

**Question for written answer E-006218/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Collective dismissal at Kemet Electronics (Portugal)

On 30 June 2014, the management of Kemet Electronics Portugal, located in Evora, announced the closure of the plant's MNO2 section and the collective dismissal of 127 workers. The company's justification for these lay-offs is that the production line is being relocated to Mexico, where labour costs are lower.

The company received over EUR 30 million in funding from the Portuguese state, Social Security and municipalities, in order to create jobs, develop new products, maintain its technology and take on new orders. The Evora factory is the world's most advanced producer of tantalum capacitors. It employs highly-qualified local workers and technicians and made over EUR 10 million in profit over the last three years. The relocation of this production line and resulting lay-off of workers will further exacerbate social inequalities in the region.

Can the Commission provide the following information:

1. Has the company in question received any form of Community funding? For what purposes was the funding granted and what commitments did the firm make on receiving it?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take, given the current serious social and economic problems in Portugal?