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£4,398,000 READAPTATION GRANTS FOR STEEL WORKERS

The European Commission has announced readaptation grants totalling £4,398,000 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 the allocation is as follows:

1. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £55,000

For 22 workers affected by the closure of the hot rolling mill at Cocker Bros Ltd Fitzalan Works, Sheffield.

2. Wednesbury, West Midlands - £13,600

For 7 workers displaced at J G Hughes & Co following closure of the Patent Shaft Steelworks Ltd works at Wednesbury.

3. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £34,000

For 18 workers affected by the modernisation of Spartan Sheffield's Attercliffe and Huntsman Works.

4. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £3,790,000

For 1,900 workers affected by the closure and cutback at Hadfields Ltd plants, especially the East Hecla, Leeds Road and Wharf Lane works on the east side of Sheffield.

5. Leeds - £116,000

For 44 workers affected by the closure of the Coghlan Forge and Rolling Mills Ltd at the beginning of this year. The plant is located at Hunslet Forge, Leeds.

6. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £140,000

For 69 workers affected by the cutback of activities at the Ecclesfield Works of Aurora Steels Ltd in Sheffield.

7. Wishaw, Scotland - £250,000

For 94 workers affected by the closure of John Williams (Wishaw) Ltd's plant between Wishaw and Motherwell.

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