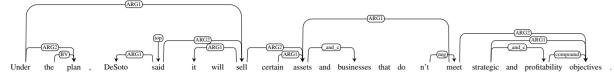
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DeSoto Inc. said it is dismissing 200 employees as part of a restructuring aimed at producing pretax savings of \$ 10 million annually . named:x-c n:x v_to:e-i-h-i pron:x v_ve-i-p card:i-i-c ard:i-i-c are:e-c _



Under the plan , DeSoto said it will sell certain assets and businesses that do n't meet strategic and profitability objectives p.e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i pron:x _ v:e-i-p a_of:e-p n:x _ n:x _

The company said it plans to use the sale proceeds to invest in business opportunities more closely identified with the company 's " refocused direction . q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_to:e-i-h-i pron:x v:e-i-h v:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v_cause-on:e-i-p n_of:x-i