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£7 841 000 ECSC GRANTS FOR STEEL WORKERS

The European Commission has announced ECSC readaptation grants totalling £7 841 000 for workers who have lost their jobs in the British steel industry. A total of 2 218 people are covered by the grants. For those who worked in the private sector, the grants will finance make-up pay, training allowances or early pensions. For those made redundant in the British Steel Corporation, the money goes to fund schemes which are already under way. The breakdown of the allocation is as follows:

1. Panteg, Gwent - £94 000

Allocation towards schemes for 56 workers who lost their jobs as a result of cutback at the Panteg Works of British Steel Corporation.

2. Brierley Hill, West Midlands - £4 800 000

For 1 286 workers affected by the permanent closure of the Round Oak Steel Works at Brierley Hill.

3. Wrexham, Clwyd - £1 600 000

For 490 workers affected by the reduction of activity at the GKN Brymbo steel-works following a reduction in demand for the company's engineering steel products.

4. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £82 000

For 27 workers affected by the permanent closure of the Waleswood Stainless Steel Co Ltd plant in Sheffield.

5. Bredbury, Stockport, Cheshire - £555 000

For 160 workers involved in producing ECSC products at the Bredbury rolling mills of James Mills Ltd part of the GKN group. The mills are undergoing phased closure.

6. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £114 000

For 41 workers affected by the closure of the Highbridge Works, and redundancies at the Ecclesfield Works of Barworth Flockton Ltd in Sheffield.

7. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £116 000

For 33 workers affected by the closure of a hand mill at Eaton and Booth Ltd's Sheffield plant.

8. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £365 000

For 93 workers affected by cutback at the Neepsend group of companies - Neepsend plc, Jonas & Colver (Novo) Ltd, and William Smith & Co Ltd in Sheffield.

9. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £43 000

For 13 workers affected by the permanent closure of Napier Steels (Sheffield) Ltd's Oughtibridge Works.

10. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £72 000

For 19 workers affected by the cutback at the Sheffield works of Richard W. Carr & Co Ltd, following a reduction in demand.