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CENTRAL OFFICE

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To: All Branches of Unite the Union

Dear Colleague

Hardship Fund Appeal – Visteon, Ex-Ford, Workers – Basildon, Enfield and Belfast

You will be aware that over 600 mostly long serving ex-Ford employees at the Basildon, Enfield and Belfast plants of Visteon were made redundant and the plants put into administration on March 31 with our members given a shameful six minutes notice.

As you would expect Unite is fighting hard to secure justice for these workers and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect. We are seeking compensation for our members through the Ford Motor Company and Visteon and are making representations on both sides of the Atlantic.

Nevertheless, families are suffering real hardship while this fight goes on. We are therefore appealing to your branch to make a donation to the fund which we have set up to support our members and their families.

Please send donations, as a matter of urgency, to:

Visteon Hardship Fund,
Unite the Union,
'Woodberry',
218 Green Lanes,
London N4 2HB

(Cheques should be made payable to Unite the Union and marked Visteon Hardship Fund on the reverse.)

Unite has already provided considerable financial assistance and the Unite (T&G Section) London and Eastern Regional Committee has started the fund today with a donation of £10,000. Many others have already contributed. Please send your money now!

Please also join Visteon Members who will be marching for jobs at the great Unite Rally on 16 May 2009 in Birmingham.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Derek Simpson in black ink.

DEREK SIMPSON
JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY

Handwritten signature of Tony Woodley in blue ink.

TONY WOODLEY
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