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It doesn't seem to be related to demand, but to mismanage the company that bought KL Outdoor (New Water Capital). Not sure if there are factories in other areas. mlive - 30 October 19 WARN report says two Muskegon plants are closed permanently. Wow! With the sales of these brands, I can't imagine how they might fail. These brands make up one hell of many ships! In Muskegone, I have a great family history and many of my living relatives are still there – I worked there myself from 2000 to 2004 during my exile in Michigan. As far as I think these ship brands are crappy waste plastic, that runaway city has blue collar jobs and it will hurt many families. Muskegon has always been a puzzle for me – most small cities around the world would like to have freshwater on the inland sea beach shore as gorgeous as it is and would take advantage of strategic tourism and quality of life development. But Muskegon's white sand coast has long been scarred by coal-fired power plants, stinking industries like paper pulp factories and hollows from downtown, as the white flight drew businesses, businesses and residents of suburbs and neighboring cities. Smaller cities bordering Musketen have made themselves attractive places and places to live, exploiting this amazing natural resource (although some, such as Holland to the south, are still thriving in industries that massively pollute Lake Michigan to such an extent that they have to ban swimming.) We are based in Grand Rapids so they are about an hour away. Another local news about this. WOODTV.com - 30 October 19 Muskegon-based hemisphere design works, the main kayak manufacturer, will close. In fact, there are even more brands under the umbrella of hemisphere design works: Evoke Paddlesports Sun Dolphin Third Coast Future Beach Heritage Kayaks Equinox Kayaks Viper Kayaks Sun Dolphin closure is probably good news for paddleboard in general. They have to be polite , not the best. It's good that even a price conscious Wal Mart or Tractor supply buyer has noticed this and caused demand to fall to the point that they are closing. This can even save a life, because it is very likely that only an inexperienced paddle would consider them. I've seen people stick these things to dumpsters after one or two uses. Frankly, garbage boats do more to deter people from paddling rather than providing economical entrance to sports. Some other brands in that group like Heritage and even Future Beach make some good quality boats, so hopefully they'll stick around. General information on what's going on behind the scenes: Muskegon Times - 1 November 19 After the world's largest kayak manufacturer, Hemisphere Design Works, announced this week it is closing two of its Muskegon facilities and laying off at least 68 employees in the city There are s... Part: Before the company went to new owners, everything was great, said Sonja Tjapkes, who worked on hemisphere design work for about one year before she was fired last March. The Harrises were amazing people to work with. When the company switched, something fell. I've seen some crazy things happen; they upset one of our mechanics because he couldn't fix the line within 20 minutes, Tjapkes continued. He worked there for years, and they fired him on the spot. If the Harrises still had a company, there would still be KL and a lot of jobs. We'd still have Dick's contract. According to employees, Dick's Sporting Goods ended a major contract for kayaking with hemisphere design work for months (Tjapkes said she knew about it before she was fired in March). This contract has led to a troubled financial landscape for the company, although former employees said they lay most of the blame for the company's mismanagement of hemisphere troubles. All the former employees we talked to described a workplace where employees usually had to wear winter coats because their inside of the building was so cold, managers were verbally abused, the human resources department did not resuscitate, and the bathrooms were dirty. Anthony Kolberg, who quit his position with hemispherical design work in March, said the employee even found a clear garbage bag full of blood in the bathroom at one point. (That bag, which Colberg saw and said was about a couple of pounds of blood, was eventually thrown into the trash by the warden. The guide then said that blood came from the nose to bleed, according to Kolberg.) I How it will be interesting to see if other manufacturers can pick up the production volume that is lost. This can lead to entry-level kayak prices. My first kayaker was a future beach. Cheap new ships give people who are interested in kayaking an affordable starting point before they find out what they want. My first (well, sort of inherited) kayak is from Future Beach. It's a Cayman 124F SOT fishing kayak that previously belonged to my late brother-in-law (who, unfortunately, as a Vietnam vet, died all these decades later from cancer from that nasty chemical called Agent Orange that was sprayed in the Vietnamese jungle). I hold him the same way he held it, with a small clear plastic storage box behind the seat. I just hope that I will be able to get parts for this if something goes wrong with it... I don't think it was ever possible to get parts of Sundolphin or Future Beach kayaking. The brands were not known for customer service or replacement components. Like 99 cent lighters in convenience stores, they were basically disposable goods, which were mostly sold through big box retailers. Think about it I haven't seen any for my KMart Maybe it's time to go to Craig's List and pick up some of these classics before the world comes out... K-Mart? You have a K-Mart that's still open?! Think they'll turn into collector items worth mega bucks, grayhawk? Don't worry about our CMart. It's the only big