

GMB slams government and industry 'green jobs' failure as more cuts announced at BiFab



Following an announcement today (Friday 31 January) that renewables fabrication firm BiFab has confirmed a further sixteen layoffs with the wind-down of oil and gas manufacturing work,

and amid speculation that a vital contract from the Neart na Gaoithe (NnG) offshore wind project could be further delayed until August, GMB Scotland has laid blame at the door of the Scottish Government and Scottish Renewables.



Hazel Nolan, GMB Scotland Organiser, said:

“The Minister for Energy and the Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables should hold their hands up and admit: “We are failing to bring the green jobs revolution to Scotland”.

“Another score of redundancies were confirmed at BiFab today and the three yards in Fife and Lewis will again be maintained by a skeleton staff by the end of February while we desperately hope for scraps of work from our own billion pound offshore wind developments.

“It’s a sad close to a week where both Mr Wheelhouse and Mrs Mack spoke about their ‘excitement’ and ‘enormous interest’ over our offshore wind sector, ignoring the distress supply chain firms currently find themselves along with the communities who need them.

“The truth is that under their respective stewardships our offshore wind sector boom has been strong for workers in countries like Indonesia, Spain and the UAE - anywhere but Scotland, frankly.”

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