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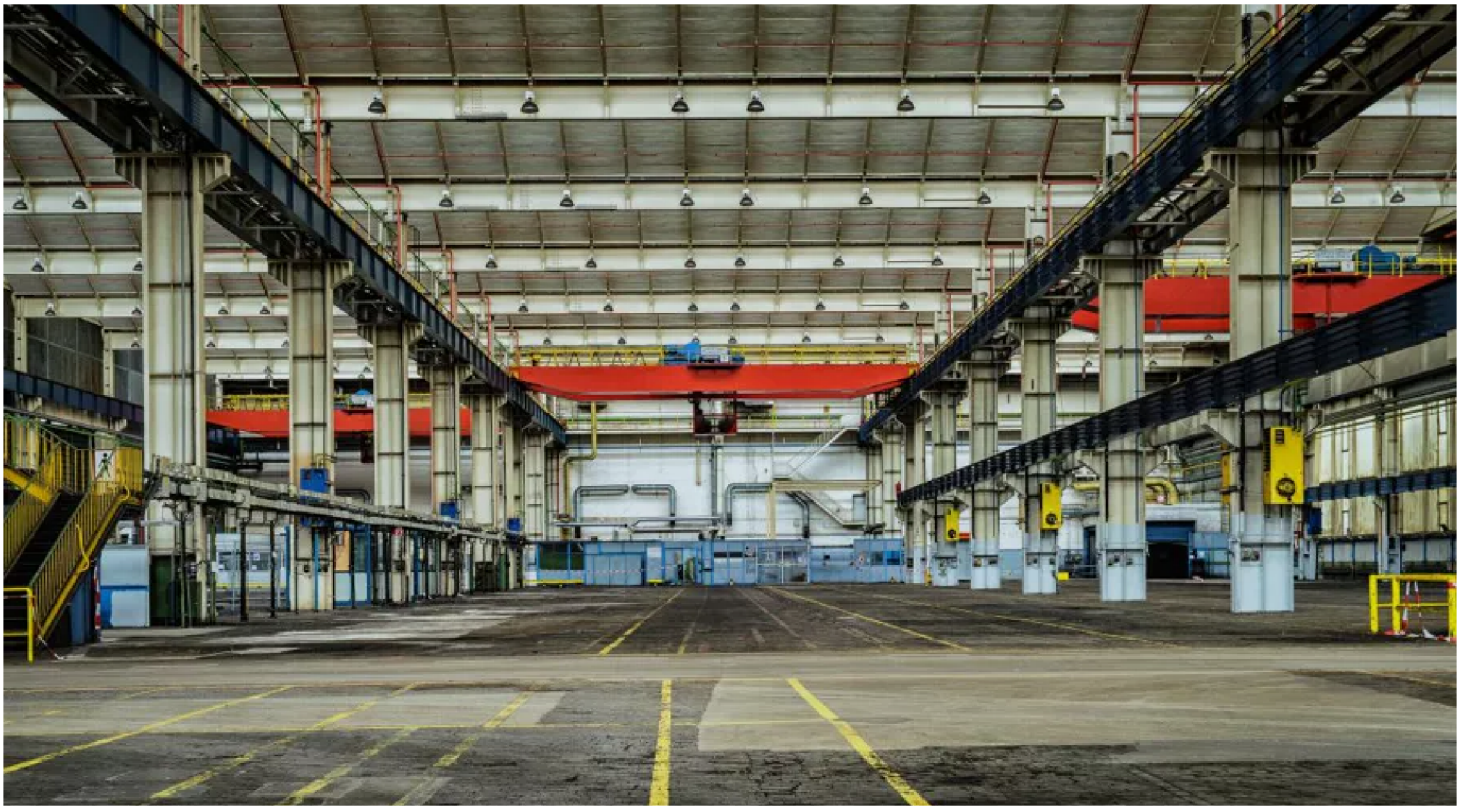
Durham aviation manufacturer strike hits sixth week



A Durham factory that finishes parts for the aviation and automotive industries faces its sixth week of strike action.

Dozens of GMB members will walk out on Thursday [24 August] and Friday [25 August] after turning down the company's pay offer of 6.7 per cent and a one-off

payment.

The industrial action the first time workers at Nicholson's Sealing Technologies, in Stanley, have walked out in the company's 100 year history.

Laura Maughan, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

“GMB members at Nicholson’s feel undervalued and underpaid.

“The company paid out £985,000 in dividends last year, an increase of £140,000 - more than 16 per cent – on the year before.

“However they are refusing to pay these skilled workers a rate suitable for the skill of the work they do.

“It is time for the company to take a long hard look at themselves and realise the effect they are having on these members families.

“Bullying is not acceptable and GMB will not members to be treated as if they are characters in a Charles Dickens novel.

"Nicholson’s bosses need to come back to the table with an improved offer and address these serious issues and show respect to their employees.”

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