box within 30 miles of me and more for others... Stocks can get a sketch and so can help, but we are grateful and do not complain. I bought some work socks and found a cool boonie today. Beats driving 60 miles only in some socks. I lost my socks in Hurricane Irma... Guess that everything is relative. ?? They are very popular here in our pond... Hemisphere design works on the facility in 1790 Sun Dolphin by Dr. Muskegon. After the world's largest kayak manufacturer, Hemisphere Design Works, announced this week it is closing two of its Muskegon facilities and laying off at least 68 employees, city officials are scrambling to support unemployed workers and trying to evaluate the future of the company, which opened its downtown Muskegon headquarters just last year and employed about 600 employees at one time. It's never ideal when a company shuts down, said Jake Eckholm, musketon's economic development director for the city. There will be a transition of jobs. The silver lining is we have more open production positions than we can fill the Muskegon field. There is a good level of uptake for those people [who have been fired]. I would be very concerned if this happened five, six years ago, but given the diversification of our local economy and open manufacturing positions, we are not so concerned about the uptake of that workforce, continued Eckholm, who noted that city officials are working with local employment agencies such as West Michigan Works! to connect redundant workers from Hemisphere Design with available jobs. We want to make sure that all hands are on deck to help pass these workers so they can provide their families, Eckholm said. We want to make sure these people are wrapped up in some open positions we've had trouble filling. [For those who have been fired from the hemisphere design work, you can contact Western Michigan Works! by going to your office at 316 Morris Ave. in Muskegone or by calling 231-724-6381.] Hemisphere design work informed of its plans to close its two plants in 1790 and 1880 sun dolphin Dr. Muskegon in an October 30 report filed with the state workforce development agency [which you can see here]. Hemisphere brands include SunDolphin, Future Beach and Evoke. Known as the WARN report, which employers are legally obliged to submit to the state against mass redundancies, the document submitted to the state states that it will permanently close two premises in 1790 and 1880 at Sun Dolphin Dr., near Sherman Boulevard the city's East Muskegon neighborhood, until December 29. The company also said that 68 employees should be made redundant. The company is looking for capital that, if received, would have prevented it or delayed its closure and continued operations, said Kiley Sluis, head of human resources at Hemisphere Design Works, in a statement. Unfortunately, the Company's efforts were not successful and the Company unexpectedly learned that the term lender would not provide additional financing. As a result of this unforeseen business circumstances, the Company will now be forced to permanently close the above mentioned premises and will notify the following closure as much as possible. Hemispheric design works did not respond to repeated requests for comment. While between 140 and 150 employees are currently working on hemisphere design work, or did as of this week, according to former employees and city officials, the company said 68 employees will be made redundant. Workers began layoffs October 29, and layoffs will continue until the end of December, according to a state filing. It is unclear what the company's plans are for other employees, although city officials said they expect them to also be fired by the end of the year. KI Outdoor, the world's largest kayak manufacturer founded in 1982 by Kenneth Harris and founded in Muskegone in 1989, has become one of the biggest names in water sports. Known as the largest kayak manufacturer in the world, KL Outdoor and its iterations that followed KL Outdoor/GSC and eventually hemisphere design work, have also made stand-up paddle boards, canoe, paddle boats, and more. After Kenneth Harris' tenure, the company was run by his sons, Tom, Ken, Dan, and Dave Harris. The Harris family sold KL Outdoor New Water Capital Partners, a private equity firm headquartered in Florida, at the end of 2016. In 2017, KL Outdoor LLC and Montreal-based GSC Technologies Inc. merged; Name hemisphere design works were born in 2018. Long touted as a major economic player in the region, community leaders were thrilled when the company, then known as KL Outdoor/GSC, moved its headquarters to an 18,000-square-foot downtown location perched along Muskegon Lake in January 2018. Located at 700 Terrace Point Dr., the headquarters was closed when we tried to visit Wednesday, October 30, and Thursday, October 31. It was the first corporation to find its headquarters in the centre of Muskegon since 2000. Now, as the hemisphere design work finishes its operations, Eckholm said there remains a possibility that the company may still have a future at Muskegon. Given that this business is owned by equity firm (New Water Capital Partners), there are all options they could sell it and they could continue production, he said. Water Capital Partners did not return requests for comment on this article. I've never worked in such a dysfunctional and misguided place: Former employees share stories of a chaotic workplace If the company were revived, former employees said they hoped it would return to their roots, that it would work as it did when Harris' family let her go. Former employees said they enjoyed working for the Harris family, but after New Water Capital acquired KL Outdoor and started Hemisphere Design Works, they said the company had gone into chaos. Boats remain at hemisphere design work this Thursday, October 31. Before the company went to new owners, everything was great, said Sonja Tjapkes, who worked on hemisphere design work for about one year before she was fired last March. The Harrises were amazing people to work with. When the company switched, something fell. I've seen some crazy things happen; they upset one of our mechanics because he couldn't fix the line within 20 minutes, Tjapkes continued. He worked there for years, and they fired him on the spot. 