

LONGBRIDGE AFTERMATH: 30 jobs may go at car parts factory

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THIRTY jobs at a Peterborough factory look likely to be axed after the start of redundancy procedures. THIRTY jobs at a Peterborough factory look likely to be axed after the start of redundancy procedures. Car parts manufacturer Triplex Components Machining – which employs 200 people at its factory, in Windsor Avenue, Walton – began a 30-day consultation with union leaders about their decision to shed 28 skilled engineers and several office support staff, yesterday.

The job cuts follow the loss of several multi-million pound contracts to supply suspension parts, wheel hubs and brake discs to MG Rover after the car giant closed on Friday, with the loss of 5,100 jobs at the firm's Longbridge plant.

Workers at the Triplex factory, producing MG Rover parts, were given extra gears to make for Perkins Engines, but it now appears the move was only temporary and jobs will go.

This is the second blow for Triplex this month, which laid off 40 engineers at the start of April.

Tony Ellingford, regional officer for manufacturing union Amicus, said the situation looks extremely bleak.

He said: "It's quite clear that the jobs will almost definitely go.

"I am trying to go into the factory this week to see if I can assist the shop stewards in any way.

"It's very doubtful there will be any voluntary redundancies as they've recently undergone a round of cuts.

"I really feel for the workers' [families](#) because they have been worrying for weeks about whether they will be made redundant.

"A couple of weeks after they think they're safe, they're back in the same situation with the collapse of MG Rover."

A spokesman for Triplex, which has its headquarters at Stratford-upon-Avon, in Warwickshire, has declined to comment on the job losses, but insisted that the future of the company is safe.

He said: "As a company, we are still financially sound and do not depend solely on Rover."

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