

LABOUR: Workers have been locked out since June 5

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Deal may soon end Kellogg lockout

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Locked-out workers at the Kellogg plant in London could soon be back on the job after a tentative deal on a new contract was reached yesterday.

The 488 workers, members of the Bakery, Confectionary and Grain Miller union, have been locked out since June 5 and have been without a contract since April 4.

No details on the tentative deal were released and a ratification vote is scheduled for Friday.

In the meantime, the workers maintain a picket line in front of the Dundas St., East plant.

Kellogg spokesperson Christine Lowery said the central issue in the contract negotiations is to "strengthen the plant's competitiveness and help to ensure its future viability."

But union officials said Kellogg is using the recession as an excuse to get contract concessions from workers even though the company has maintained sales and profitability.

Last Thursday, the union charged that buses crossing the line were carrying replacement workers. The company said the people in the buses were salaried staff.

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