



PRESS RELEASE

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CONSETT FACTORY SET TO CLOSE

KP have now confirmed the infamous Phileas Fogg Factory in Consett will close in 2015.

The GMB Trade Union are exceptionally disappointed after a counter proposal was rejected by the UK Board of Directors. The Company have stated the closure is not a reflection of the dedication of their employees but is overhead driven.

GMB Organiser Suzanne Reid said

"This is a devastating blow for our members, their families, and the community of Consett. The workforce are a dedicated, skilled and passionate."

Dialogue continues regarding possible redeployment opportunities at the Billingham and Tanfield sites.

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