



GMB welcomes unprecedented worker support package

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GMB has welcomed a series of unprecedented measures to support workers unveiled by Chancellor Rishi Sunak today

The Chancellor announced a package of members in response to the coronavirus crisis, including plans for the Government to pay 80% of wages for employees not working, up to £2,500 a month,

Tim Roache, GMB General Secretary said:

“We’re not natural bedfellows with a Conservative Chancellor, but in a time of unprecedented national crisis it’s important we work together for the good of workers and the economy.

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“We will be pushing hard for all those employers that can afford it, to pay an extra 20% to



secure the incomes of their employees.

“This gives businesses and workers enhanced security and will help us recover in the long term.

“There is still a lot to do, there are still sectors and issues we need to address - not least availability of protection equipment for frontline workers and protection for the self-employed - and we will continue to stay in close contact with Government as the situation develops.

“We’ll continue to fight for every worker to be supported in this crisis.”

