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# ITT SHUTDOWN



**'It's a bloody shame'**

WORKERS leaving the factory (above) on Wednesday night refused to



**Warren calls for talks over ITT closure fear**  
 CLOSURES RUMOURS RUBBISH SAY ITT  
 Firms new year looks for ITT workers to act over closure fear

THE ITT factory on the Ponswood Estate — the town's major private sector employer — is to close down by June next year with the loss of 650 jobs.

The closure decision was made at ITT's European headquarters in Brussels and came, unions complained, without any form of consultation.

It also ends two years of speculation about the future of the electronics firm's 20-year-old Hastings factory — rumours consistently denied by the ITT management.

Those rumours were circulating at the factory again last week when staff were told there would be an important announcement on Wednesday.

It was at a series of staff meetings on Wednesday company managing director Mr Eric Bates told employees out of the 650-strong workforce about 550 people would be made redundant within the next nine months.

The rest would be given

**For two years they denied it would happen**

**The picture series of the year!**

