

Liberty steel cash must protect jobs long term



GMB, the steel workers union, has responded to a promised £50 million cash injection by the owners of Liberty Steel.

Ross Murdoch, GMB National Officer, said:

"Liberty steel workers have been through the grinder during the past couple of years.

"This is great news for those in Rotherham – we now need investment to kick start other parts of the wider Liberty Steel business to give a strong reassuring message to workers around the country."





"GMB has been in touch GFG Alliance and we need cast iron guarantees this cash will not only allow plants to reopen – but protect jobs in the long term.

"We've said for years UK Steel is at a disadvantage against European steel makers who enjoy much more favourable energy costs.

"The current energy crisis has massively exacerbated what has always been a problem area for UK steel makers.

"Ultimately the UK steel industry needs protection from artificially subsidised competitors and better Government procurement decisions, or it will continue to lurch from crisis to crisis."

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