



23 March 2009

**To: Third level Branch Secretaries**

**Re: Directive of Industrial Action**

Dear Colleague

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Please ensure that all members are advised of the industrial action as set out above and that they are directed to comply with this decision of the executive committee.

The Notice of Industrial Action as sent to the employer is attached.

Yours sincerely

Peter MacMenamin  
General Secretary

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Please take this letter as official notice of the industrial action as set out above.

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