

Motorola closing operations in South Korea

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A woman rides past a Motorola shop in downtown Ho Chi Minh City. Motorola Mobility confirmed that it is shutting down most of its operations in South Korea as part of a move to consolidate research after being bought by Google this year.

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"This was a difficult but necessary decision," Motorola said in an email response to an AFP inquiry.

"The changes in Korea reflect our plans to consolidate our global R&D efforts to foster collaboration, and to focus more attention on markets where we are best positioned to compete effectively."

California-based [Google](#) said in August that it would lay off about 4,000 employees at Motorola, which it purchased in a deal valued at \$12.5 billion, in order to return the company to profitability.

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