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UNION LAUNCHES SOS CAMPAIGN AT ALCAN

The North East's biggest trade union today launched a major campaign at Alcan in Lynemouth, Northumberland. The GMB Union has called the campaign at Alcan "Save Our Smelter" (SOS).

The GMB trade union are asking all Alcan employees, residents and businesses in Northumberland to support the campaign by signing their petition and displaying SOS posters.

The GMB will be presenting the petition to the Government early in the New Year and believe this will show the strength of feeling of the public and businesses in Northumberland to keep the smelter open.

GMB Northern Regional Organiser Keir Howe said:

"The Government must step in and help save this site in order to safeguard the jobs of 512 direct workers, 320 contractors and up to 3000 jobs in the supply chain. If the smelter closed the whole of Northumberland will feel the impact from the workers and contractors to the shops and businesses where the workforce spend their wages."

