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## **Volkswagen launches full cycle production in Russia Kaluga**

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RIA Novosti reported that Volkswagen's subsidiary in Russia is launching full-cycle production of cars in the city of Kaluga southwest of Moscow.

Volkswagen said in a statement that Mr Vladimir Putin Prime Minister of Russia will attend the ceremony to launch the assembly of completely knocked down kits which includes welding, painting and trimming.

The company said "We in Volkswagen are convinced that Russia is a car market of the future. We have already invested over EUR 570 million in our Kaluga plant and firmly intend to continue investing in Russia's economy."

Car production at the Kaluga plant began in the fall of 2007. In 2008 the plant produced over 60,000 cars and the number exceeded 90,000 as of October 2009.

The plant produces VW Passat, Polo, Jetta, Tiguan, Touareg cars, as well as Skoda Fabia, Octavia, Octavia Tour and Superb cars. In July it started producing Caddy and Transporter models.

The Kaluga plant employs over 1,800 people, and the number of employees could reach 3,000 in 2010, when the plant is expected to reach its design capacity of 150,000 cars a year.

(Sourced from RIA Novosti)

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