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Today the European Employee Forum (the European Works Council of Opel/Vauxhall) discussed the announcement made by management on the future of the Opel Bochum site as follows:

Mismanagement of the European operations over a significant number of years has led to a decline in market share and production volume.

Now the Bochum colleagues shall pay the price for that with their jobs!

The EEF supports the Bochum employees in their fight for a long-term perspective for employment and the future of the Bochum site.

The EEF demands no closure of the site and a long-term, realistic perspective to save the Opel Jobs in Bochum.

There should be no forced redundancies and no employees forced into unemployment.

The EEF rejects unilateral decisions being made on the future of plants and employees.

We need a realistic mid- and long-term growth plan for Opel/Vauxhall as demanded by the EEF for months. These demands include a widened product portfolio, modern engineering, efficient cars that fit customer needs, production of Opel/Vauxhall vehicles in Europe that are currently imported, etc.

We also require a long-term commitment to manufacturing and development in Europe as other OEMs do. This also protects and strengthens the image of the brand and market share.

The employee representatives from all over Europe express their solidarity with the Bochum colleagues.

