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Sale of business could be 'make or break' for the critically endangered craft of metal thread making

The Golden Threads workshop in East Sussex, one of only two remaining U producers of metal threads for embroidery, is currently up for sale as a going concern, as owners ! illiam and "iana entish #arnes plan to retire$

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