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**INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION,
LOCALS 13, 63, 94 and 26, (ILWU) STATEMENT
REGARDING A LITHIUM BATTERY FIRE
IN PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH**

San Pedro, CA. (September 26, 2024)—The ILWU has released the following statement today regarding the impact of a lithium battery fire at the San Pedro Bay Port Complex:

The ILWU dispatches longshore, marine clerk, foremen and security guard labor at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, day and night, 365 days a year to move the nation's cargo and provide fluidity to the global supply chain.

Earlier today, a lithium battery fire erupted at the San Pedro Bay Port Complex and has been off-gassing toxic fumes for several hours. This fire cannot be extinguished and may burn for up to 48 hours.

The ILWU is collaborating with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) regarding the operation of terminals where our members work. As a result, the following terminals will not have workers present for tonight and tomorrow at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach: APM Terminals, Fenix Marine Services, Everport Terminal Services, Yusen Terminals, SA Recycling, PASHA TI, PIER S, SSA PIER A, and Total Terminals International.

The ILWU will continue to collaborate with the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), the Port of Long Beach (POLB) while taking direction from LAFD to ensure that safe working conditions are present for all workers of the ILWU before returning to work.