

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT - APRIL, 2007

We have now had a third closure announced in the Local. Sonoco Port Mellon will be closing its' facility towards the end of April. And although this is one of our smaller units in the Local, it is still our members who will be losing good paying, Union jobs.

I have drafted up the Union's proposals for a closure agreement and they have been sent to the employer. We will be meeting with the Company on Monday April 30th to try and get an agreement on a closure document.

In other news at Sonoco, our tentative agreement for a new Collective Agreement has now been ratified. We achieved a four year deal with wage increases of 1% in the first year and 2% in each succeeding year. We also achieved some healthy increases in our pension plan and a number of increases in different areas of our health and welfare package.

We are also continuing to work on both the Hexion and Pliant closures. For the most part Hexion is completed, although there are still a few minor issues to be dealt with.

At Pliant we met with the Company on March 29th and 30th, and will be meeting with them again tomorrow, Friday April 20th.

We are also continuing to bargain a first agreement with Jamp Pharma. This unit has also gone through a significant downsizing. It is now less than half of what it was when we organized it. We are set to meet with the employer for the full week beginning April 23rd. It will be difficult to get in touch with me that week as I will be out of the office. I will have my cell phone with me, but as I will be at the bargaining table I may not be able to return calls as promptly as I otherwise would.

I was out at Crown's Standing Committee meeting this past Tuesday and we got a few issues resolved. As well, the Marty MacDonald termination grievance has now been settled.

At Norampac we now have dates set for the Darren Long arbitration. It is set for June 18th and 19th.

On April 3rd I had a grievance meeting with Sulzer Pumps and all the outstanding issues were resolved to our satisfaction.

I was scheduled to attend a disciplinary grievance meeting at Montenay but the employee involved resigned his employment. The Committee withdrew the grievance on a without prejudice basis and also spoke with the Lead Hand involved.

At Buckeye we are in the process of having an employee return to work from a long absence. The protocol for the return has been agreed to by the Company, the Union and the employee, and if he has not yet returned, he should be back very soon.

At Unisource we seem to take one step forward and two steps back. Always have lots of issues.

At Vision Packaging they are really slow right now.

At Western News our members are still working and we also have a student working.

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At ECP we have an accommodation issue with one of our members, and another issue arose just this week where the Company was going to terminate an employee because he was off work and had been cut off benefits.

Pioneer Envelopes is now in its' new building and is located in Aldergrove, very close to Jamp Pharma. We will also be going into bargaining with Pioneer in a couple of months.

And finally at Landmark, we are in discussions with the employer about creating a pension plan for our members. I am currently working with the Director of HR on this.