

Dematic to close plant

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GRAND RAPIDS -- One of two big Dematic Corp. plants will close this spring, with 250 employees relocating into other buildings on the company's Plymouth Avenue NE campus.

Employees of the conveyor company learned of the plan Friday.

"Because of the space we have collectively throughout our campus, we made the determination we could absorb all the people from that facility, '555,' into other buildings," spokesman John Clark said.

The 166,000-square-foot plant and office building at 555 Plymouth Ave. NE is expected to be sold.

No layoffs are expected.

This spring, the company is recalling up to 30 people laid off in the winter slow season. Dematic employs 1,330 in Grand Rapids.

The bigger plant, at 507 Plymouth Ave. SE, has 368,000 square feet, large enough to handle growth, Clark said.

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