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Ford Cologne: The stage is set for a strike!

The Ford workforce could not have sent a clearer message. With 93,5 % of votes in favor, IG Metall members voted in a ballot at Ford in Cologne to take industrial action to enforce their demands for a social collective agreement. The required quorum of 75% was thus clearly exceeded. This sends a clear message to negotiators on both sides. The signs point to a strike.

“We are determined to carry out the mandate given to us by our colleagues. Ford must now act – otherwise we will push ahead with our plans,” said Kerstin D. Klein, chief representative of IG Metall Cologne-Leverkusen, on the resounding result of the ballot. “Furthermore, it should now be clear to Ford that real damage could also be done to the commercial vehicle business in Europe – not to mention the damage to Ford's image,” Klein continued.

But it is not only employees who are united behind our demands. There is great solidarity nationwide – many works councils at large and small companies have expressed their support. “It is overwhelming how much positive encouragement we are receiving. The people in the company are behind us, the public is behind us. This is truly unique,” says David Lüdtke, chief shop steward at IG Metall at Ford, expressing his gratitude for the tremendous support. And there is even strong support from the US. Special thanks go to Chuck Browning from the UAW for his message of solidarity. He made it clear that the workforce's fight is justified because Ford is not honoring its contracts and commitments. The video can be viewed at www.wir-bleiben-ford.de.

Negotiations have now been suspended until the employer presents an offer that is acceptable for conclusion. A decision will now be made at short notice on the scope and areas in which strike action will begin. Employees will be informed of all necessary steps in good time.

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