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### President Zuma visits Volkswagen Group South Africa

South African President Jacob Zuma was warmly welcomed when he paid a whistle-stop visit to the Volkswagen Group South Africa factory in Uitenhage outside Port Elizabeth today.

His visit to the factory formed part of a visit to Nelson Mandela Bay and its motor manufacturing and component industry.

While at VWSA, Zuma visited to the construction site of the Company's new R500 million Press Shop. He was also taken on a tour of the Company's employee Learning Academies and was notably impressed by VWSA's 'people projects' and the more than R5 billion which VWSA has invested in plant and facilities over the past five years.

A walk down the Production Line was also the order of the day, as the President got to witness first-hand the production of the Polo Vivo and New Polo – both built at the Uitenhage facility.

He ended the tour in Volkswagen's state-of-the-art Paint Shop, which was a R750 million investment commissioned in 2006.



**Caption:** Volkswagen Group South Africa Managing Director, David Powels, handed over a personalised dust coat to President Jacob Zuma, as the Minister of Economic Development, Ebrahim Patel, looked on.