

Dematic Corp. lays off 30 white-collar workers

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GRAND RAPIDS -- Thirty white-collar employees at Dematic Corp. were laid off Thursday, part of a company-wide cutback in the face of a sluggish economy.

The conveyor-maker also dropped 30 more salaried employees at sites around the U.S. involved in engineering and job estimates.

"It's tough economic times right now. Because we build to an order, some of these orders have been pushed out," spokesman John Clark said.

"We're looking at everything as options."

This week's layoffs do not include rounds of buyouts offered in recent weeks.

The complex at Plymouth Avenue and Michigan Street SE employs nearly 1,000 salaried employees in the corporate, engineering, and design offices, while the plant has 200 hourly workers.