



March 11, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

To: Heads of Unions (Ontario)

USW Solidarity Rally March 22, 2010

Our Steelworker Sisters and Brothers have been holding the line for eight months in the Vale Inco strike. They are in a battle against one of the most profitable corporations in the world. And they are fighting to hold onto fundamental rights.

Vale Inco is a foreign multinational with massive wealth. Management forced 3,500 miners and smelter workers to strike and is refusing to bargain a fair contract. This battle has had a devastating effect on the workers, their families, and their communities.

That is not how we do things in Ontario. We need to get a strong message out to employers. The time for solidarity is now. Vale Inco collected \$4.1 billion U.S. in profits from Ontario operations in just two years (2006-2008). Now they want to take away workers' pensions, seniority rights, and nickel bonus.

Something has to give and it is not us! It is time we take a stand with this employer and send a message to all employers!

The Canadian Labour Congress and the Ontario Federation of Labour are assisting to mobilize members to attend the "Bridging the Gap" solidarity rally in Sudbury on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. We are calling unions to rent buses and mobilize their membership to get on buses to join this solidarity rally.

Please send your union organizers contact information for this rally to Laurie Hardwick of our staff, at lhardwick@ofl.ca or 416 443-7657.

In solidarity,

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