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To Dannon workers at West Jordan factory – solidarity for ever

Dear colleague Durkee, dear colleagues of Dannon,

NGG is the German trade union which represents the employees of the food industry. We also represent our union members of Dannon.

The IUF, the global union federation that represents Dannon workers worldwide, has informed us about latest developments at West Jordan. An NLRB election is scheduled to take place late August to decide on union representation.

Meanwhile we understand that Dannon local management is interfering with the democratic process by attempting to discredit the BCTGM. This goes against the letter and spirit of the agreement signed by the IUF and Dannon top management.

The IUF has protested strongly to corporate HR management for the Americas. We support this protest and support the efforts made by BCTGM to organize the West Jordan factory and bring it into the family of other organized factories in the US and abroad.

Almost 75% of Dannon workers worldwide are organized in a union. Thanks to the agreement recently signed between the IUF and Dannon, union delegates have the chance to meet every year with the chairman and CEO of Dannon and discuss policy and practice and air the views and issues relevant for the workers they represent.

Representing Dannon workers in Germany, we strongly protest against Dannon local management's behavior and fully support BCTGM efforts to organize the West Jordan factory and open contract negotiations in good faith with management.

The approach of management is incomprehensible for us. We urge the company to raise this undemocratic approach to an end.

We are prepared to show solidarity to all West Jordan workers with all means at our disposal. Solidarity for ever!

Franz-Josef Möllenberg - Chairman -