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(That bag, which Colberg saw and said was about a couple of pounds of blood, was eventually thrown into the trash by the warden. The guide then said that blood came from the nose to bleed, according to Kolberg.) Tjapkes said the company would keep the salary on hold for no apparent reason for both her and her fiancé. When they questioned human resources about it, they were either told they couldn't prove that they worked the hours they claimed (partly because there were times employees would have to manually put their hours on paper sheets because the company's watch system was found) or that the issue would be further investigated. Eventually, Tjapkes' fiancé quit because the company continued to withhold money from him, according to Tjapkes. We expected at least \$1,100 for inspection, when he got his check, it was just over \$200, Tjapkes said. We were like, What the hell? Another payment period has come around, and we think his salary will be more than \$900. It was about \$180. That was when he worked 12, 14-hour days. He went to HR, and she just didn't care. Meanwhile, Tjapkes said she received a check that lacked pay for about eight hours of overtime. I went to my plant manager very upset; I was like, Look, I know I came eight hours on Saturday, and you say I didn't even work?. Tjapkes said. After reporting on it to human resources, Tjapkes was told that the company would not pay her for those eight hours because they said I couldn't prove I was working that day, although there should be maintenance showing my car pulling in and out. I was told I would be given \$35, Tjapkes said. I said, I worked eight hours on Saturday, and are you going to give me \$35? It was crazy. Inventory of hemisphere design work on Thursday, October 31. After the company moved employees to a facility outside pizza ranch in East Muskegon, Kolberg said there were major problems from low heat plumbing problems (things got so bad that Kolberg said employees often use a portable restroom outside his office). People actually started going to the bathroom on the floor of the building, Kolberg said. After it happened, human resources came and said one day a month, each person would have to clean the bathroom. When someone said they wouldn't, she [the human resources worker] said, You or there will be disciplinary action. I've never worked in such a dysfunctional and misguided place, said Kolberg, who now happily works elsewhere. Bessie Dixon, a former employee who was sacked in March, also highlighted difficult conditions in the workplace. It was cold out there, Dixon said. We had a couple of people quit because it was so cold. There was this boss who would cuss people's attention, Dixon also found a job elsewhere, which she said she likes much better, and it's warm. For many of those who have been laid off now, life will be hard heading into the holiday season, Tjapkes said. One of my best friends, both her and her mother worked there, and now there is no income, neither of them, she said. It's super sad. People lost friendships overnight. Tjapkes said of the laid-off workers, whom she said their colleagues often felt like a family. Everyone is just beating, trying to figure out where to go next. When Tjapkes was fired in March, she said company officials told her there was a chance she would be able to return when the hemisphere regained its financial footing. They told us it was a period in which they understood what was going on, she said. I heard through the grape that they were going to go belly up. They did this huge job fair and hired more than 50 people and then let everyone go, what's the last of them, probably a month and a half later. Why? Still, Tjapkes said she would have returned to the company after she was fired, mainly because of the camaraderie she found there. I loved people and wanted to come back, she said. The entrance to the hemispheric design works at the headquarters of the center of Muskegon, which was locked down when we visited on Wednesday, October 30 and Thursday, October 31. But others said they would never want to come back. One former employee, who wished to remain anonymous, said he was harassed while working on hemisphere design work for being transgender. Someone was around telling everyone I was transgender. I didn't want to tell people that because it can be hard to make friends, he said. I said, This is harassment. After months of trying to reach human resources on this issue, he finally reached them and they brought this person and the person who persecuted him together. The harasser denied any wrongdoing, and human resources did not take any action. For me, it was a turning point, he said. I went four years into my transition, and that really affected me when I was in the follow-up and it wasn't disciplined in any way. Now, as hemisphere Design Works workers find themselves facing unemployment, Tjapkes said she hopes their struggles are short-lived. I would expect that anyone who has lost their job keeps their heads held high, and they find peace with all this, Tjapkes said. I hope that as a community we can come together and move forward. However, she knows it will be a very difficult time. It's holiday season, she said. Most employees are single parents. Most of us live paycheck to paycheck, and now it's paycheck at paycheck. 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