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Notice of strike to improve low-wages

The Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union (HRF) gives notice of strike on 19 companies in six cities. The strike involves blockade against hiring, strike for all staff at the companies affected and blockade on hiring temporary workers. The strike will break out April 19, 2017 at 06:00 unless the parties agree on a new collective agreement before then.

HRF and Visita have negotiated the so-called Gröna Riksavtalet, which covers most of hoteland restaurant workers at the Swedish labour market. The parties have now left the negotiations in disagreement. The demands for improving low-wages according to the same levels as the industry agreement and secure jobs are the two issues the parties do not agree upon.

- We need to achieve equal pay and that means that improving low-wages is absolutely necessary, says Malin Ackholt, President of Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union (HRF). Visita shows no respect for the industry agreement and its normative role, and that makes me upset. The hotel and restaurant employees are entitled to the same pay rises that everyone else will get from this year's collective bargaining at the Swedish labour market.

- We are now forced to put a notice of strike on our demands for reasonable salary increases, which are entirely in line with the LO coordination (Swedish Federation of Trade Unions), says Malin Ackholt.

Brief information on the notice of strike:

if the strike breaks out on April 19, no-one, member of HRF or not, may perform their working tasks on the companies affected by the strikes. Work normally done by HRF members may not be carried out by white collar officials, members of other trade unions or by those who are not members of any trade union.

Companies affected by the notice of strike:

Stockholm

Berns Group AB, Berzelii Park Clarion Hotel Amaranten, Kungsholmsgatan 31 Grand Hotel Stockholm, Blasieholmshamnen 8

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Hotel C Stockholm, Vasaplan 4 Radisson Blu Arlandia Hotel, Kabinvägen 3 Radisson Blu Hotel Royal Viking Hotel, Vasagatan 1 Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Kungsgatan 70 Sheraton Stockholm Hotel, Tegelbacken 6

Göteborg

Gothia Towers Hotel, Mässans gata 24 Hotel Scandic Opalen, Engelbrektsgatan 73 Hotel Scandic Crown, Polhemsplatsen 3 Hotel Scandic No. 25, Burgrevegatan 25 Scandic Hotel Europa, Nordstan, Nils Ericsonsgatan 21

Malmö

Hotel Quality View, Hyllie Stationstorg 29 Hotel Scandic Triangeln, Triangeln 2

Helsingborg

Hotel Scandic Helsingborg Nord, Florettgatan 41

Umeå

Hotel Aveny, Rådhusesplanaden 14

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