



Monthly Labour Market Media Monitor

September-2010

Job Gains

ScotRail to recruit 130 staff

ScotRail will recruit around 130 staff for the line which links Glasgow to Edinburgh via Airdrie and Bathgate. Vacancies include train drivers, ticket inspectors and other station personnel. The train line will open at the end of the year. Approximately 50 per cent of the jobs will be based in Bathgate.

31/08/2010 The Times

Hewlett Packard to create 700 jobs

Hewlett Packard will set up an IT centre in Erskine, Renfrewshire creating 700 jobs. The company has received a £7million grant from Scottish Enterprise.

26/08/2010 The Times

Potential for 28,000 offshore wind industry jobs

A study commissioned by Scottish Renewables and Scottish Enterprise has revealed that Scotland has the potential to create 28,000 offshore wind industry jobs over the next 10 years. The study also highlighted that a further 20,000 jobs could be created in related industries.

26/08/2010 The Times

Tesco to boost staff numbers

Supermarket giants Tesco will create 2,000 jobs in Scotland as it increases its store numbers this year. Tesco has approximately 150 stores and 25,000 staff in Scotland.

24/08/2010 The Herald

Radisson hotel creates 50 jobs

The new 185-bedroom Radisson Park Inn hotel in Aberdeen has created 50 jobs. The hotel cost £75million.

24/08/2010 The Scotsman

Wave energy developer to take on 5 new recruits

Wave energy developer AlbaTERN in Midlothian will recruit 5 new technical staff in the next two months.

22/08/2010 Sunday Herald

BiFab awarded £4million contract

Burntisland Fabrication Ltd (BiFab Ltd) has been awarded a £4million contract for an "advanced wave-powered turbine". Thousands of jobs could be created and many jobs safeguarded as a result of the contract.

18/08/2010 Daily Record

Aerosol production company expands

Aerosol production company Barony Universal Products in Auchinleck near East Ayrshire is expanding its business after purchasing the Simclar plant in Irvine, North Ayrshire for £3million. The company has 106 members of staff and it is expected that another 100 staff will be recruited.

14/08/2010 The Herald

600 jobs to be created by 3 companies

Morrison, Amey and ALH86 will deliver contracts worth £700million in roads, property and central heating maintenance in North Lanarkshire. Over 600 jobs will be created over a 10year period. The companies are also looking at taking on apprentices and the long-term unemployed.

14/08/2010 Glasgow Evening Times

Steel company creates 60 jobs

Steel company Corus will create 60 new jobs as a result of investing £8million into its Dalzell plant in Motherwell, North Lanarkshire.

11/08/2010 The Scotsman

Oil and gas company secure £63million contract

Subsea 7 has been awarded a contract worth £63million. The oil and gas engineering and construction company will recruit over 200 staff. Staff will be placed in the company's fabrication yard in Caithness and Westhill in Aberdeenshire.

10/08/2010 Press and Journal

Government considers RAF merger plans

The government has said that RAF Kinloss could be merged with RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire to secure 20,000 jobs which have recently been under threat. The government is considering different options as part of the Strategic Defence Review in order to tackle a £36billion budget deficit.

08/08/2010 Sunday Express

Solar energy jobs

The UPVC Company in Wishaw, North Lanarkshire will create 40 jobs due to a expansion of the solar energy part of the company. The firm currently employs 150 staff.

08/08/2010 Sunday Mail

Clothing firm jobs saved

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has confirmed that clothing firm Alexandra and Prima Corporate Wear has been sold to Dimensions which has saved 446 jobs from being lost. Some of these jobs are in Uddingston, South Lanarkshire near Glasgow. Alexandra had been placed in administration in July.

07/08/2010 Glasgow Evening Times

250 meat processing jobs to be created

Scottish meat processing company the Vion Food Group will create a total of 250 jobs. There will be approximately 150 jobs created at its site in Coupar Angus and another 100 jobs in Cambuslang, South Lanarkshire. The firm has also received a £650,000 regional selective assistance allowance from Scottish Enterprise which will secure another 234 jobs.

