McCormack Coil Co. shuts down Lake Oswego operations, jobs event tomorrow for former workers

A decades-old Lake Oswego manufacturer powered down its operations Thursday as its parent company consolidates operations.

McCormack Coil Co.’s shutdown leaves an estimated 20 to 35 workers out of a job, said Linda Wood of WorkSource Clackamas. The office plans to host an event Tuesday for those affected at Clackamas Community College.

The company, a division of Maryland-based Evapco, made aluminum evaporator coils (http://www.mmccoil.com/) used in industrial refrigeration systems. It was founded in Oregon in 1962, and changed ownership several times. Evapco purchased the business in 2002, running McCormack as a subsidiary.

Now Evapco plans to shift McCormack’s manufacturing functions to a recently expanded Iowa hub, according to president Bill Bartley. He declined to specify how many workers were laid off, but called the consolidation a “strategic business decision.” Evapco owns the Iowa hub, (http://www.evapco.com/sites/evapco.com/files/at_catalog_331d.pdf) he said, whereas it leased the Lake Oswego property.

The one-hour information session for former McCormack employees will begin at noon Tuesday at the college’s Family Resource Center in Oregon City. (http://www.clackamas.edu/Family_Resource_Center.aspx) It will cover topics such as the unemployment benefits system and the state’s jobs search site. For more information, call Wood at 503-594-3114 or email hwood@clackamas.edu.

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