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Solidarity Resolution of the BWI, IndustriALL Global Union, EFBWW 5th LafargeHolcim World Union Council Meeting, 9 – 10 March 2021

Solidarity with Colombian Paper Workers of Sintracarcól who make LafargeHolcim sacks

Meeting on 9 and 10 March, 2021, the World Union Council of LafargeHolcim addressed the case of union busting at Cartones de Colombia, at the company's factory in Yumbo that manufactures cement sacks for LafargeHolcim.

Cartones de Colombia plans a bad faith factory closure to shift production to another site where the salaries are much lower. This will mean the Yumbo factory workers lose their jobs, and their site-level union will be broken.

The World Union Council of LafargeHolcim stands in solidarity with the Colombian paper workers trade union Sintracarcól, and its members who face mass redundancy, busting of the union, and breaching of the collective bargaining agreement.

The World Union will raise the case with LafargeHolcim management and seek the company's intervention with its supplier Cartones de Colombia, part of the international Smurfit Kappa Group. The Network expects LafargeHolcim to seek a solution to maintain the production where it is, and treat the Yumbo factory employees with respect.

Sintracarcól is affiliated with IndustriALL Global Union.