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Ms. Catherine Gilbert, Registrar
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Dear Ms. Gilbert:

**Re: Crane Rental Association of Ontario (“Applicant”) and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 793 (“Responding Party”)
OLRB File No. 2973-24-R**

As the Board is aware, we are counsel for Pumpcrete Corporation and Aurora Concrete Pumping in respect of the above-noted matter.

We are in receipt of correspondence from counsel for the Applicant dated September 5, 2025, in which the Applicant unilaterally requests, without the consent of the Intervenor, the Board to schedule a Case Management Hearing for either December 12 or 18, 2025, based on the availability the parties canvassed specifically regarding a mediation meeting with the Labour Relations Officer assigned to the file.

We oppose the Applicant's request. The Board directed in the Decision dated July 22, 2025 that the Labour Relations Officer assigned to the matter was to convene a meeting *“to discuss the list of issues and to resolve as many of them as possible, including (if possible) the status of the prospective intervenors to intervene and the scope of the proposed bargaining unit”* (at para. 8). These issues remain unresolved for the Labour Relations Officer to inquire into. The Applicant now wants a Case Management Hearing instead to try and brow-beat through, with little actual case management, in a manner which will be inefficient and cause delay. The Board has already determined that inquiry by a Labour Relations Officer is the appropriate next step for case management, namely to streamline with the parties what the purpose(s) of a CMH would even be for. Accordingly, a CMH ought not to be scheduled for either December 12 or 18, 2025, whereas one of those dates ought to be confirmed as the mediation date, and a CMH ought to not be scheduled before that mediation has occurred.

Yours truly,

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