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Bargaining with Cliffs Natural Resources Under Way in Pittsburgh

Negotiations with Cliffs Natural Resources kicked off in Pittsburgh on Thursday, September 10th. During the initial 'sound off' meeting, USW negotiators made clear that we're not willing to let Cliffs use a temporary downturn in the iron ore market as an excuse to erase decades of progress in our contracts.

The union understands the challenges that our industry is facing. We're committed to working together to fight the onslaught of steel imports and we're committed to working with Cliffs to find cost-saving solutions, but cutting wages and benefits is not the solution. USW negotiators also emphasized that maintaining quality healthcare for our retirees is a key priority.

Local issue bargaining resumed on Friday and will continue through the weekend. On Monday the parties will meet again to exchange top-table proposals.

Stay strong, stay safe, and let's continue to show Cliffs that we're committed to doing whatever it takes to win a fair contract!

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USW Local 6860—United Taconite

USW Local 4974—Tilden Mining

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