

Letter of protest to Siemens

Siemens has realized its threat and has announced the close-down of the factory in Thessaloniki in a way of matchless arrogance, what has the unemployment of more than 240 employees as a consequence.

Here is the text, that Siemens has given to the press on the occasion of this fatal development: „...the factory will be closed down in the following weeks. The numerous meetings to the sale of the factory as well with potential buyers from the local market as on the political level unfortunately have not produced a satisfactory solution. Therefore we have decided to close down the factory.

The next step is to find a socially acceptable solution for the affected employees.“

„A socially acceptable solution“. That is how they call today (in a clever phrase) the dismissal !!!

The Works Councils of the affiliated companies of Siemens in Greece resist fiercely this decision.

- We demand from Siemens to cancel this decision at once, so that the factory can continue its work.
- We demand from the Greek government to give its opinion at once and to prevent the close-down of the factory.
- We demand from the Greek government and from Siemens to find a future for the factory inside the „Alexander Zone of Innovation Thessaloniki“.

The employees will not give in ! They will fight for their invulnerable right for work. They have founded this factory with their own dedication and sweat.

The enormous profits, that Siemens has encashed over years, are owed to these employees !

We, all the employees of Siemens in Greece, will back united and as one power our affected colleagues in Thessaloniki. We will support them in their justified fight. For today our colleagues are concerned, and tomorrow we ourselves can be thrown in the alley.

For the Works Councils

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