

Inplant Update

Congratulations to all of the successful candidates in the elections, and good luck to all of those in the upcoming runoffs.

Battery Plant

The Battery Plant continues to increase production. 2 of 5 lines are now running consistently and the 3rd will hopefully be running smoothly by next week.

Pack Main Line members have now come to the Battery Plant and are undergoing training. The Pack Main Line aims to begin trials starting the week of June 17.

Weekly overtime has now begun in the Superphase area of the Battery Plant, which is great to see.

The company has set up the Battery Plant with one QC team and one PSG group across the entire area. We are getting some push back on pilot, launch, etc and on who is needed each weekend.

This will lead to issues with overtime equalization within the Battery Plant. The 3 battery reps; Mario Difelice, Ryan Roberts and Spencer O'Brien are currently working through the issues to get the overtime requirements consistent across the 3 shifts.

Brightdrop

Production continues to inch forward. We are now hitting 50 units a shift and the quality continues to increase. Bill Harkness stated in a "Talk it out Tuesday" that new customers are coming on board, so hopefully this will lead to positive results.

Vacation Payout

We hope to have answers very soon on vacation payout timing. We are waiting to hear back from the ER and the payroll department.

October 1st

October 1st discussions continue. We have given the company 12 options to try that keeps everyone working. These meetings continue with the Bargaining Committee.

Bargaining

Bargaining talks continue. Right now, the meetings are identifying the larger issues and trying to set up a framework of what those issues entail. Starting in July we will begin meeting with the subcommittees to work on resolving issues around the specialty rep's; safety, ERGO, Time Standards, H/R, EFAP, etc.

Benefits

Service Canada is still upholding their decision on the 4% bonus issue. We are still in the process of appealing the decision. It has been a lengthy process, but we are continuing to work on it.

In Closing

The Inplant will put out an update prior to summer shutdown informing every one of the vacation payout timing, EI questions around summer shutdown, etc.

Mike Van Boekel will be on two weeks vacation starting Thursday, June 13. In his absence Mark Gee and Ryan Roberts will be running the Inplant office and will continue to meet with the company regarding upcoming staffing and bargaining issues.

In Solidarity,

Inplant Committee