05/08/2010 Press and Journal

Software testing jobs for people with autism

A new IT software service for major companies has been formed in Glasgow. Specialisterne Scotland hopes to create as many as 50 jobs for people with autism. The social enterprise will take on 12 trainees over the next 6 months and they will begin a 4month training programme. Salaries will begin at £18,000. The social enterprise has received a £500,000 loan from the Scottish Investment Fund, £407,000 from the Big Lottery Fund and £30,000 from Glasgow City Council.

05/08/2010 The Herald

Plans for hotel, houses and cookery school

There are plans under consideration by councillors to expand Inchmarlo Golf Centre in Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire to include a 75-bedroom hotel, 100 houses and a cookery school run by chef Nick Nairn. The £100million development is expected to create 400 temporary construction jobs and 100 jobs when the work is completed.

04/08/2010 The Scottish Sun

Fund to support SMEs

The East of Scotland Investment Fund has been set up to support small-medium enterprises (SMEs) over the next 5 years. The Fund will lend £5million to SMEs to help create 1,000 jobs.

03/08/2010 Glasgow Evening Times

Job Losses

Survey reveals number of council job losses

A survey carried out by financial and business advisers Grant Thornton revealed that it was expected there could be between 13,200 and 22,000 council jobs losses in Scotland.

31/08/2010 Daily Express

Voluntary redundancies at Dounreay plant

Over 180 jobs will be cut at Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd (DSRL) in Caithness. Around 102 jobs will be axed this year. Some of the axed employees could be transferred to other parts of the company. Voluntary redundancies are being sought due to restructuring of the plant.

28/08/2010 The Scotsman

Job fears for Central Scotland Police

Central Scotland Police could axe as many as 194 police officers and 180 support staff over the next four years due to budget cuts.

28/08/2010 Daily Mail

Direct Line offices in Glasgow to close

The Royal Bank of Scotland will close its Direct Line insurance offices in Atlantic Quay and St Vincent Street in Glasgow city centre resulting in around 440 job losses. A total of 640 staff will be affected by the closure of the offices but it is expected that 200 staff will be transferred to RBS' offices in Cadogan Street. Staff will also be affected in offices in Birmingham, Cardiff, Bristol, Manchester and Romford as well as 660 staff in Peterborough.

27/08/2010 The Herald

Scottish Parliament staff face job cuts

Senior management staff at the Scottish Parliament in Holyrood, Edinburgh have been advised to expect job cuts. The chief executive of the parliament has said it is anticipated that there will be a 15 per cent reduction of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Budget over the next 3 years.

26/08/2010 Metro

Dumfries and Galloway police force to cut posts

Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary will cut 200 posts due to a predicted shortfall of £6.7million in their budget. Most of the posts lost will come from natural wastage which means that new staff will not be recruited when current staff retire.

26/08/2010 Daily Express

Voluntary redundancies for college staff

The Scottish Funding Council will set aside £4.3 million for voluntary redundancy and early retirement packages as a result of the planned City of Glasgow College. Around 100 staff could be affected as a result of the merger of Central, Nautical and Metropolitan colleges in order to create a "supercollege". There will be no compulsory redundancies.

25/08/2010 The Herald

Hundreds of university jobs to be cut

Hundreds of university jobs are expected to be axed in Scotland due to cuts in public and private funding. A survey conducted by The Times has revealed that 8 out of 15 universities in Scotland are planning to introduce voluntary or compulsory redundancies.

24/08/2010 The Times

Strathclyde Police to axe 400 police officers

Strathclyde Police will cut 400 police officers' posts by the end of March 2011. Approximately 600 civilian posts will also be lost through voluntary redundancies and early retirements which will start in September.

