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UNION ANGER AT NORTH SHIELDS COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The North East's biggest General Trade Union has today hit out at a Company trading out of North Shields Tyne and Wear.

The GMB Union says that DMI (UK) Ltd based in West Chirton Industrial Estate in North Shields have written to the workforce to make them redundant saying that the Company is likely to be placed in Administration.

DMI (UK), based in the North East of England, specialise in the surface treatment of new and the reconditioning of worn components and they list carrying out work for a number of customers including Rolls Royce, MAN B&W, Jaguar/Land Rover, VW, BAE Systems, Nissan, SKF, Honda, TRW and Toyota.

Stephen Thompkins Regional Organiser for the GMB Northern Region said:

"This is a terrible start to 2014 for the workforce. The Company have failed to consult with us and have gone straight ahead and told the employees not to turn up after the Christmas break. What is particularly scandalous is that the Company are openly signposting the workforce to the Redundancy Payments Service. In other words the Directors and Senior Management are openly suggesting the taxpayer picks up the tab and the Directors can hide behind that to evade their legal responsibilities".

The GMB called the Company's actions risible and said they are taking urgent steps to rectify the situation including legal avenues.

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