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Message of solidarity for the workers of Liberty Steel in Ostrava

The Pan Hellenic Energy Federation stands with the workers of Liberty Steel in Ostrava and demands that the company's management stop the massive job cuts in the furnaces and the idling of the iron and steel production facilities.

It cannot be overlooked that the decision on mass layoffs divides employees into those who will (allegedly) receive wages for their work and those who are supposed to do the work for free. It is naive to think that an employee can live in a vacuum without a salary, not paying the bills, and that he will be responsible for maintaining the equipment entrusted to him so that there is no accident or danger to life.

The security risks for the company itself and for the adjacent parts of the municipalities cannot be neglected. Given the development of the situation, we expect that employees will a masse request the immediate termination of their employment as of July 31. 2024, which will not only make it impossible to operate again, but will also expose the entire region to a significant security risk.

- We call on creditors to object to this procedure, where the owner and the state, through their laxity, liquidate the company and thus make it impossible for creditors to recover their claims. Without employees, the company loses its value and creditors' claims cannot be expected to be satisfied..
- We urge the government to consider all the security risks this poses to the region and to consider whether it is interested in total unregulated redundancies.
- We call on the government to come and explain to the employees what it is doing in the given situation and what the next procedure will be with the interested parties that it notified.
- We call on the government to reconsider allowing some employees to retire early without reducing their pension entitlement.
- We call on the insolvency administrator to stop further tunneling of the company and to take all steps to protect the interests of creditors and to review all activities that the company continues to carry out.

- We ask the European Commission to ensure the use of funds for employee wages in order to enable the company's continued operation. - In the case of announced mass layoffs, the employee is entitled to the payment of wages and severance pay in accordance with applicable laws and the collective agreement. We are not a banana republic, so that the employee is left with his claims to register a claim and not get his money!!

We support the just struggle of the workers

**TOGETHER WE CAN!!!
NO ONE ALONE!!!**


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