

# ***RIG WORKERS VOICE***

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## **Offshore Alliance Members Stand United and Make History**

An historical agreement has been reached this week when the entire crew of the EnSCO 7500 stood together as one and achieved the first ever hard lying payment for rig workers in the offshore oil and gas Industry. This campaign for recognition of the poor state of rig particularly in regards to noise started some five months ago and it is with great satisfaction that we report back to you all with the most positive of results.

Rig workers on the 7500 all joined the Offshore Alliance and together with MUA Assistant National Secretary **Ian Bray** and Offshore Alliance Organisers **Mahmut "Hammer" Melkic** and **Glen Williams** successfully negotiated a hard lying payment in regards to the excessive noise that is prevalent on the rig.

All rig workers are to receive a payment of \$75 per day for every day they have been on the rig back dated to the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. In addition all rig workers will receive a payment of \$75 per day for the life of the rig unless the noise issues are appropriately dealt with. The marine crew onboard are also to receive reduced swing lengths from four to three weeks in recognition of the over exposure to the noise they have been enduring.

This great show of unity, collectivism and solidarity has proven once again that workers united will never be defeated. The Offshore Alliance unions congratulate all the members for the historical stand they have taken and hope this lesson is heard loud and clear amongst rig workers all over the industry that anything is possible if we organise ourselves collectively to achieve realistic outcomes for the most important people in the industry, YOU the workers.

The Offshore Alliance will continue to work with the members on the EnSCO 7500 and are hopeful of a collective agreement in the near future. Alliance organisers are currently speaking with EnSCO about this process and we will update all on any progress that is made in the future through YOUR voice in the industry, the Rig Workers Voice.

***Have YOU Become A Member Yet?***

***The Offshore Alliance is YOUR voice!!***

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