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Letter of solidarity to the Employees of Indesit

Dear colleagues of Indesit,

We stand in solidarity with your needs, demands and protests in order to prevent the closure of the plants in None (Italy) and Kinmel Park (UK).

In these times of economic and financial difficulties there is always one quick answer for companies. They try to solve their economic problems on the back of the working people. In the eyes of Indesit, it is the easiest solution to lay off employees, to decrease pay and to worsen working conditions on a very big scale.

The economic and financial crisis threatens workplaces all over Europe and the rest of the world. It is of the utmost importance that working people stand together and act in unity – also across borders.

The future in this industry will be to develop “greener”, more energy efficient products. In order to achieve these targets a skilled workforce and a different company strategy is necessary. To rely only on cost cutting programs will lead to the road to nowhere.

In solidarity

Peter Scherrer
General Secretary