

Refining Co. Closes Aug. 1

The International Smelting & Refining Co., a subsidiary of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., will close down its East Chicago plant permanently by Aug. 1.

Approximately 350 employees will be deprived of jobs because of the closing.

An East Chicago plant official yesterday verified an announcement from the New York headquarters, but declined to give a reason for it.

In New York, the company said the plant was closing "because we are abandoning that type of manufacturing."

The plant makes zinc oxide and white lead.

The local official said "the treatment of materials on hand will require several weeks and the plant will possibly be in operation beyond the first of August."

There was no comment on the possibility that some of the East Chicago employees may be transferred to another Anaconda subsidiary.

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Pigment Plant to Close In E. Chicago by Aug. 1

The East Chicago, Ind., plant of the International Smelting & Refining Co. will close by Aug. 1, it was announced yesterday.

The plant, which makes zinc oxide and white lead and employs 400, will close because it is going out of that type of manufacturing, not necessarily due to the lack of materials, as reported earlier in the day, officials said last night. The company is a subsidiary of Anaconda Copper Mining Co.

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