



## ***THE BULLETIN***

### ***LONGSHORE NEGOTIATIONS***

Attention Brothers and Sisters:

The Longshore Contract Executive Board Negotiating Committee has continued to meet with the BCMEA Negotiating Committee, March 1, 2, 3, 2010. The Parties managed to make progress on a few issues and had agreed to seek further available dates in March and April 2010.

Unbeknownst to the Longshore Committee, the BCMEA had been attempting to undermine the process through lobbying people in Ottawa. The Minister of Labour has appointed two (2) Mediators to assist the Parties to attempt to reach a Collective Agreement.

**“The appointment of Mediators is intended to promote successful negotiations and facilitate an early settlement without a work stoppage.” and “the Government is particularly interested in fostering labour relations stability in the ports at this time.”**

The Mediators are, The Honourable Ted Hughes Q.C., and Mr. John Rooney of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. The appointment is for a ninety (90) day period or until one of the Parties files a notice of a dispute.

The Union is prepared to meet and negotiate in good faith and welcomes any constructive assistance that the Mediators might bring to the process.

**An Injury to One is an Injury to All**

On behalf of the Negotiating Committee  
Tom Dufresne - President