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Dear Member,

I am writing to you to introduce myself having recently replaced Mr Mick Browne as General Secretary of the Guinness Staff Union. I have spent the last couple of weeks meeting with the Executive Committee and the Guinness Retired Staff Association (GRSA) while also familiarising myself with both collective and individual members issues.

I have been involved with the trade union movement as a member, activist and an industrial organiser with SIPTU for over 30 years. I was delighted to be accepted into the role of General Secretary by your Executive Committee and look forward to working with them and you in the future.

We face many issues currently while we work through the Covid-19 pandemic as areas are targeted for reorganisation and the impact that these plans have on our members.

We have also engaged with the company, as per the recent Labour Court Recommendation, on the defined benefit element of the Guinness Ireland Group Pension Scheme (GIGPS) and have further meetings scheduled. We will of course keep you updated on any progress we make on this extremely important matter for those in the defined benefit scheme.

Last week I attended the Irish Congress of Trade Unions Biennial Delegate Conference in Belfast at which our motion on remote working was adopted by congress and attracted support from other unions.

We are experiencing some IT issues in relation to the GSU email address which we hope to resolve soon in the meantime you can contact me through jpalmer@siptu.ie or by phone on 0870625634.

I look forward when the situation allows to meeting as many of you as possible and in the meantime will be working with your Executive to further the ambitions of the union.

Yours faithfully

Jason Palmer _____

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