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**Annual Funding Notice
For
Local 282 Pension Trust Fund**

Introduction

This notice includes important information about the funding status of your pension plan (“the Plan”) and general information about the benefit payments guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), a federal insurance agency. All traditional pension plans (called “defined benefit pension plans”) must provide this notice every year regardless of their funding status. This notice does not mean that the plan is terminating. It is provided for informational purposes and you are not required to respond in any way. This notice is for the plan year beginning March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015 (“Plan Year”).

How Well Funded Is Your Plan

Under federal law, the plan must report how well it is funded by using a measure called the “funded percentage.” This percentage is obtained by dividing the Plan’s assets by its liabilities on the Valuation Date for the plan year. In general, the higher the percentage, the better funded the plan. Your Plan’s funded percentage for the Plan Year and each of the two preceding plan years is set forth in the chart below, along with a statement of the value of the Plan’s assets and liabilities for the same period.

	2014-2015 Plan Year	2013-2014 Plan Year	2012-2013 Plan Year
Valuation Date	March 1, 2014	March 1, 2013	March 1, 2012
Funded Percentage	91.3%	88.8%	85.8%
Value of Assets	\$737,781,274	\$687,116,789	\$644,648,320
Value of Liabilities	\$808,330,935	\$773,985,932	\$751,619,700

Year-End Fair Market Value of Assets

The asset values in the chart above are measured as of the Valuation Date for the plan year and are actuarial values. Because market values can fluctuate daily based on factors in the marketplace, such as changes in the stock market, pension law allows plans to use actuarial values that are designed to smooth out those fluctuations for funding purposes. The asset values below are market values and are measured as of the last day of the plan year, rather than as of the Valuation Date. Substituting the market value of assets for the actuarial value used in the above chart would show a clearer picture of a plan’s funded status as of the

Valuation Date. The fair market value of the Plan’s assets as of the last day of the Plan Year and each of the two preceding plan years is shown in the following table:

	February 28, 2015	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Fair Market Value of Assets	\$774,967,735	\$717,382,710	\$633,145,710

(Note, the asset value as of February 28, 2015 is a preliminary number since the Plan does not have audited asset values as of that date).

Critical or Endangered Status

Under federal pension law a plan generally will be considered to be in “endangered” status if, at the beginning of the plan year, the funded percentage of the plan is less than 80 percent or in “critical” status if the percentage is less than 65 percent (other factors may also apply). If a pension plan enters endangered status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a funding improvement plan. Similarly, if a pension plan enters critical status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a rehabilitation plan. Rehabilitation and funding improvement plans establish steps and benchmarks for pension plans to improve their funding status over a specified period of time.

The Plan was not in endangered or critical status in the Plan Year.

Participant Information

The total number of participants in the Plan as of the Plan’s valuation date was 6,714. Of this number, 2,662 were active participants, 3,117 were retired or separated from service and receiving benefits, and 935 were retired or separated from service and entitled to future benefits.

Funding & Investment Policies

Every pension plan must have a procedure for establishing a funding policy to carry out plan objectives. A funding policy relates to the level of assets needed to pay for benefits promised under the plan currently and over the years.

The Plan is funded by contributions made by employers pursuant to collective bargaining agreements with Local 282, I.B.T., which represents the Plan’s participants.

Once money is contributed to the Plan, the money is invested by plan officials called fiduciaries, who make specific investments in accordance with the Plan’s investment policy. Generally speaking, an investment policy is a written statement that provides the fiduciaries who are responsible for plan investments with guidelines or general instructions concerning investment management decisions. The investment policy of the Plan is as follows:

Investment objectives:

Assets of the Fund shall be invested in a manner consistent with the fiduciary standards of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and supporting regulations. The Fund’s assets shall be invested with the primary emphasis upon consistency of performance, i.e., the achievement of growth in such a manner as to protect Fund assets from excessive volatility in market value from year to year.

Significant investment awareness must also be placed upon capital protection, i.e., the achievement of adequate investment growth such that the purchasing power of the principal amount of these assets is maintained over time. Sufficient liquidity shall be maintained to meet benefit payment obligations and other Fund expenses.

Investment Guidelines:

Each Investment Manager is a bank (trust company), insurance company, or registered investment advisor. Each Investment Manager shall at all times be registered in good standing as an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Each Investment Manager acknowledges in writing that it is a fiduciary of the Fund. Full discretion is granted to each Investment Manager with regard to the sector and security selection and the timing of any transactions; provided however that such discretion shall always be exercised in accordance with each Investment Manager’s fiduciary responsibilities under ERISA.

Standards of Investment Performance:

Each Investment Manager is reviewed regularly regarding performance, personnel, strategy, research capabilities, organizational and business matters and other qualitative factors that may affect its ability to achieve the desired investment results. Consideration will be given to the extent to which performance results are consistent with the goals and objectives set forth in the Investment Policy and/or individual guidelines provided to an Investment Manager. The Fund’s investment policy outlines prohibited investments as well as limits regarding the percentage of the fund that may be invested in any one company and industry. Minimum credit quality guidelines are established and provided to investment managers. No investment may be made which violates the provisions of ERISA or the Internal Revenue Code.

The Trustees review the Fund’s investment policy on a regular basis and make periodic changes when, based on all available information, it is prudent to do so.

