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Subject: Redundancies at Lag Italia plant in Due Carrare, Italy

The deputy managing director of Lag Italia recently confirmed that the firm was to close its plant in Due Carrare, in the Province of Padova, and to make 37 of the 39-strong workforce redundant. Lag Italia forms part of a Belgian group, Vandemoortele, which is the European leader in oven-ready frozen foods. Vandemoortele has said that it intends to invest EUR 10 million in machinery for its Ravenna plant, and that, as the new machinery is highly automated, it does not require any additional workers at the plant. If it goes ahead, the closure of the Due Carrare plant will be a serious blow to the local community and will have a major social and economic impact on the province as a whole. What is more, the redundancies at the plant are not the result of cuts made in response to difficulties within the firm, which is currently investing heavily – to the tune of more than EUR 230 million – in a number of Member States.

In the Commission's view, is the decision taken by the management of the Vandemoortele group in keeping with the principle of corporate social responsibility?

Has the group acted in accordance with Directive 2002/14/EC establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees with a view to fostering dialogue between employers and workers' representatives?