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START OF TRANSCRIPT**Mike Van Boekel**

Hello, everyone. We are making a very short video today, a lot has happened over the last month and we just want to update the members on what has been going on. We want to inform everybody that the master bargaining committee is now at the union hall, and we have been here for some time. We have agreed to go into early bargaining talks with the company. We have a deadline for January 15th, which is next Friday, which we understand is coming very quickly. We are tentatively setting up a virtual ratification meeting for Sunday, January 17th the time has not yet been finalized, but we will communicate that as we know it over the next two weeks. GM approached us in late November to ask us to enter into early bargaining talks. The main reason was major investment. The bargaining committee has been working since December, About mid-December we came out, we had a vote amongst ourselves and we have agreed to enter into talks. We have worked right through the Christmas period. So I do want to thank the bargaining committee for working through their Christmas time here at the hall. It has really sucked because you're away from your families. But that's the commitment we took. And I do appreciate the bargaining committee being here. We will stay at the hall for the first two weeks in January, meeting with the company as we work towards a tentative date of January 15th, a deadline to get this done. If you go to our website, we do have proposals sheets on there. We are asking everyone to fill out the proposal sheets to help us with some of our demands and get back some of the feedback on the ideas of our members. You must register to vote. We've been hammering that for a good month now, but please take the time register to vote.

Mike Van Boekel

You'll see the icon on the end of this video and it's on our website as well. But you please need to register so you can vote on January 17th. We are also aware that many of our members are currently laid off. If you could reach out to anybody who's laid off, call them, text them, asking to watch the video, inform them that we're going into bargaining. They need to register so that they can take part in the video, watch the video and then ask questions on January 17th. Just so everyone's aware, this is only a tentative agreement. If we do not have the deal or if the membership turns this down, we are not on strike. We have a contract that is binding until September, so we are not going on strike later in January. We are looking towards a January 17th ratification, At this time, there will be a live question and answer segment after the ratification part. After I say the speech, the lines will be open. There'll be a question and answer period that we'll take the time, Mik if it takes two or three hours to answer everybody's question. At that time, we will also be able to give you an update on what exactly has been going on since late November that got us to this position. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your support. And we will continue to work until January 15th, at which time hopefully we'll have a deal done and ready to be voted on by January 17th. Please vote or please go to the icon, make sure you registered that you can vote and take part in our future. Thank you.

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