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## **Six redundancies at Sussex manufacturing plant**

Shep Plastics has announced six redundancies at its plant in Hailsham. The sad decision follows the loss of one customer accounting for nearly 20% of the company's turnover.

The customer has decided to take his manufacturing needs to Latvia, where the same product can be produced for a fraction of the cost.

Shep Plastics has successfully won new business this year, but the work will not fully kick-in until mid-summer.

Chairman Malcolm Bradshaw said: "We have a great team here at Shep Plastics, and it is a sad and immensely difficult decision to make six people redundant.

"However, there is no way we can compete on price with the new EU states, especially since our Government seems intent on placing new burdens on UK manufacturing on an almost daily basis," he said.

Shep Plastics started life in 1974 and today employs nearly 70 people.

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