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NEW GRANTS TO STEELWORKERS

The Commission today announced two new grants to help alleviate redundancies at two British Steel Corporation sites.

The first of 107,000 units of account (£65.000) is for 94 men affected by the closure of the entire works at Swindon, following the decline in demand for hot dipped tin plating and later terne (lead alloy) coating. Of those affected, 28 were re-deployed within BSC, 38 accepted early retirement and 28 were made redundant.

The second of 79,000 units of account (£46.000) is because of the three-stage closure of the rod mill works at Normanby Park, in the Scunthorpe area of South Humberside.

The total number of job losses was 299, but because 67 employees left before redundancy the number of those eligible was 232. Of this, 100 have been retrained for redeployment at a new BSC rod mill.

Both grants are made under Article 56 of the E.C.S.C. Treaty which provides for retraining and other measures to help alleviate redundancies in the coal and steel industries.

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