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**ALMOST TWO HUNDRED JOBS LOST IN AMDEGA COLLAPSE**



Up to 197 jobs are expected to be lost after the world's oldest conservatory manufacturer went into administration.

Shocked staff were called in yesterday morning, at Amdega's Darlington factory, to be told that 188 of them were being made redundant out of a workforce of 197. Many more people are also used by the firm, mostly as sub-contractors installing the conservatories.

It is understood an eleventh-hour attempt to save the firm failed. Administrators KPMG said the company had closed and that there was no prospect of selling the business. Staff owed unpaid wages will only receive the statutory minimum guaranteed by the law. About 300 orders for conservatories are unlikely to be fulfilled.

KPMG said Amdega was the victim of a severe downturn in the home retail sector.

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Examine the impact of the closure of Amdega on its stakeholders.

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