

ISEC/10/81

March 18, 1981

EMBARGO: Not for use by media or on agency or club tapes  
before 15.00 HOURS, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1981.

£9 054 000 READAPTATION GRANTS FOR STEEL WORKERS

The European Commission has announced readaptation grants totalling £9 054 000 to finance measures to help workers in the British steel industry who are affected by plant closure and modernisation.

The grants are made under Article 56 of the European Coal and Steel Community. They will be used to help fund current schemes for early retirement, retraining and income support which are administered by the Department of Industry. The breakdown of this allocation is as follows:

1. Consett, Co Durham - £5 575 000

For 4 928 workers affected by the closure over the last few years of the British Steel Corporation's Consett Works.

2. Cookley Alphasil, West Midlands and Orb, Gwent - £930 000

For 799 workers affected by the closure in 1979 of British Steel's Cookley Alphasil works near Brierley Hill and the partial closure of the Orb works in Gwent.

3. Scunthorpe, South Humberside - £1 210 000

For 917 workers affected by the closure of part of the British Steel works at Scunthorpe, South Humberside.

4. Hallside, Glasgow - £696 000

For 607 workers affected by the closure of British Steel's Hallside works near Glasgow, which was completed last year.

5. Shotton, North Wales - £643 000

For 873 workers affected by reductions in the cold strip mill and one coating plant at British Steel's Shotton plant in North Wales.

\*

\*

\*