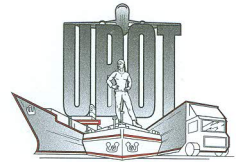


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UNION BELGE DES OUVRIERS DU TRANSPORT**



To Comrade Warren SMITH
Assistant National Secretary
Maritime Union of Australia
and all the workers at DPW Brisbane

Antwerp, 7 March 2013.

Dear brother Warren and colleagues,
Dear brothers and sisters,

Please note that we are very concerned to hear about your current struggle at the Port of Brisbane.

Realizing that the automation plans on the table from DP World could have a considerable impact on your job security and working conditions and that as a result, it is crucial that DP World enters into good faith negotiations with the Maritime Union of Australia over the proposals.

We want to assure you that the ITF and the BTB, together with all the affiliated Dockworkers' Unions around the world stand with you in this dispute. As dockers we must unite to face the challenges and embrace the opportunities that changes in our industry may bring.

We will not hesitate to support you in your struggle and we are determined to ensure that automation will not be used as a union busting tool in Brisbane or in any other port in the world.

In Solidarity !

On behalf of the BTB

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Federal Secretary Ports of Belgium

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