

GMB responds to reports British Steel deal 'close to collapse'



GMB has responded to reports the proposed sale of British Steel to China's Jingye Group could be close to breaking down.

Ross Murdoch, GMB National Officer, said:

"GMB has had a number of meetings and is seeking assurances from Jingye they are committed to sealing this deal and that their business plan is robust enough to withstand external pressures.



“ Ministers must be prepared to make use of all the options – including nationalisation – in order to save British Steel and the wider steel industry. pic.twitter.com/gmkmKV0N6s

– GMB Union (@GMB_union) [May 22, 2019](#)

“The Government must secure the deal and if it can’t, take British Steel into public ownership.

“If the Conservatives let thousands of steel jobs go to the wall, it will prove their commitment to northern voters was yet more lies.”

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