

Las Cruces Plant Lays Off 70 Workers

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LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A manufacturer of radiators and cooling systems has shuttered its Las Cruces operation, leaving 70 workers unemployed.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reports (<http://bit.ly/1ejXb1K>) that Hibbing, Minn.-based L&M Radiator closed earlier this month.

Jerry Norlander, a spokesman for the Las Cruces plant, says there are a few remaining employees but all workers have been let go.

The company first set up shop in Las Cruces in 2011 in what was once a Coca-Cola Bottling Co. building.

Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, says a decline in orders and contracting of the mining industry in China led to a downturn.

L&M Radiator builds cooling systems for large machinery, buses and oil field equipment.

It has facilities in Mexico, Australia and Germany.

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