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LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST AB TRUCKING FOR UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES, LABOR & WAGE VIOLATIONS

Port of Oakland Trucking Company Faces Class-Action Lawsuit

(Oakland, CA) – A lawsuit has been filed against AB Trucking for alleged unfair business practices and violations of wage and hour law. A class-action lawsuit was recently filed by former employees against the company in the Superior Court of California, Alameda County.

The complaint alleges egregious violations of California Labor Code with regard to meal and rest periods, providing accurate itemized wage statements and providing payment of all wages owed to an employee upon termination. According to former employees, AB Trucking denied employees mandatory meal and rest periods; the company provided inaccurate wage statements; and employees were not provided full wage payment upon termination.

The complaint also alleges the company made numerous and varied violations of California Industrial Wage Commission (IWC) Wage Order 9, including the failure to provide compensation of all hours worked, failing to pay minimum wage for hours worked and denial of mandatory meal and rest periods.

"If these allegations are true, the rights of these workers have been seriously trampled upon," said Chuck Mack, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 70 in Oakland, California. "I fear that these violations may be just the tip of the iceberg and that similar abuses may be rampant with trucking companies throughout the broken Oakland Port trucking system."

Founded in 1903, the Teamsters Union represents more than 1.4 million hardworking men and women in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.