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Workers at the Grasberg mine in West Papua are striking for a wage increase. They want to be paid US\$12 an hour instead of the US\$1.50 they are currently on. It's an 800% jump, but its much less than workers in other mines owned by Freeport in North and South America get paid.

The workers' union, SPSI, argue that their skills are equivalent and working conditions are tough and dangerous with constant cold, rain and fog to contend with. Freeport make huge profits from the Grasberg mine complex. Its the world's largest single producer of both copper and gold, and contains the world's largest single gold reserve.

The strike, which started on 15 September 2011 and involves nearly 12,000 workers, was called after negotiations that took place in July and August between SPSI and the management deadlocked.

Since the strike started management have attempted to intimidate and harass the strikers. They visit workers in their houses, send text messages and make announcement via local media. SPSI leader Sudiro was shot at: a

reminder of how Freeport is willing to go to any length to defeat the union. Securicor, a London based private security firm, army officers and the Indonesian police have also been accused of threatening workers.

The company has employed scabs to replace some of those who are on strike. SPSI say that the scabs are working long hours with few breaks and that they lack the skills to do the job safely.

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