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Southern Ionics Minerals, LLC Announces 2016 Cut Backs

Southern Ionics Minerals, which operates zircon and titanium mining and processing plants in Charlton and Pierce Counties in Georgia has announced layoffs due to a protracted down-turn in mineral commodities globally. These cost reductions will affect both contract workers and Southern Ionics employees alike.

Decreased demand and oversupply globally led to lower than expected titanium sales for Southern Ionics in 2015. The down turn in titanium demand is anticipated to continue through the majority of 2016. Production at Southern Ionics facilities in Georgia will continue at a slower pace until market conditions improve.

Southern Ionics has invested significantly in the Georgia mineral operations and maintain a positive, long-term outlook. Southern Ionics produces titanium and zirconium minerals for use in paint pigment, welding rods, ceramic glazes, and precision metal casting.