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Mr Lynch,

From France, as the mayor of the new town of Val de Reuil, I write you this letter to get an appointment about your recent September declaration to close two French production sites in Val de Reuil and Chapareillan.

In Normandy, our land, in your Val de Reuil factory, 230 high skilled workers and their families were proud to refer to the first US global provider of engineered electronic components, and we, the elected representatives of this town, were, for years, grateful for this prosperity. These French workers gave your economic ambition their hope and their loyalty.

In September, half of these 230 workers, among the youngest and the most mobile, would have had a chance to get another job within a few months. But what about the women, the mothers, and the eldest, who have served in your factory for so many years? Now, with the "subprimes" crash, where can they hope to sell their workforce? We think you cannot simply throw them out like that. For years, we offered your economic goals our French and secure business surrounding parks, our way of life, our high quality roads, all our high tech communication means and now you are throwing back all these features as though they are out of date. Despite your positive results.

But the context is changing and we think you should perhaps reconsider your plan about our Normandy production site. We don't think you should withdraw from the old Western Europe and go to a new Eastern Europe. There is a future and a hope for prosperity in our European Community for different markets. This factory in Val de Reuil is a good experienced factory and the skills of its workers are a guaranty for low but sure and long profits in our Western European market (car production, defence, telecommunications, and so on).

We would really like to save the main part of one of our local industry pride. Unfortunately we did not find anyone here open-minded enough to discuss this crucial matter. Therefore we want to meet you and your management team as soon as possible in your headquarter in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. We should come with a small French delegation. We are at your disposal if you need any information (Marie-Pierre Dumont : 33.2.32.09.51.22 - mpdumont@valdereuil.fr). Looking forward to meeting you.

Best regards.

with hope!

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