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TO: ILWU Longshore, Ship Clerk and Walking Boss/Foreman Locals
and ILWU Watchmen Locals 26 and 75

FROM: Mario Perez, Director of Benefit Plans

SUBJECT: Summary Annual Report and News About Your Health and Pension Benefits

Enclosed is a copy of the Summary Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2023, for the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan. Copies of this report will be mailed to participants as required by ERISA.

The enclosed bulletin entitled "News About Your Health and Pension Benefits" will also be sent with the Summary Annual Report to all participants.

Enclosures

A copy of this memo can be downloaded at www.benefitplans.org

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR ILWU-PMA WELFARE PLAN

This is a summary of the annual report of the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan, a health, life insurance, dental, vision, temporary disability and death benefits plan (Employer Identification Number 94-6068578, Plan Number 501), for the plan year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Insurance Information

The plan has insurance contracts with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Northwest, Gentle Dental, Vision Service Plan, Dental Health Services CA, Dental Health Services of Washington, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Northern California, Delta Dental of California, Kaiser Washington, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Southern California, Harbor Dental Associates, Cigna Life Insurance Co. Of North America and Life Map-Regence Life and Health Insurance Company to pay certain health, prescription drug, dental, vision, life, and accidental death and dismemberment claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending June 30, 2023 were \$225,801,986.

Because they are so called "experience-rated" contracts, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending June 30, 2023, the premiums paid under such "experience-rated" contracts were \$43,842,378 and the total of all benefit claims charged under these experience-rated contracts during the plan year was \$33,347,445.

Basic Financial Statement

Benefits under the plan are provided by insurance and a trust fund. Plan expenses were \$919,496,051. These expenses included \$57,256,793 in administrative expenses and \$862,239,258 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries and to insurance carriers for the provision of benefits. A total of 26,235 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan year.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$122,320,307 as of June 30, 2023, compared to \$135,465,315 as of July 01, 2022. During the plan year, the plan experienced an decrease in its net assets of (\$13,145,008). The plan had total income of \$906,351,043 including employer contributions of \$883,919,170, employee contributions of \$13,569,090, earnings from investments of \$534,496, and Medicare subsidy \$8,328,287.

Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information;
3. Assets held for investment;
4. Insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers;
5. Information on payments to service providers.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the plan administrator, at 1188 Franklin Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109-6800 and phone number, 415-673-8500.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan: 1188 Franklin Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109-6800, and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N-1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average less than one minute per notice (approximately 3 hours and 11 minutes per plan). Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Departmental Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-1301, Washington, DC 20210 or email DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0040.

OMB Control Number 1210-0040 (expires 03/31/2026)

NEWS ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND PENSION BENEFITS

The information that follows concerns health and pension benefits for *eligible* active and retired Longshoremen, Ship Clerks, Walking Bosses/Foremen and Watchmen, and their qualified dependents.

* **Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998:**

On October 21, 1998 Congress passed the “Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998.” Under this law, effective January 1, 1999 health plans must provide the following coverage after a mastectomy, as determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient:

- ⇒ reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed
- ⇒ surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical (balanced) appearance
- ⇒ prostheses (artificial replacements)
- ⇒ services for physical complications resulting from the mastectomy

All ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan health care programs provide this coverage and are in compliance with the law. *If you have any questions about this law, please contact your respective health plan or the Benefit Plans Office.*

* **Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation Form (for Active and Retired Longshoremen):**

Please remember to keep your Beneficiary Designation Form current. Changes in beneficiary designation may be made at any time by submitting a new Beneficiary Designation Form to the Benefit Plans Office. The Beneficiary Designation Form is available online at the Benefits Plans Office at benefitsplans.org at your Local.

Beneficiary Designation Forms must be submitted to the Trustees c/o the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Office, 1188 Franklin Street, Suite 101, San Francisco, CA 94109. A change in beneficiary designation is not effective until the completed and signed form is received by the Trustees at the Benefit Plans Office.

* **Active and Retired Member’s Address Changes:**

It is important to notify the Plan office when your **address changes**. To request an address change, call the Benefit Plans Office at (415) 673-8500 to request an Active Record Change Form, or a Pensioner Change of Address Form, or you can download the form at www.benefitplans.org. Actives and Retirees can also send a signed written address change request to: ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans, 1188 Franklin Street, Suite 101, San Francisco, CA 94109. Signed documentation can also be faxed to (415) 749-1321.

* **Who May Sign on Behalf of Pensioners:**

Under the rules of the ILWU-PMA Pension Plan, pension checks, address change requests, etc., must be signed by the pensioner or other person authorized to act on the pensioner’s behalf, such as a court appointed guardian and/or conservator of the pensioner’s estate. Under certain circumstances, benefit payments may be mailed to a pensioner in care of a Social Security Representative Payee or the holder of a power of attorney, and such person will be allowed to sign on the pensioner’s behalf for certain Plan purposes. Documentation of the status as guardian, conservator, Social Security Representative Payee or holder of power of attorney must be sent to, and found acceptable by, the Benefit Plans

Office before a signature other than the pensioner's can be accepted. These are the only circumstances under which anyone other than the pensioner will be allowed to sign on the pensioner's behalf for any Pension or Welfare Plan purpose.

* **Pensioners/Survivors:**

If your ILWU-PMA pension check is being **mailed** to your home/post office box, consider signing up for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). EFT is a more efficient way of depositing your benefit payments – your payment is transmitted electronically and does not go through the postal service. With EFT, you always know what day your funds will be deposited into your account. Information about EFT and sign-up forms are available from the Benefit Plans Office (415-673-8500), from your Area Welfare Director, at the ILWU Locals, or may be downloaded at www.benefitplans.org. Signed forms can be sent to: ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans, 1188 Franklin Street, Suite 101, San Francisco, CA 94109. Signed forms can also be faxed to (415) 749-1321.