

# [Union negotiations](https://assignbuster.com/union-negotiations/)

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Management Demands
Compromised Settlement
Union Demands
Reduce workforce by 5%
No lay-offs
No lay-offs
Decrease salaries by 10%
Decrease salaries by 7. 5%
Decrease salaries by 5%
Increase the incentive for variable pay by 5%
Increase the incentive for variable pay by 7. 5%
Increase the incentive for variable pay by 10%
Reduce working hours by 30 minutes a day
Reduce working hours by one hour a day
Reduce working hours by two hours per day
Increase in overtime pay by
5%
Increase in overtime pay by 10%
Increase in overtime pay by 15%
Additional paid time-off by 5%
Additional paid time-off by 10%
Additional paid time-off by 15%
Hopefully, the above compromised settlement will be acceptable to both management and the labor union. Management must emphasize though that these steps are only temporary until such time that they are able to again recapture their market position. Employees will remain motivated if they know that the adjustments made are only temporary and that once the company is doing well again financially, their salaries will be increased accordingly. Management must also point out that it is better to have salary cuts rather than seeing several of their co-workers laid-off. What is important is that the employees remain motivated despite the cuts.