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### Notice of Critical and Declining Status For

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This is to inform you that on March 31, 2021 the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the Fund's Board of Trustees, that the plan is in critical and declining status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2021. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

#### Critical and Declining Status

The plan is considered to be in critical and declining status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the plan's actuary determined that the plan's funded percentage is less than 65%. In addition, the plan is projected to become insolvent and require financial assistance from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) during the 2034 plan year. Insolvent means that the plan's available resources are not sufficient to pay benefits under the plan during the plan year for which they are due. Critical and declining status was introduced by the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014.

#### 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 twelfth year the plan has been in critical status and the sixth year it has been in critical and declining status. The Trustees adopted a revised Rehabilitation Plan ("RP") on March 3, 2020. The RP described the actions to be taken by the Plan's Trustees, and the benefit and contribution changes to be bargained by the bargaining parties, to forestall insolvency.

The Fund is required to review the RP annually. If the Trustees determine that modifications are necessary, they will revise the RP and the benefit and contribution schedules recommended under it. However, a schedule of contribution rates provided by the Trustees and relied upon by the bargaining parties in negotiating a collective bargaining agreement will remain in effect for the duration of that agreement, and benefits earned for the service performed under each

bargaining agreement will be determined based on the schedule applicable to that agreement at the time the service is performed.

The Rehabilitation Plan period began on January 1, 2012. The Rehabilitation Plan is reviewed annually and updated as needed.

### **What Does This Mean For Me?**

The Fund applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval to implement certain benefit reductions to avoid insolvency under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (“MPRA”). As previously communicated, the Fund appears to be eligible for financial assistance under American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”). However, several details regarding the qualification for and timing of financial assistance have not yet been made public. We will monitor the guidance once issued and continue to keep you informed.

### **Where to Get More Information**

For more information about this Notice, you may contact Warehouse Employees Union Local No. 730 Pension Trust Fund at 800-730-2241 or 911 Ridgebrook Road, Sparks, Maryland 21152. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan.