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UK GETS £27,490,803 IN LATEST EEC GRANTS
FOR COAL AND STEEL REDUNDANCIES

The European Commission has announced the latest set of grants from the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) budget to compensate British steelworkers and coal miners made redundant by the contraction of the two industries. The aid is available under article 56 of the ECSC Treaty linking the UK with its European Community partners.

A total of £24,632,803 is being allocated to the National Coal Board towards the cost of compensating 8,529 miners affected by closures or reduced activity in Coal Board enterprises under programmes which began in 1981.

In the steel sector, a contribution of £2,858,000 is allocated to help compensate 772 workers who lost their jobs or had to be retrained or re-located because of plant closure and reductions in capacity during the steel crisis.

The plants benefitting: Spear and Jackson Ltd, Sheffield (31 jobs lost);
Raine and Co. Ltd, Delta Works, Swalwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne (79);
Allied Steel and Wire Ltd, Manchester Furnace, Manchester (190);
Allied Steel and Wire Ltd, Bidston Works, Manchester (316);
British Steel Corporation, Rotherham Works, Rotherham, Yorks(156).

For more details contact European Commission's London Press Officer -
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N.B. EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

ECSC Consultative Committee meets in Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, on 17-19 September (next Wednesday to Friday). The chair will be taken by Roy Evans, General Secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation.

Press Conferences are scheduled for 14.00 on Thursday 18 Sept. and at 12.00 on Friday 19 Sept. End Note.

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