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About Draka Comteq Norway AS

It has come to my attention that the board of Draka Comteq Norway AS in its meeting of 5 January 2010 has decided to start a process with the aim of closing its production facilities at Årnes. I am also aware that a final decision on termination of the production will be made in a later board meeting, and after the trade unions have been consulted.

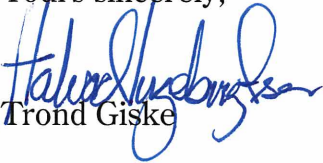
The Ministry of Trade and Industry was given a briefing on the situation for the company in a meeting on 25 January 2010. Draka Comteq Norway AS is a company with a significant knowledge base and produces mainly for exports. Around 90 percent of the production is exported.

The company's production facilities at Årnes have approximately 135 employees, and 125 of these employees will be affected by a possible closing of the facilities. The company is important for Årnes and the surrounding area, and a possible closing of the production will impose considerable consequences for the local community, the employees at Draka Comteq Norway AS and their families.

I am concerned about the consequences of the possible closing of the production at Årnes. I urge you to consider every possible solution to maintain production and employment at Årnes. It is an important premise that this process will include the board, the trade unions and the employees.

We are aware of the planned meeting between representatives of Draka, the county authorities and Innovation Norway on the bases of the Act on the process of closing down business activities. Still, I would appreciate if you can meet with my state secretary Halvard Ingebrigtsen on 27 January 2010 in order to discuss the situation for Draka Comteq Norway AS and the potential for further production at Årnes. The meeting may be held at the facilities of Draka Comteq Norway AS at Årnes if that is preferable for you.

Yours sincerely,

on behalf of 
Trond Giske