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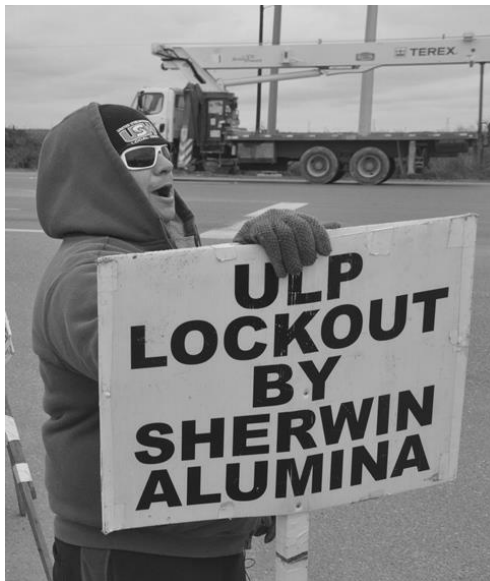
USW Calls on Sherwin to Release Full Cost of Five-Month Lockout

The USW is calling for Sherwin Alumina to release to the public the full cost of its five-month lockout of 450 Local 235A members in Gregory.

The union made the request in response to comments Sherwin made regarding its financial and operating results.

Sherwin Alumina last week issued a public statement complaining that the union had commented on financial results reported by Glencore, Sherwin's parent company.

In its response, the union noted that its ability to comment is limited by the fact that Sherwin Alumina deliberately does not disclose its financial results and its parent, Glencore, only publishes limited information for its "aluminium/alumina" business within its "industrial" segment.



"Sherwin can eliminate any confusion by releasing its detailed financial results for the fourth quarter and year of 2014," said District 13 Director Ruben Garza.

"We call on Sherwin to disclose the cost of the illegal lockout and its estimate of the cost savings generated by its demand for concessions," Garza said.

"The community also has the

right to know the amount the company has paid to replacement workers, contractors and security forces brought in from outside the area and state," said Ben Lilienfeld, USW District 13 Sub-District Director. "Sherwin's illegal lockout has hurt this community."

The USW also noted that Local 235A has offered repeatedly to return to work while bargaining continues, but Sherwin has refused.

"Most of all, Sherwin Alumina should end this illegal lockout, allow its employees to return to work and bargain a fair contract," said Garza.

"The USW remains committed to bargaining a contract that is fair to both sides. We call on the company to end this illegal lockout and return to the table," Lilienfeld said.

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