

GENERAL MOTORS CO. CUTS JOBS IN TWO PLACES

It looks like more job cuts are coming to one of the biggest auto makers in the motor city. General Motors Co. is getting ready to make a double whammy of job cuts to the staff of their company. The first set of job cuts is coming to the company's global research and development headquarters. The global research and development headquarters, which are located in Warren, will lose about 100 workers. The company will also make a second hit to its research and development teams in a different location. The company is getting ready to shut down their research and development facilities in Bangalore, India. For the time being we do not have an exact number of jobs to be cut from the facility in Bangalore, India it will likely be no small amount, as this event is a closure and not a layoff. These two cuts are both being billed as part of a much larger plan for the company, a global restructuring effort that is designed to being the company out of the cuts leaner and running on less overhead then they were before. While the company has not released an official statement about the layoffs on the whole they have made the following statement to a reporter for the Detroit News about the overall restructuring efforts that the company is making, "GM leadership recently notified employees working in its global R&D organization of plans to realign the organization's business structure. These moves will enable the organization to better focus on commercializing customer focused innovation in a more efficient and cost effective manner." The comments were made by Dan Flores, a spokesman for GM. The layoffs are set to impact about 25 percent of the workers at the Warren Tech Center, which will leave a significant amount of worker to be picked up by remaining workers. Though, when you consider that the company has already announced plans to move some projects, as well as to cancel some projects that were going on at the site there may be less work left over for remaining workers to pick up when all is said and done. The company did not say what facilities will be the recipient of the extra projects being diverted from the job cuts. The layoff notices for the workers at this facility are expected to be going out sometime during this week. According to speculation they will go out after an announcement meeting made at the facility on Thursday. The company will be giving workers a chance to apply for any of the current opening that they qualify for in an attempt to keep their jobs. If they can find a new position with the company before the deadline they will be able to stay on the payroll. If they cannot they will be out of a job at some point in early June. The company has not given a specific date for when layoffs will go into effect for the current round of job cuts.

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