

## Notice of Critical Status For

### Teamsters Union Local No. 52 Pension Fund

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This is to inform you that on March 30, 2012, the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and to the plan sponsor, that the Teamsters Union Local No. 52 Pension Fund (hereafter, the "Plan") is in critical status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2012. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

#### **Critical Status**

The Plan is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the Plan's actuary determined that:

- The plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency within four years.

#### **Rehabilitation Plan**

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a Rehabilitation Plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the Plan. This is the fourth year the Plan has been in critical status. The law permits pension plans in the red zone to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a Rehabilitation Plan. On June 1, 2008, you were notified that the Plan had adopted a Rehabilitation Plan that included several different funding schedules and certain schedules reduced or eliminated adjustable benefits provided under the Plan. At present, no contributing employers have adopted a funding schedule that reduces or eliminates any adjustable benefits with respect to active participants; however, adjustable benefits were eliminated for participants who on or before April 28, 2008 became so-called "deferred vested participants."

On April 28, 2008, you were notified that as of that date, the Plan while it is in critical status is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity (except for the payout of benefits worth less than \$5,000). On December 15, 2010, the Rehabilitation Plan was updated to forestall insolvency and the required contribution rate increases were revised. However, adjustable benefits were unchanged from the prior Rehabilitation Plan. If the trustees of the Plan determine that further benefit reductions become necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of a recent benefit increase) will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement age. Participants who submitted an application for retirement benefits before April 28, 2008 are not affected by the Rehabilitation Plan.

#### **Adjustable Benefits**

The Plan offers the following adjustable benefits that may be reduced or eliminated as part of any update to the current Rehabilitation Plan:

- Post-retirement death benefits;
- Sixty-month payment guarantees;
- Disability benefits (if not yet in pay status);
- Early retirement benefit or retirement-type subsidy;
- Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and-survivor annuity (QJSA);
- Other similar benefits, rights, or features under the Plan, such as the 30-and-out pension and the Golden 90 pension.

## **Employer Surcharge**

The law requires that all contributing employers that have not elected a schedule under the Rehabilitation Plan pay to the Plan a surcharge to help correct the Plan's financial situation. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the Plan under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. With some exceptions, a 5% surcharge is applicable in the initial critical year and a 10% surcharge is applicable for each succeeding Plan Year thereafter in which the Plan is in critical status.

## **Where to Get More Information**

For more information about this Notice, you may contact Board of Trustees at 6511 Eastland Road, Suite 160, Brook Park, OH 44142-1309; 440-243-8459. You have a right to receive a copy of the Rehabilitation Plan from the Plan.

This Notice is dated April 27, 2012.

*As required by law, this notice is being provided to all required parties including the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), the U.S. Department of Labor, each Plan Participant and Beneficiary, the Union and each the Contributing Employer.*