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Pittsburgh-area crystal maker lays off 32

A local maker of lead crystal has laid off 32 workers and suspended production, company officials said Wednesday.

The layoffs at St. George Crystal Ltd. of Jeannette, Pa., were effective Feb. 8, said federally-appointed court receiver Nick Arrington of Compass Advisory Partners LLC.

Fifty-two employees remain on the job, the company said in a statement, and the company continues to assemble, ship and sell its remaining inventory of crystal products.

Arrington said he has been trying to find a buyer for the company since his appointment last June. A final decision on the company's future has not been made, Arrington said, but its owners are preparing for a potential liquidation, in the event a buyer is not found.

The company has enough inventory to keep selling for the next three to four months, according to the statement.