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Truck Transport Industry Steps Up for Displaced Workers

REGINA, Sask. – A Saskatchewan truck transport company has filed for bankruptcy and the Past President of the Saskatchewan Trucking Association (STA) has taken up the plight of displaced workers.

SynLogistics Ltd. of Regina has voluntarily gone into formal bankruptcy proceedings, leaving its 100 or so workers without jobs or paycheques. SynLogistics was a little more than a year old after Schneider's Trucking Ltd. purchased Prud'homme Trucks Ltd. in Sept. 2007. New owner Don Schneider merged the dry van company with his flatdeck operation to become SynLogistics Ltd.

Workers coming to work last Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2008) were told the company had gone out of business. Some office staff, mechanics and drivers had not been paid for 2-3 weeks. Some transport truck owner-operators were as much as two months behind in being paid.

STA Past President Denis Prud'homme has taken up the cause of SynLogistics's workforce and has been busy placing workers with other companies. Contrary to reports that were published in the *Regina Leader-Post*, Denis Prud'homme has never been a partner in SynLogistics. The *Leader-Post* printed a Correction to its story and website on Nov. 10, 2008.

Mr. Prud'homme has worked diligently and at his own expense, to find employment for SynLogistics's workers. He has canvassed various companies, many of which are currently interviewing the workers. Some drivers – particularly those under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Employee Program – are having their work permits modified by government regulators to allow them to join other companies.

"I just wanted to see them treated right," he said. "Nobody was stepping up from their former employer (SynLogistics). I know many of these people. They're decent and hardworking; they're [now] on the street with no paycheques."

A longtime supporter of the immigrant worker program, Mr. Prud'homme has been involved in recruiting foreign workers for Saskatchewan trucking and associated industries.

SynLogistics was not a member of the STA, but the association's membership has stepped up to offer workers good jobs and benefits to ease their difficulties.

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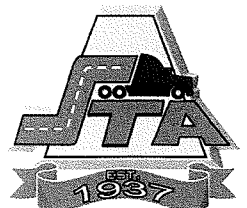
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"These workers will get employment with many of our members' companies; it's gratifying to see our industry step up in the face of such bad news when a company goes under," said Al Rosseker, STA Executive Director. "It also says a lot about the calibre of the people in our industry like Denis Prud'homme. His reputation in Canada precedes him . . . he's on the phone getting things done. He's doing this on his own nickel."

The Saskatchewan Trucking Association (STA) is the voice of truck transport in the province. A registered not-for-profit trade association, the STA has 250 carrier members and 100 associated trades members. The association holds voting rights on Canadian Trucking Alliance Board of Directors, a national body that represents the industry in Canada and North America. The STA is also affiliated with the British Columbia Trucking Association, Alberta Motor Transport Association, Manitoba Trucking Association, Ontario Trucking Association, Quebec Trucking Association, and Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association.

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