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Strike announcement puts negotiations at Ford into movement

"Yesterday, after we called the Ford workforce in Cologne for a first 24hrs strike on May 14, there was indeed a reaction from the employer side. This afternoon, the management wants to inform us about new proposals for solutions on their part," reports Kerstin Klein, 1st authorized representative of IG Metall Cologne-Leverkusen. "We will carefully listen to these proposals and consider whether the negotiations can possibly be continued this week. After all, we want to achieve a good result for the workforce as quickly as possible. Nevertheless, we will still go ahead with the day's strike as planned, because we will not give up the leverage of industrial action as long as there is no solution for the entire workforce on the table."

"Our colleagues completely support us and are going along with us," says Frank Koch, chair of the shop stewards at Ford FCSD. "We will be present at the plant gates and turnstiles with our pickets tomorrow, where the registration for the payment of strike pay will also take place starting with the early shift. We are delighted that so many colleagues from other companies and IG Metall branches have already announced their intention to visit the picket lines with delegations. All democratically rooted groups and people who share our enthusiasm are welcome to visit us tomorrow. It's great to see that we are not fighting alone here!"

"We will be setting up a truck stage at three times so that our colleagues can see this solidarity in action during their strike registration," announces David Lüdtke, chair of the shop steward at Ford Niehl/Merkenich. "At 9.00 a.m. at Gate 3 in Niehl, at 12.00 p.m. at Gate 54 in Merkenich (Development Center) and at 3.00 p.m. at Gate 52 in Merkenich (Spare Parts Center). In addition to speeches, there will also be music on the stage our

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employees can look forward to! Of course, we also welcome solidarity messages and photos.“ Messages of solidarity and photos will be published at “wir-bleiben-ford.de”.

„We’re staying Ford! Continuing to fight united for Cologne!“

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