

Conveyor manufacturer Dematic to lose white collar workers

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GRAND RAPIDS -- The sluggish economy is cutting into the salaried ranks at Dematic Corp., after 14 white collar workers learned this morning that their jobs were being eliminated. The conveyor manufacturer has its U.S. headquarters here, and the project-oriented business typically experiences peaks and valleys, spokesman John Clark said. "A number of orders have been pushed out to next year, and even beyond, causing a subtle ebb and flow on the manufacturing side," Clark said. "Now it's starting to affect the office side of things." Administrators, designers and engineers total roughly 400 at Dematic, an industry that represents a trailing indicator for the economy.