24/08/2010 The Herald

Up to 150 jobs to be cut at wildlife agency

Scottish Wildlife agency Scottish National Heritage (SNH) will cut up to 150 jobs due to budget constraints. The agency is also considering sharing offices with local authorities and closing some of its offices in a bid to save money.

22/08/2010 Sunday Herald

Government to make civil servants redundant

The Scottish Government has emailed employees and posted a notice on their intranet asking staff to consider applying for voluntary redundancy or early retirement packages. The application deadline is the end of August. The Scottish Government currently employs over 15,000 staff.

21/08/2010 The Scotsman

More job cuts likely at NHS GGC

The Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board has warned that it may need to make further savings of £10million resulting in even more job losses. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is cutting 1,200 jobs this year including 670 nursing and midwife posts in order to try and save £56.9million.

20/08/2010 The Herald

Hotel chain in administration

Burnside (UK) Ltd and Burnside Inns have gone into administration. The group owns and runs The Plough Hotel in Stenhousemuir and The Graeme hotel, bar and restaurant in Falkirk and The Red Lion hotel and chinese restaurant in Larbert near Stirling. The combined businesses have 52 staff and 5 staff have been made redundant. Administrators KPMG are hoping for a buyer.

20/08/2010 The Herald

Realtime Worlds in administration

Video games company Realtime Worlds in Marketgait, Dundee has gone into administration resulting in the loss of 185 jobs. Around 53 staff will remain in the design studio as administrators seek a buyer. Realtime Worlds' office in Denver, Colorado, has also axed 28 jobs. The company's new online game All Points Bulletin was released in July but has suffered from poor sales.

19/08/2010 The Herald

Edinburgh City Council to axe 300 posts

Edinburgh City Council will cut 300 posts at senior and middle-management level. The local authority needs to make £16million in savings over the next 3 years. Compulsory redundancies have not been ruled out. In addition, there are 15 confirmed administration staff redundancies saving £300,000.

19/08/2010 The Scotsman

SPT to cut 50 jobs

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) will cut 50 jobs as it faces a potential £7.6million shortfall in its budget over the next 3 years. Reduced provision of the Dial-a-bus services are also likely. The service is used by older people and disabled people.

18/08/2010 The Herald

Reorganisation plans for conservation charity

It is anticipated that a review of the National Trust for Scotland will conclude that the charity should be reorganised and slimmed down. The number of trustees could be cut to from 87 to 15. Valuable estates and treasure including St Kilda, Culzean Castle and Glencoe could be sold. The review will consider the operating and maintenance costs of the estates.

09/08/2010 The Herald

RBS to cut more jobs

RBS' chief executive has confirmed that there will be more job losses despite achieving a £1.6billion operating profit. There has already been 2,600 job losses this year. It is unknown how many more jobs will be lost in the cost cutting exercise.

07/08/2010 The Scotsman

Haulage company under the threat of administration

Around 275 jobs could be lost as MRS Distribution is under threat of going into administration as debts have mounted to £10million. Most of the jobs lost will be in Bathgate, West Lothian.

07/08/2010 The Herald

More job losses planned for Lloyds Banking Group

Lloyds Banking Group has revealed that many more Scottish jobs will be cut over the next few months. The exact number of total job losses has not been confirmed. However, the chief executive of the Lloyds Banking Group has said that they are only "half way through the integration" of Lloyds TSB and HBOS. Around 1,000 Scottish jobs have been lost so far in the merger. Lloyds Banking Group is anticipating a profit of £1.6billion.

05/08/2010 The Scotsman

Government agency to cut its workforce by 40%

The government agency Central Office of Information (COI) will cut its workforce by 40 per cent resulting in 287 job losses. The agency has asked workers to register their interest in taking voluntary redundancy. However, if not enough interest is sought then compulsory measures will be taken. The agency has a regional office in Edinburgh.

04/08/2010 The Herald

This material is based upon a scan of over 150 national, regional and local newspapers. Dates provided refer to the date that the article was published.