LOCAL 888 PENSION FUND

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NOTICE OF CRITICAL AND DECLINING STATUS FOR THE LOCAL 888 PENSION FUND

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you that, on March 31, 2017, the actuary of the Local 888 Pension Fund ("Fund") certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the Board of Trustees of the Fund, that the Fund is in critical and declining status for the Plan Year beginning January 1, 2017. Federal law requires that you receive this Notice.

Critical Status

The Plan is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the Fund's actuary determined that the Plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for the years ended December 31, 2016 and thereafter. Also, under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014, the Fund is considered to be in critical and declining status for the 2017 Plan Year.

Rehabilitation Plan and Possibility of Reduction in Benefits

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. If the Fund's Trustees determine that benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions will apply only to those participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is on or after April 29, 2010. But, you should know that whether or not the Fund reduces adjustable benefits in the future, effective on April 29, 2010, the Fund is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status.

Adjustable Benefits

The Fund offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any rehabilitation plan the Fund may adopt:

_X__ Post-retirement death benefits;

_X_ Sixty-month payment guarantees;
_X_ Disability benefits (not yet in pay status);
_X_ Early retirement benefit or retirement-type subsidy;
_X_ Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint and survivor annuity (QJSA);
_X_ Recent benefit increases (i.e. occurring in the past 5 years);
___ Other similar benefits, rights or features under the Plan

Employer Surcharge

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the Fund a surcharge to help correct the Fund's financial situation. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the Fund under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. With some exceptions, a 5% surcharge was applicable in the initial critical year (2010) and a 10% surcharge is applicable for each succeeding Plan Year thereafter in which the Fund is in critical status until the effective date of a collective bargaining agreement that includes terms consistent with the Rehabilitation Plan.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact the Fund Office at 160 East Union Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ 07073, (914) 668-8881. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the Fund.

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