

Caterpillar Closes Summerville Plant, Affects 280

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Caterpillar says it plans to close its Summerville remanufacturing plant next year, a move that will put 280 people out of work.

[The Post and Courier](#) [1] of Charleston reports the company said Monday that the decision came after an extensive strategic review of the business.

The factory tears down, recycles and rebuilds heavy-duty transmissions and related components for original equipment makers, which then resell the parts to aftermarket buyers.

Full-time Summerville employees will receive severance packages, and the company said it plans to work with agencies that provide outplacement services.

Caterpillar has other plants in Sumter and Greenville, and a logistics operation in Fountain Inn.

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