



THE CONFEDERATION OF CANADIAN UNIONS LA CONFÉDÉRATION DES SYNDICATS CANADIENS

I write to you to express my grave concern about the failure of Salit management to sign a collective agreement with the workers of Salit Quarry and WAC Ma'an, the union that represents them. I have been informed that workers at Salit began organizing in 2007 due to intolerable working conditions. I understand that the company recognized WAC-Ma'an and began negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement and that on April 10, 2011 a tentative agreement was finally reached.

However, the management of Salit Quarry retreated and postponed the date which had been set for the signing several times, attempting to create divisions among the workers. Faced with no apparent alternative, the workers and the union announced a legal strike until the agreement was signed. We call upon you to make sure that the management of Salit takes a responsible position and signs the agreement so as to allow the workers to go back to work in a work place that respects their rights and health and safety in accordance to the commitment of Ready mix Industry's (Israel) to high standards of safety, social rights and fair treatment of its employees.

Sincerely,

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