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ECSC HELP FOLLOWING STEEL PLANT CLOSURES

The European Commission has announced extra finance to help workers who are made redundant by closures in British Steel Corporation plants. The money is set aside for purposes such as resettlement allowances and retraining costs. It is funded by the European Coal and Steel Community under Article 56 of the ECSC Treaty.

The payments are:

- £993,285 for personnel affected by the closure of plant at Rotherham, Llanelli, Port Talbot, Lanarkshire, Stocksbridge, Clydebridge and Glasgow, covering 2,032 people.
- £580,000 for personnel affected by closure of plant at Cleveland, Hartlepool North and Shepcote Lane, Sheffield, covering 1,342 people.