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Re: Temporary Mass Layoff Affecting Associated Milk Producers, Inc.'s Blair, Wisconsin  
Plant located at 220 Center Street, Blair, Wisconsin 54616 ("Blair Plant")

**Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act And**  
**Wisconsin Statutes Section 109.07(1m) Notice**

Dear Members of the Dislocated Worker Unit and Mayor Rawson:

I write to inform you that Associated Milk Producers, Inc. ("AMPI") has decided to transition the Blair Plant from a cheddar cheese to a cottage cheese production facility. At the time of project completion for the transition, which is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2026, the Blair Plant will be one of the largest cottage cheese plants in the U.S. However, due to this transition, AMPI is temporarily implementing a mass layoff effective March 31, 2026, which will affect 86 employees.

We anticipate that this temporary mass layoff will last until the transition project is complete and the Blair Plant is ready to resume regular operations in early 2027. Employees affected by this temporary mass layoff do not have bumping rights. However, employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement between AMPI and Teamsters General Union Local 662 have certain layoff and recall rights as set forth in the agreement, including Article 9, Section 6.

Enclosed is **Attachment A**, which is a list of the affected job titles and the names and addresses of the workers currently holding the affected positions. The number of affected employees in each job classification is as follows:

## Job Classification



Group 1 - 1  
Group 2 - 3  
Group 3 - 27  
Group 4 - 3  
Group 5 - 16  
Group 6 - 23  
Admin - 6  
Cheese - 3  
Maintenance - 1  
Quality - 2  
Whey - 1

The majority of the affected positions are held by employees represented by Teamsters General Union Local 662. Mr. David Hoepner is the Union's President. Mr. Hoepner work address, email address and phone number are as follows:

1546 Main Street,  
Green Bay, WI 54302  
[dhoeppner@teamsters662.com](mailto:dhoeppner@teamsters662.com)  
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If the Department of Workforce Development would like any additional information regarding the Blair Plant's payroll, affected employees, and the wages and other renumeration owed to those employees under Wis. Stats. Section 109.07(1m), please let us know. Additionally, if either of you have any further questions or need further information, please contact me at 507-354-8295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheryl Meshke".

Sheryl Meshke  
President and CEO

Classification	Job
Admin	DIVISION MANAGER
Admin	EHS Specialist
Admin	OFFICE ASSISTANT
Admin	OFFICE COORDINATOR
Admin	OFFICE MANAGER
Admin	Plant Operations Manager
Cheese	PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
Cheese	PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
Cheese	PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
Group 1	Maintenance Master B
Group 2	MAINTENANCE 1 A
Group 2	MAINTENANCE 1 A
Group 2	MAINTENANCE 1 A
Group 3	Cheese Processing A
Group 3	Cheese Processing A
Group 3	Cheese Processing A
Group 3	Cheese Relief A
Group 3	Cheese Relief A
Group 3	Cheese Relief A
Group 3	CHEESEMAKER A
Group 3	CHEESEMAKER A
Group 3	CHEESEMAKER A
Group 3	Cheesemaker B
Group 3	EVAPORATOR OPER A
Group 3	EVAPORATOR OPER A
Group 3	Evaporator Operator B
Group 3	Evaporator Operator C
Group 3	FOREPERSON CHEESE A
Group 3	FOREPERSON CHEESE A
Group 3	LAB TECH 1 A
Group 3	Lab Tech 1 B
Group 3	Lab Tech 1 C
Group 3	PASTEURIZER OPER A
Group 3	Pasteurizer Operator C
Group 3	Whey Processing A

Group 3	Whey Processing A
Group 3	Whey Processing A
Group 3	Whey Processing C
Group 3	Whey Relief A
Group 3	Whey Relief A
Group 4	Shipping & Receiving A
Group 4	Shipping & Receiving A
Group 4	Shipping & Receiving D
Group 5	ASST CHEESE MAKER A
Group 5	ASST CHEESE MAKER A
Group 5	Filler Operator B
Group 5	Filler Operator C
Group 5	Filler Operator D
Group 5	Filler Operator D
Group 5	FORKLIFT OPERATOR A
Group 5	FORKLIFT OPERATOR A
Group 5	FORKLIFT OPERATOR A
Group 5	Forklift Operator B
Group 5	Intake Operator A
Group 5	Intake Operator C
Group 5	Janitor C
Group 6	GENERAL LABOR A POST
Group 6	GENERAL LABOR A POST
Group 6	GENERAL LABOR A POST
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Group 6	GENERAL LABOR A POST
Group 6	GENERAL LABOR A POST
Group 6	General Labor Y
Group 6	General Labor Y

Group 6	General Labor Y
Maintenance	MAINTENANCE PLANNER
Quality	LAB COORDINATOR
Quality	QA MANAGER
Whey	WHEY PLANT SUPERINTENDENT