

Volkswagen AG

Volkswagen Group South Africa, Ltd.

Uitenhage



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Think Blue.
Factory.



Area: 520 963 m²

Status: Januar 2017

Production: 123 854 vehicles and 122 222 engines (2016)

Models: Volkswagen Polo, Polo Vivo, Cross Polo and Engines (1.4 & 1.6 EA111)

Employees: 3 933

Plant

The Volkswagen Group South Africa (VWSA) plant is situated in Uitenhage, an industrial town which lies approximately 750 kilometers east of Cape Town and 1 000kms south of Johannesburg. Just over half (294,713 m²) of the plant's 520 963 m² area consist of production facilities.

Production

Apart from producing components for the entire Volkswagen Group, the Uitenhage plant currently produces the Polo, Cross Polo and Polo Vivo (for the local South African market only). In 2016, 123 854 vehicles were produced, of which of 69 192 vehicles were exported..

Management

In February 2015, Thomas Schäfer became Volkswagen Group South Africa's new Managing Director, taking over from David Powels. Mr Schäfer, an Engineer, worked for the Volkswagen Group (VWAG) since 2012 as Head of Group Production (Foreign Plants).

Environment

With its Think Blue. Factory. initiative, the Volkswagen brand has set itself clear targets for the environmentally sustainable positioning of all its plants. By 2018, the aim is to reduce the environmental impact of all Volkswagen plants by 25 percent. Specifically, this means 25 percent lower energy and water consumption, waste volumes and emissions at all plants.

Corporate Social Responsibilities

Volkswagen Group South Africa is actively engaged in many different social development and upliftment programmes in the area, and increasingly on a national level. VWSA is also involved in environmental projects and job creation. Of particular importance is its involvement in the fight against HIV and AIDS as well as Early Childhood Development. VWSA supports the loveLife Youth Centre in Uitenhage that was made possible by a joint donation of R20-million from Volkswagen AG and IG Metal. Ikhwezi Lomso (a Xhosa word for 'Morning Star' pre-primary school was co-funded by the VWSA employees through One Hour for the Future initiative, in which employees donated an equivalent of one hour wages.

History

Established in 1946, Volkswagen Group South Africa (VWSA) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft (VWAG) in Germany. It is the largest German investment in South Africa and is a major contributor to foreign direct investment, technology transfer and skills development. VWSA is located in Uitenhage, an industrial town some 35 km from Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape.

For generations, VWSA has led the pack in the key areas of transformation. We set key targets and measure our success, which is the reason we have such a proud record as a responsible corporate citizen.

VWSA believes very strongly that job creation and skills development will fuel transformation. Our first priority, therefore, is to build a strong and successful business which protects and creates jobs within VWSA and the broader Volkswagen family of suppliers and franchised Dealers.

As a multi-national corporation, VWSA also has a strong commitment to boost foreign direct investment in South Africa and to promote the transfer of world-class technology, knowledge and skills. Hundreds of VWSA employees at all levels have received training at Volkswagen plants throughout the world.