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Notice of Endangered Status For the I.B. of T. Union Local No. 710 Pension Fund

May 28, 2010

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) requires that a Pension Fund's actuary determine the Fund's status each plan year and certify that status to the IRS and the Trustees. On April 29, 2010, the Plan's actuary certified that, although *not* in critical or seriously endangered status, the Plan is in endangered status for the plan year beginning February 1, 2010 because the Plan is expected to be less than 80% funded during the 2010 year. Federal law requires that if the Fund's status for a plan year is in "endangered" zone, the Trustees must notify all plan participants and employers in writing, as well as take corrective action to restore the financial health of the plan.

Endangered Status

This letter will serve as the Notice that the Fund is in "endangered" status for the plan year beginning February 1, 2010.

Funding Improvement Plan (FIP)

Federal law requires pension plans in endangered status to adopt a Funding Improvement Plan (FIP). The FIP is an action plan designed to restore the Plan to financial health, improve the balance of assets and liabilities and to avoid any accumulated funding deficiency.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact Mr. Brian O'Malley at I.B. of T. Union Local No. 710 Pension Fund, 9000 W 187th Street, Mokena, IL 60448, (773) 254-2500.

Once the Funding Improvement Plan is adopted by the Trustees, you have a right to receive a copy from the Fund office.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees

**ANNUAL FUNDING NOTICE
FOR
I. B. OF T. UNION LOCAL NO. 710 PENSION PLAN**

Introduction

This notice includes important funding information about your pension plan ("the Plan"). This notice also provides a summary of federal rules governing multiemployer plans in reorganization and insolvent plans and benefit payments guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), a federal agency. This notice is for the plan year beginning February 1, 2009 and ending January 31, 2010 (referred to hereafter as "Plan Year").

Funded Percentage

The funded percentage of a plan is a measure of how well that plan is funded. This percentage is obtained by dividing the Plan's assets by its liabilities on the valuation date for the plan year. In general, the higher the percentage, the better funded the plan. The Plan's funded percentage for the Plan Year and 2 preceding plan years is set forth in the chart below, along with a statement of the value of the Plan's assets and liabilities for the same period.

Plan Year	2009	2008	2007
Valuation Date	2/1/2009	2/1/2008	2/1/2007
Funded Percentage	75.31%	81.71%	Not Applicable
Value of Assets	\$1,755,567,324	\$1,853,833,475	Not Applicable
Value of Liabilities	\$2,330,979,280	\$2,268,762,166	Not Applicable

Transition Data

For a brief transition period, the Plan is not required by law to report certain funding related information because such information may not exist for plan years before 2008. The plan has entered "not applicable" in the chart above to identify the information it does not have. In lieu of that information, however, the Plan is providing you with comparable information that reflects the funding status of the Plan under the law then in effect. For 2007, the Plan's "funded current liability percentage" was 63.99% the Plan's assets were \$1,812,740,761, and Plan liabilities were \$2,833,041,017.

Fair Market Value of Assets

Asset values in the chart above are actuarial values, not market values. Market values tend to show a clearer picture of a plan's funded status as of a given point in time. However, because market values can fluctuate daily based on factors in the marketplace, such as changes in the stock market, pension law allows plans to use actuarial values for funding purposes. While actuarial values fluctuate less than market values, they are estimates. As of January 31, 2010, the fair market value of the Plan's assets was \$1,643,828,589. As of January 31, 2009, the fair market value of the Plan's assets was \$1,462,972,770. As of January 31, 2008, the fair market value of the Plan's assets was \$1,958,022,619.

Participant Information

The total number of participants in the plan as of the Plan's valuation date was 21,177. Of this number, 8,011 were active participants, 10,099 were retired or separated from service and receiving benefits, and 3,067 were retired or separated from service and entitled to future benefits.

Funding & Investment Policies

The law requires that every pension plan have a procedure for establishing a funding policy to carry out the plan objectives. A funding policy relates to the level of contributions needed to pay for

benefits promised under the plan currently and over the years. The Plan is funded by contributions paid by contributing employers pursuant to collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the I.B. of T. Union Local No. 710 and investment income earned on Plan assets. The Plan is intended to meet or exceed the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code.

Once money is contributed to the Plan, the money is invested by plan officials called fiduciaries. Specific investments are made in accordance with the Plan's investment policy. Generally speaking, an investment policy is a written statement that provides the fiduciaries who are responsible for plan investments with guidelines or general instructions concerning various types or categories of investment management decisions. The Investment Policy of the Plan requires the Trustees of the Plan to establish investment guidelines but delegates to an investment professional specific decisions regarding the purchase and sale of securities. Under the policy, Plan assets are managed solely in the interest of the Plan's participants and beneficiaries and in full compliance with all applicable laws, including the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Plan assets are invested primarily in a balanced and diversified mix of equities, fixed income securities and cash equivalents, including the use of mutual funds.

In accordance with the Plan's investment policy, the Plan's assets were allocated among the following categories of investments, as of the end of the Plan Year. These allocations are percentages of total assets:

Asset Allocation	Percentage
1. Interest-bearing cash	3.4%
2. U.S. Government securities	27.8%
3. Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	0%
All other	19.1%
4. Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	0%
All other	34.4%
5. Partnership/joint venture interests	0%
6. Real estate (other than employer real property)	0%
7. Loans (other than to participants)	0%
8. Participant loans	0%
9. Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1.6%
10. Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	0%
11. Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	3.5%
12. Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	0%
13. Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	0%
14. Value of funds held in insurance co. general account (unallocated contracts)	0%
15. Employer-related investments:	
Employer Securities	0%
Employer real property	0%
16. Buildings and other property used in plan operation	0.3%
17. Other	9.9%

Please note that the percentages shown above are based on asset values that are preliminary and unaudited. Any final changes may affect the reported percentages.

