

Job losses price of Government's shipbuilding betrayal



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GMB, the shipbuilding union, has reacted to 150 proposed job losses at Babcock Rosyth.

The company announced the cuts this morning, which will be split between manual and office roles.

Babcock cited the run down of the Prince of Wales contract and uncertainty around future workload, for example the Type 31 FSS contract, as reasons for the job losses.



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GMB has long campaigned for the £1billion FSS contract to be given to UK shipyards.

Consultation on the cuts starts on Monday [February 11].

Ross Murdoch, GMB National Officer and CSEU National Chair of Shipbuilding, said:

“Once again we are paying the price for the Government’s betrayal of UK shipbuilding.

“Rather than ensure a steady drumbeat of shipbuilding orders that keep the industry alive, the Conservatives seem content to let UK shipbuilding die out in the name of the free market.

“Appledore is on the brink of closure, Cammell Laird is slashing jobs and now this. When will the Government step in to save our centuries old shipbuilding heritage.”

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