



Offshore Update - 15/02/2021

Offshore Members

This report addresses the Agreement reached in Principle with AOS and the ongoing industry EBA negotiations. The other key point made is that of Maritime Super. Please ensure that this report is read out at your onboard meetings.

AOS Negotiations

The EBA negotiations took a twist and a turn before resulting in an in-principal agreement being reached between the parties.

Last week, the AOS membership endorsed the Union to notify AOS of our intention to take a 24-hour stoppage. This was done late Tuesday afternoon. Within minutes of sending the notice, AOS called to arrange a meeting. They requested then notice be withdrawn and assured that they would work towards reaching an in-principle agreement. We withdrew the notice to display how keen we were to reach agreement.

On arrival, AOS opened the meeting by informing us they intend to challenge our right to take protected action, as advised by AMMA and their lawyers. Following the meeting, we served AOS with three more notices and advised that we would not be withdrawing them unless an agreement could be reached with AOS.

Late Friday afternoon, we again met again with AOS management and resolved most of the outstanding issues. Whilst drafting continues, we have reached an agreement in principle. This could not have been done without the membership:

1. Voting YES to protected action; and
2. Voting YES to take it.

As a result, the Union is endorsing a YES vote to this upcoming vote.

Congratulations to all the AOS membership!

Meeting with Dof

Before meeting with AOS, we also had a bargaining meeting with Dof Management. Whilst we had to social distance and wear face masks, we did our best to discuss the log of claims served on Dof the previous week.

We are seeking to set a new industry standard and secure key industry outcome with Dof, being the first vessel operator. This involves significant increases in wages, increases in casual loading and securing other provisions for the Dof membership.

The first meeting went relatively well as Dof “Semi” agreed to a few of the non-cost items, however, the remaining key issues (including scope and increases in any form) were rejected.

We will be providing the broader Dof membership with further detailed updates in the coming weeks via video hook-up.

Go Offshore Update

We have been meeting with Go Offshore regularly. Last week they presented us with a proposal of a rollover including a 2% increase, being 1% this year and 1% next year.

We told them we would present their offer to the Go Offshore membership. We were then informed by other operators that Go Offshore management has been claiming that they have the MUA members locked away and that they intend to put them on dead days in between jobs.

As expected, our members voted against picking up the proposed rollover deal.

We will continue to update as we move through the negotiation throughout the industry.

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