

Brussels & Geneva, 30 March 2017

Mr. Vladimir Poor
General Director
ŽOS Trnava
Slovakia

By e-mail to: XXX

In cc: LT, VS, 3 TU affiliated members

Call on ŽOS Trnava to resolve the dispute at GOŠA FŠV subsidiary in Serbia

Dear Mr. Vladimir Poor,


We are writing this letter to you on behalf of industriAll European Trade Union and IndustriALL Global Union, both representing millions of workers in manufacturing industries in Europe and the world, to call on ŽOS Trnava to immediately resolve the critical dispute at GOŠA FŠV subsidiary in Serbia.

We would like to direct your attention to the unacceptable and severe situation of GOŠA FŠV's workers in your majority-owned rail cars factory in Smederevska Palanka (Serbia). Workers from your subsidiary haven't received their gross salaries for over 12 months preventing them access to healthcare and pension, putting them and their families in extreme living poverty. Last week, as a result, a worker committed suicide by hanging himself in the factory facilities. This dramatic incident provoked a chaotic situation among the workers, **workers immediately started a strike**, leading the director to be escorted by policemen out of the factory and leaving for Slovakia.

IndustriAll European Trade Union and IndustriALL Global Union fully back the workers' strong decision to go on strike as a consequence of the non-respect of labour law. Taking full account of this critical situation, it is imperative that ŽOS Trnava intervene without any delays to put an end to the dispute by deblocking accounts to guarantee salaries and decent working conditions. Therefore, we urge you to instruct your subsidiary representatives to operate in full compliance with our members, **GS IER "Nezavisnost"**, SSMS, and ISS towards a common beneficial solution to the existing severe problems.

IndustriAll Unions are committed to fight against precarious work and have been campaigning for more and better quality jobs throughout Europe. We thus stand in full solidarity with our members and GOŠA FŠV workers' to strive for decent and better working conditions.

We truly hope that you will encourage a swift action, and immediate reply.
Sincerely,



**Valter Sanches, General Secretary
IndustriALL Global Union**



**Luc Triangle, General Secretary
IndustriAll European Trade Union**