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## **In solidarity with the workers of Svitzer - Netherlands**

Fair transport is what it is all about, and that is why we as ETF have been denouncing the race to the bottom for years. It is not only in road transport but also in towage. The situation is not as bad as in that sector, but the downward spiral must be stopped once and for all.

We therefore call on the shipping companies to stop this race to the bottom, because the cost of a towing operations is negligible in comparison with the total costs of transport.

The shareholders' greed is far too great and we must all resist and show solidarity with tug workers in Europe and beyond that fight to defend and improve their working conditions

That is why the tug workers from all over Europe stand beside the Dutch colleagues who are taking actions to protest against the towing company Svitzer, which refuses to recognise to the workers what they deserve in terms of pay and conditions.

In Solidarity!

Jacques Kerkhof  
President ETF Tug Committee



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