-members are a vital part of BC and Canadian economies. Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, industry partners move 60 million tonnes of goods worth \$53 billion around the globe every year.

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