

Manchester World War 2 Steel firm lays off 100 workers



More than 100 workers at a Manchester steel firm which made Bailey bridges for allied troops during World War 2 have been laid off.

Staff at Thomas Storey Fabrications Group, in Openshaw, face an uncertain future after being told they would not be given any hours in December and into January

Workers have not received updates from the company on what is happening, despite many having spent their entire careers with the company.

GMB Union is calling on the company to be transparent with their workers.



Thomas Storey Fabrications Group has faced financial difficulties in recent years, **but six months ago the company was saved from administration by the TAL Group** [1], who claimed to be committed to saving and developing UK engineering companies.

Gary Edwards, GMB Regional Organiser said:

"The treatment of this loyal workforce is awful.

"Some people have 20 years service - and to be stonewalled by the company for information while being laid off unpaid is unacceptable.

"There must be communication and a resolution to this situation quickly."

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