Under the Plan’s investment policy, the Plan’s assets were allocated among the following categories of investments, as of the end of the Plan Year. These allocations are percentages of total assets:

Asset Allocations	Percentage
1. Cash (Interest bearing and non-interest bearing)	<u>0.93</u>
2. U.S. government securities	<u>10.22</u>
3. Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	
All other	<u>10.27</u>
4. Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	
Common	<u>43.92</u>
5. Partnership/joint venture interests	<u>1.52</u>
6. Real estate (other than employer real property)	<u>4.42</u>
7. Loans (other than to participants)	
8. Participant loans	
9. Value of interest in common/collective trusts	<u>13.03</u>
10. Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	<u>8.30</u>
11. Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	
12. Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	
13. Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	<u>2.15</u>
14. Value of funds held in insurance co. general account	

(unallocated contracts)	
15. Employer-related investments:	
Employer Securities	
Employer real property	
16. Buildings and other property used in plan operation	<u>1.70</u>
17. Other	<u>3.54</u>
	100.00

For information about the plan’s investment in any of the following types of investments as described in the chart above – common/collective trusts, pooled separate accounts, master trust investment accounts, or the 103-12 investment entities – contact the Fund Office at 516-488-2822.

Right to Request a Copy of the Annual Report

A pension plan is required to file with the US Department of Labor an annual report called the Form 5500 that contains financial and other information about the plan. Copies of the annual report are available from the US Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration’s Public Disclosure Room at 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-1513, Washington, DC 20210, or by calling 202.693.8673. For 2009 and subsequent plan years, you may obtain an electronic copy of the Plan’s annual report by going to www.efast.dol.gov and using the Form 5500 search function. Or you may obtain a copy of the Plan’s annual report by making a written request to the plan administrator. Individual information, such as the amount of your accrued benefit under the Plan, is not contained in the annual report. If you are seeking information regarding your benefits under the Plan, contact the plan administrator identified below under “Where to Get More Information”.

Summary of Rules Governing Plans in Reorganization and Insolvent Plans

Federal law has a number of special rules that apply to financially troubled multiemployer plans. The plan administrator is required by law to include a summary of these rules in the annual funding notice. Under so-called “plan reorganization rules,” a plan with adverse financial experience may need to increase required contributions and may, under certain circumstances, reduce benefits that are not eligible for the PBGC’s guarantee (generally, benefits that have been in effect for less than 60 months). If a plan is in reorganization status, it must provide notification that the plan is in reorganization status and that, if contributions are not increased, accrued benefits under the plan may be reduced or an excise tax may be imposed (or both). The plan is required to furnish this notification to each contributing employer and the labor organization.

Despite the special plan reorganization rules, a plan in reorganization could become insolvent. A plan is insolvent for a plan year if its available financial resources are not sufficient to pay benefits when due for the plan year. An insolvent plan must reduce benefit payments to the highest level that can be paid from the plan’s available financial resources. If such resources are not enough to pay benefits at a level specified by law (see Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC, below), the plan must apply to the PBGC for financial assistance. The PBGC will loan the plan the amount necessary to pay benefits at the guaranteed level. Reduced benefits may be restored if the plan’s financial condition improves.

A plan that becomes insolvent must provide prompt notification of its status to participants and beneficiaries, contributing employers, labor unions representing participants, and PBGC. In addition, participants and beneficiaries also must receive information regarding whether, and how, their benefits will be reduced or affected, including loss of a lump sum option.

Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC

The maximum benefit that the PBGC guarantees is set by law. Only benefits that you have earned a right to receive and that cannot be forfeited (called vested benefits) are guaranteed. Specifically, the PBGC guarantees a monthly benefit payment equal to 100 percent of the first \$11 of the Plan's monthly benefit accrual rate, plus 75 percent of the next \$33 of the accrual rate, times each year of credited service. The PBGC's maximum guarantee, therefore, is \$35.75 per month times a participant's years of credited service.

Example 1: If a participant with 10 years of credited service has an accrued monthly benefit of \$500, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the PBGC guarantee would be determined by dividing the monthly benefit by the participant's years of service ($\$500/10$), which equals \$50. The guaranteed amount for a \$50 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus \$24.75 ($.75 \times \$33$), or \$35.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit is \$357.50 ($\35.75×10).

Example 2: If the participant in Example 1 has an accrued monthly benefit of \$200, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the guarantee would be \$20 (or $\$200/10$). The guaranteed amount for a \$20 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus \$6.75 ($.75 \times \$9$), or \$17.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit would be \$177.50 ($\17.75×10).

The PBGC guarantees pension benefits payable at normal retirement age and some early retirement benefits. In addition, the PBGC guarantees qualified preretirement survivor benefits, which are preretirement death benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a participant who dies before starting to receive benefit payments. In calculating a person's monthly payment, the PBGC will disregard any benefit increases that were made under the plan within 60 months before the earlier of the plan's termination or insolvency (or benefits that were in effect for less than 60 months at the time of termination or insolvency). Similarly, the PBGC does not guarantee, benefits above the normal retirement benefit, disability benefits not in pay status, or non-pension benefits, such as health insurance, life insurance, death benefits, vacation pay, or severance pay.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this notice, you may contact the Fund office at 516-488-2822. For identification purposes, the official plan number is 001 and the plan sponsor's employer identification number or "EIN" is 11-6245313. For more information about the PBGC and benefit guarantees, go to PBGC's website, www.pbgc.gov.