Critical or Endangered Status

Under federal pension law a plan generally will be considered to be in "endangered" status if, at the beginning of the plan year, the funded percentage of the plan is less than 80 percent or in "critical" status if the percentage is less than 65 percent (other factors may also apply). If a pension plan enters endangered status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a funding improvement plan. Similarly, if a pension plan enters critical status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a rehabilitation plan. Rehabilitation and funding improvement plans establish steps and benchmarks for pension plans to improve their funding status over a specified period of time.

The Plan was certified as "endangered" by the Plan Actuary for this Plan Year. However, under Section 204 of the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 ("WREERA"), the Trustees elected to apply the Plan's 2008 funded status, which was neither "endangered" nor "critical," to this Plan Year, beginning on February 1, 2009. For this Plan Year, the Plan operated under the 2008 funded status.

Events with Material Effect on Assets or Liabilities

Federal law requires trustees to provide in this notice a written explanation of events, taking effect in the current plan year, which are expected to have a material effect on plan liabilities or assets. For the plan year beginning on February 1, 2010 and ending on January 31, 2011, the following event is expected to have such an effect: a period of deferred contributions, which period will end during the current plan year, has been agreed between the plan and an employer. It can be projected that a continuation of the deferral period beyond the current plan year could have a material impact on the plan assets, liabilities, or funding status.

Right to Request a Copy of the Annual Report

A pension plan is required to file with the US Department of Labor an annual report (i.e., Form 5500) containing financial and other information about the plan. Copies of the annual report are available from the US Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration's Public Disclosure Room at 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-1513, Washington, DC 20210, or by calling 202.693.8673. Or you may obtain a copy of the Plan's annual report by making a written request to the plan administrator.

Summary of Rules Governing Plans in Reorganization and Insolvent Plans

Federal law has a number of special rules that apply to financially troubled multiemployer plans. Under so-called "plan reorganization rules," a plan with adverse financial experience may need to increase required contributions and may, under certain circumstances, reduce benefits that are not eligible for the PBGC's guarantee (generally, benefits that have been in effect for less than 60 months). If a plan is in reorganization status, it must provide notification that the plan is in reorganization status and that, if contributions are not increased, accrued benefits under the plan may be reduced or an excise tax may be imposed (or both). The law requires the plan to furnish this notification to each contributing employer and the labor organization.

Despite the special plan reorganization rules, a plan in reorganization nevertheless could become insolvent. A plan is insolvent for a plan year if its available financial resources are not sufficient to pay benefits when due for the plan year. An insolvent plan must reduce benefit payments to the highest level that can be paid from the plan's available financial resources. If such resources are not enough to pay benefits at a level specified by law (see Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC, below), the plan must

apply to the PBGC for financial assistance. The PBGC, by law, will loan the plan the amount necessary to pay benefits at the guaranteed level. Reduced benefits may be restored if the plan's financial condition improves.

A plan that becomes insolvent must provide prompt notification of the insolvency to participants and beneficiaries, contributing employers, labor unions representing participants, and PBGC. In addition, participants and beneficiaries also must receive information regarding whether, and how, their benefits will be reduced or affected as a result of the insolvency, including loss of a lump sum option. This information will be provided for each year the plan is insolvent.

Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC

The maximum benefit that the PBGC guarantees is set by law. Only vested benefits are guaranteed. Specifically, the PBGC guarantees a monthly benefit payment equal to 100 percent of the first \$11 of the Plan's monthly benefit accrual rate, plus 75 percent of the next \$33 of the accrual rate, times each year of credited service. The PBGC's maximum guarantee, therefore, is \$35.75 per month times a participant's years of credited service.

Example 1: If a participant with 10 years of credited service has an accrued monthly benefit of \$500, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the PBGC guarantee would be determined by dividing the monthly benefit by the participant's years of service ($\$500/10$), which equals \$50. The guaranteed amount for a \$50 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus $\$24.75 (.75 \times \$33)$, or \$35.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit is $\$35.75 \times 10$.

Example 2: If the participant in Example 1 has an accrued monthly benefit of \$200, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the guarantee would be \$20 (or $\$200/10$). The guaranteed amount for a \$20 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus $\$6.75 (.75 \times \$9)$, or \$17.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit would be $\$17.75 \times 10$.

The PBGC guarantees pension benefits payable at normal retirement age and some early retirement benefits. In calculating a person's monthly payment, the PBGC will disregard any benefit increases that were made under the plan within 60 months before the earlier of the plan's termination or insolvency (or benefits that were in effect for less than 60 months at the time of termination or insolvency). Similarly, the PBGC does not guarantee pre-retirement death benefits to a spouse or beneficiary (e.g., a qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity) if the participant dies after the plan terminates, benefits above the normal retirement benefit, disability benefits not in pay status, or non-pension benefits, such as health insurance, life insurance, death benefits, vacation pay, or severance pay.

Where to Get More Information

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For identification purposes, the official plan number is 001 and the plan sponsor's employer identification number or "EIN" is 36-2377656. For more information about the PBGC and benefit guarantees, go to PBGC's website, www.pbgc.gov, or call PBGC toll-free at 1-800-400-7242 (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 1-800-400-7242).