

## **Solidarity and Support Statement by the IndustriALL's Goodyear Global Union Network over the situation in Wolverhampton, UK**

IndustriALL is a global union representing more than 50 million workers from around 700 national unions in 143 countries from extraction of oil and gas, all types of mining, electric power, to manufacturing of metal, chemical, textile and garment products.

Since 1999, IndustriALL has organised a global network of trade unions representing workers of the US-based multinational tire manufacturer Goodyear which employs around 67,000 people in 51 plants, 2 innovation centers and 4 test tracks in 22 countries worldwide.

Our meetings and activities have revealed the extent to which the company is prepared to trample across workers' rights in order to pursue its own agenda of maximising profits and shareholder interests.

Meeting in Birmingham, UK on 2-3 November 2015, the Goodyear Global Union Network was utterly appalled to hear first hand of the manner in which Goodyear has now treated the workforce in Wolverhampton.

The site has existed for more than 90 years and has a loyal, dedicated and highly skilled workforce. We have no doubt that the site is viable and we are disgusted with the manner in which the management has refused to provide even the most basic data to allow independent experts the chance to analyse the case for closure of the site.

It is clear that Goodyear intends to relocate production to other sites in Europe in order to further maximise profits and shareholder returns.

The participating unions in the IndustriALL Goodyear Global Union Network take note of what is happening and express their complete solidarity with the workers at the Wolverhampton site.

We all will stand shoulder to shoulder and take appropriate actions to support the fight to save the site and to ensure that the company treats its workforce with the dignity and respect that it deserves.

Birmingham, 03 November 2015