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## Sent Via Email & U.S. Mail

January 15, 2015

Gene Seroka, Executive Director Port of Los Angeles 425 South Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: PMA Punitive Measures against PASHA and Metropolitan Stevedoring

Dear Mr. Seroka:

This morning ILWU, Local 13 learned that the Pacific Maritime Association ("PMA") fined PASHA and Metropolitan Stevedoring approximately \$50 thousand dollars and has suspended these companies from membership in the PMA. The punitive measures against these two companies are the direct result of nothing more than the companies' decision to load and unload break-bulk cargo in their regular and customary manner. These companies are being penalized because they did not follow PMA's directive to halt ordering longshore labor for loading and unloading vessels on the night shift.

PMA's alleged reason for ordering its member companies to eliminate night side labor on vessels is that additional dock space for containers must be cleared before unloading new cargo, however, on January 12, 2014, PMA announced that the PMA cutbacks would also apply to bulk and break-bulk operations, such as the steel operation run by PASHA and the petroleum coke operation run by Metropolitan Stevedoring. PMA has not, and cannot, provide any logical explanation for its directive to reduce break-bulk operations as this move will do nothing to ease the congestion crisis. The Port of Los Angeles has an obligation to its tenants, the business community, and the public at large, to take all steps necessary to ensure that imports and exports flow freely through the Port.

Sincerely,

Robert Olvera, Jr.

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