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Ms. Deborah Hennessey
Workforce Transition Unit
Michigan Department of Career Development
Workforce Programs
Victor Office Center – 5th Floor
201 N. Washington Square
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Re: Closing of Detroit Newspaper Partnership's Detroit Riverfront Plant

Dear Ms. Hennessey:

This letter is written pursuant to the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2101 *et seq.*, to notify you that Detroit Newspaper Partnership currently anticipates that its Detroit Riverfront Plant located at 1801 West Jefferson, Detroit, MI, 48216 will cease production operations during the period between October 16, 2005 and October 29, 2005. Some dismantling of equipment and machinery at the Riverfront Plant will occur after this date, following which the plant will be permanently closed. The decision to close the Riverfront Plant was made in 2003, resulted in significant upgrades to Detroit Newspaper Partnership's Sterling Heights Plant and was not related to the recent sale of The Detroit News, Inc. or acquisition of the Detroit Free Press by Gannett Co., Inc. The closing of the Riverfront Plant will result in permanent position eliminations and layoffs, in order of seniority, of certain employees in Detroit Newspaper Partnership's Riverfront and Sterling Heights Plants.

Detroit Newspaper Partnership currently anticipates that the layoffs of employees affected by the plant closing will occur in three phases, in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Layoff Dates</u>
31	Oct. 16 to Oct. 29, 2005
8	Dec. 17 to Dec. 30, 2005
2	Dec. 31, 2005 to Jan. 13, 2006

A list of the affected positions and the number of employees in those affected positions, organized by date of layoff, is attached. Union-represented employees who are displaced at the Riverfront Plant may have bumping rights over less senior employees in the same bargaining unit at the Sterling Heights Plant, which is located at 6200 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. In addition, union-represented employees have certain recall rights pursuant to the applicable collective bargaining agreements.

All of the affected employees are unionized and subject to the terms of collective bargaining agreements. The names and addresses of the chief elected officer of each union are as follows:

Machinists

International Association of
Machinists, Local #82
Donald Riffée, Business Representative
One Heritage Drive
Suite 550
Southgate, MI 48195

Pressmen, Platemakers, Paperhandlers

Graphic Communications International
Union, Local #13N
Sam Maci, President
1249 Washington Blvd.
Suite 3300 Book Building
Detroit, MI 48226

Loaders

Teamsters Newspaper Drivers &
Handlers, Local #372
Ronald Renaud, Secretary/Treasurer
2741 Trumbull Avenue
Detroit, MI 48216

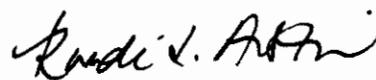
For further information regarding the closing of the Riverfront Plant, please contact Randi J. Austin, Vice President of Human Resources and Labor Relations at (313) 222-2061.

For your information, a copy of this notice is also being sent to the union officials listed above, the Mayor of the City of Detroit and the Workforce Transition Unit of the Michigan Department of Career Development.

The information and notice in this letter are based on the best information currently available. Various factors may change the timing of the plant closing and the layoffs of the bargaining unit employees affected by the plant closing. We will keep you informed of any significant changes to the information above if and when such changes occur.

Very truly yours,

DETROIT NEWSPAPER PARTNERSHIP, L.P.



Randi J. Austin
Vice President, Human Resources & Labor Relations

LIST OF AFFECTED POSITIONS

<u>Layoff Dates</u>	<u>Positions Affected</u>	<u>Number of Affected Employees</u>
October 16, 2005	Paperhandler/Platemaker	1
October 16, 2005	Press Operators	25
October 16, 2005	Loaders	5
December 17, 2005	Loaders	8
December 31, 2005	Machinists	2