



Press information

Volvo Trucks invests billions in its Umeå cab factory

Volvo Trucks is investing almost SEK 1.1 billion in its cab factory in Umeå. The investment covers new production equipment as well as measures designed to increase capacity and flexibility in the production plant.

Volvo Trucks' cab factory in Umeå has undergone a number of changes in recent years. Now it is the turn of the bodyshop to be modernised and redesigned to suit an entirely new level of technological advancement. This latest investment encompasses the replacement of production equipment that is almost 20 years old. Previous investments have included the installation of a modern assembly line and a new paintshop – the world's cleanest in terms of solvent emissions. The Umeå factory has its sights set on becoming entirely carbon dioxide-free within a few years.

The current two assembly lines will be replaced by a flexible new system where different cab models can be built on one and the same line. The degree of automation and flexibility will thus increase. The change has a positive impact on capacity as well as on the effectiveness and will be implemented successively throughout the factory without necessitating any production standstills.

Later this year, Volvo Trucks will submit an application to the County Administrative Board in Västerbotten County and its Environmental Assessment Delegation for a new operating licence to cover all its operations.

With regard to the very strong global demand on heavy trucks, there is a need to increase the production volumes at Volvo Trucks world-wide, including the Umeå operation. The company will investigate the possibility to increase the capacity within the framework of the new operating licence. The new adjusted permit to expand to 66,000 cabs per year was granted in April 2007.

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