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£15 642 500 READAPTATION GRANTS FOR STEEL WORKERS

The European Commission has announced readaptation grants totalling £15 642 500 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. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £905 000

For 397 workers who are affected by the closure of Aurora Steels Ltd Ecclesfield Works. The programme is phased throughout 1982.

2. Wednesbury, West Midlands - £285 000

For 120 workers affected by the permanent closure of the pig iron operation of Bradley & Foster Ltd's Darlestone Iron Works.

3. Redcar, Cleveland - £1 000 000

For 959 workers affected by the closure of the Clay Lane blast furnaces and associated plant at the Cleveland Works of the British Steel Corporation at Redcar. Closure has already taken place; this is reimbursement of money already spent.

4. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £98 000

For 447 workers affected by the closure of certain furnaces in 1975 at BSC's Grimesthorpe Works. This is reimbursement of money already spent.

5. London etc - £ 5 215 000

For 2 216 workers affected by cutbacks which has taken place in BSC staff at head office and divisional establishments, covering 586 people in London, 190 in Wales, 225 at Sheffield, 445 at Teesside, 500 in Scotland and 270 in the research laboratories.

6. Newport, Gwent - £650 000

For 272 workers affected by the closure in 1980 of the No 4 decarburising line at BSC's Orb Works at Newport. This is reimbursement of money already spent.

7. Rotherham, South Yorkshire - £6 561 000

For 2 774 workers affected by a cutback of the Rotherham Works of BSC in 1980 and 1981.

8. Stoke-on-Trent, West Midlands - £452 500

For 172 workers affected by a reduction of activity last year in the Demag Universal Beam and Structural Mill at BSC's Shelton Works, Stoke-on-Trent.

9. Darlington, Co. Durham - £75 000

For 115 workers affected by the closure of South Works and West Works of Darlington and Simpson Rolling Mills Ltd at Darlington.

10. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £350 000

For 200 workers affected by the closure of Eclipse Tools Ltd's production facilities for steel strip used in hacksaw blades at their Hallamshire and Napier Steel Works in Sheffield.

11. Wishaw, Strathclyde - £51 000

For 20 workers affected by closure of the hot rolling mill of John Williams (Wishaw) Ltd Excelsior St Works. This relates to workers who lost their jobs in 1980.

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