MEMORANDUM

TO: All ILWU Locals, IBU, Affiliates, Auxiliaries and Pension Clubs
FROM: Robert McEllrath, International President
SUBJECT: Relief for Japan’s Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster
DATE: March 15, 2011

I am certain you have seen the horrific news reports of the damage caused by the 9.0 earthquake off the shore of northern Japan, the subsequent Tsunami, and the continuing nuclear reactor problems. Hundreds of thousands of Japanese citizens are homeless and without shelter and adequate food and water. In times of crisis like this the ILWU family has always stepped up to assist those in need.

While the Titled Officers will be asking the International Executive Board, at its meeting early next month, to authorize a substantial contribution to the relief efforts in Japan, I am asking all affiliates and rank and file members to reach into their pockets and make whatever contribution they can afford. We have setup a relief fund at the International to aid the disaster recovery in Japan. Checks should be made out to “ILWU” with a notation in the memo section specifying “Japan relief” and sent to the ILWU International at 1188 Franklin Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Our brothers and sisters in Japan represented by the All Japan Dockworkers’ Union and the All Japan Seamen’s Union have setup relief accounts to which we will be transferring the contributions. Thank you for your generous support.

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cc: Titled Officers