**Bangladesh: IndustriALL calls for reinstatement of terminated Chevron workers**

**IndustriALL called on the PETROBANGLA to intervene and ensure decent working conditions at Chevron Bangladesh**

Chevron, one of the worlds biggest oil corporation and largest foreign direct investor in Bangladesh, terminated about 148 workers in the past two years, Chevron kept them as precarious workers for more than a decade and terminated them, when workers demanded permanency and the right to form union. Challenging Chevron’s unjust termination, over hundred workers filed cases in the labour court seeking reinstatement.

Now workers are deeply concerned as Chevron is in the process of selling its assets to Himalaya Energy. Chevron has also threatened to fire its present staff, who demanded the company to address employees concern before proceeding with the deal. Chevron’s exit without addressing workers’ concerns will have major impact on the lives of workers and their family members.

Towards protecting workers interest, IndustriALL called on the Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (PETROBANGLA), to make use of its right of first refusal, over the sale of Chevron Bangladesh to Himalaya Energy, until Chevron settles all pending matters, including court cases, reinstatement of all dismissed workers, back compensation payments, and job security, for at least three years, in the new company.

Valter Sanches, General Secretary of IndustriALL Global Union said, “it is essential that PETROBANGLA intervene to guarantee that Chevron Bangladesh act in full accordance with national labour law, and international core labour standards. In this regard, Chevron Bangladesh should fully inform and consult the workers, as well as engage in collective negotiations with the representative union to ensure a fair transition.”

The letter urged PETROBANGLA to help safeguard the fundamental rights of workers at Chevron Bangladesh, regardless of the future ownership of the company.