

Majority of Sactwu's 40,000 members vote 'yes' on strike action

According to BDLive, the South African Clothing and Textiles Workers Union (Sactwu) dismisses claims by sector employers that most union members were against strike action. According to Sactwu, early indications of its balloting process showed that the majority of its 40,000 members were in favour of industrial action after declaring a dispute with employer representative body, the Apparel Manufacturers of SA (Amsa), early this year.

The union rejected Amsa's wage offer for non-metro workers, and is demanding a weekly wage rise of R4. Amsa is offering about R32 and is also pushing for at least a 20% reduction in new workers' wages. The union and the employer have thus far settled for a 6.5% increase for metro workers. Strike action could in all likelihood hurt further the industry - which has been showing modest signs of recovery. At least 50,000 jobs have been lost in the sector over the past 10 years, BDLive reports.

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