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PBGC Case Number: Bethlehem Steel
Plan Name: 19660300

JANE DOE
104 Main Street
Washington, DC 20000

Dear JANE DOE:

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is now responsible for your Bethlehem Steel Corporation (BSC) Pension Plan. We are writing to explain what will happen next and give you some information about the PBGC. Within the next three months, we will send you a package welcoming you to the PBGC with forms for you to complete and return. We will be mailing these packages, alphabetically in increments of 10,000 per week, first to all retirees and then to all other participants. Thank you in advance for your patience while we mail this important information about the PBGC.

The PBGC, a federal agency, was created by Congress and is financed through the collection of premiums from plan sponsors, assets from pension plans it takes over, and return on investments. PBGC has sufficient revenues and assets to continue to insure private defined benefit pension plans and protect benefits of the workers and retirees covered by those plans far into the future.

When an employer can no longer fund its pension plan, PBGC steps in to administer the plan and assume the remaining assets. We pay pension benefits up to our insurance limits, which are set by law. Additional information about the PBGC can be found on our web site at www.pbgc.gov/bethlehem.

Bethlehem Steel will continue to issue your pension payment for the next several months until our paying agent, State Street Corporation, assumes the payments. We will notify you of this change at least one month before it occurs. Please note the PBGC pays on the first of each month for that month.

If you are due a benefit from the BSC pension plan and become eligible to retire, contact us 90 days before you want your pension payments to begin. You can get the necessary forms by calling us at the telephone numbers listed below or by visiting our web site. We will pay you an estimated benefit while we work to confirm the exact amount we can pay you under law.

There is a new IRS tax credit for health care insurance premiums called the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC), which may apply to certain individuals who are 55 – 65 years of age and are receiving benefits from the PBGC. This credit does not apply if you are entitled to coverage under Medicare Part A, enrolled in Medicare Part B or a state's Medicaid program. In cases where individuals are 65 or older and not eligible for Medicare, they may still be eligible for the credit. The HCTC is equal to 65 percent of the premiums paid by you for qualified health insurance. **HCTC information is available from the IRS at its web site, www.irs.gov – IRS Keyword: HCTC, or at the HCTC toll-free number 1-866-628-HCTC (TTD/TTY: 1-866-626-HCTC).**

If you have any questions for the PBGC about your BSC pension, please call our Customer Service Center at **1 (800) 453-9584**. For **TTY/TDD** users, call the federal relay service toll-free at **1 (800) 877-8339** and give the relay operator our telephone number. You can also write us at:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
P.O. Box 151750
Alexandria, VA 22315-1750

Please tell us your social security number, address, daytime telephone number, and case number «CASE» when you call or write. Please keep this letter in your records for future reference.