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## Union Members Approve Agreement with Asarco

Union members have overwhelmingly approved a new, three-year labor agreement with Asarco.

The new labor agreement provides unprecedented wage increases to a broad spectrum of jobs, from laborers to operators to diesel-electric technicians—raising some rates by as much as 27 percent.

The new contract provides opportunities for even higher earnings by adding new skills and qualifications, such as advanced welding credentials and earth moving machinery.

In addition to wage improvements, the new contract provides additional time off, with numerous vacation and holiday improvements for workers.

It lowers workers healthcare contributions and ensures that so-called “fatigue monitoring systems” are used to make work safer and not simply more supervised.

Further – we fully intend to negotiate improvements for our members at the Mission and Silver Bell mines.

Asarco has repeatedly refused to recognize the unions at these mines, making negotiations impossible until the matter of representation is resolved.

The NLRB trial challenging Asarco’s refusal to recognize the unions is set to begin in July.

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