

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0390/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Closure of the electrical steel department of AST in Terni

The company Thyssen Krupp (TK) has announced its decision to close the electrical steel department of AST in Terni, Italy. The product unit cost of the electrical steel produced there is among the lowest in Europe.

1. In view of this, does the Commission intend to draw up proposals which may help to prevent the closure of the plant in Terni?
2. Does the Commission intend to support measures aimed at ensuring that workers are given more information about and are more involved in company decisions, so as to prevent drastic industrial restructuring decisions from having adverse repercussions in the future?