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£5 763 000 READAPTATION GRANTS FOR STEEL WORKERS

The European Commission has announced readaptation grants totalling £5 763 000 to finance measures to help workers in the British steel industry who are affected by plant closures 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. Workington, Cumbria - £5 300 000

For 1822 workers, including 32 employed by IMS Lycrete, who have lost their jobs as a result of closure in 1979-81 of BSC plant at Workington and Whitehaven.

2. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £303 000

For 127 workers affected by the closure earlier this year of the high frequency furnace and the No 6 mill at Firth Brown Ltd's Savile Street Works, Sheffield.

3. Stourbridge, West Midlands - £160 000

For 60 workers affected by the closure of one mill at John Bagnall & Sons Ltd's Stourbridge Works, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

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