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Workers at AbitibiBowater Mill are in impossible situation

Halifax, N.S. - On Thursday, November 10, workers (members of Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' (CEP) Local 141) at the AbitibiBowater Mill in Brooklyn were given an ultimatum from the parent company that they must approve an offer by this Thursday.

Nova Scotia Federation of Labour President Rick Clarke has been working closely with CEP and says this ultimatum is not fair as it forces the workers to deal with an unreasonable and very serious demand on incredibly short notice.

"This is a total disregard of the spirit and intent of free collective bargaining and democracy in this Province," said Clarke.

"This issue is very important to these workers, their communities and to our economy and all the parties, including the province, should support a negotiated resolve to this dispute.

"We earnestly urge the employer and the union to get back to the table and try to find a reasonable resolve to this matter. Negotiating is a preferable option for this very serious matter," said Clarke in conclusion.

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For more information, call the Federation of Labour office at 454.6735 to arrange an interview.

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