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# Paper firm to shed jobs

AN established stationery firm is blaming economic recession for the loss of up to 30 jobs.

The Copeland-Chatterson Company, founded in 1913, is negotiating with trade unions and individuals to trim the 222 strong workforce at its Dudbridge base at Stroud by between 25 and 30 people.

The firm which manufacturers continuous stationery, says hard times have forced the sackings.

## Suffering

Joint managing director David Butler confirmed the company was discussing redundancies.

"Like other small sized national printing groups the company is suffering in the current economic recession

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from falling prices, volumes of work and printing margins," he said.

"At present negotiations with trades union officials and individuals concerned have not yet been concluded."

But Mr. Butler said he anticipated some 25 to 30 jobs, in all departments, would have to go.

"As soon as the company has concluded these consultations a further statement will follow," he added.

A spokeswoman at the Three Shires Graphical Society confirmed National Graphical Association branch secretary Nigel Costley was involved in the redundancy talks.