



Chrysler may invest \$72 million in Ohio factory

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PERRYSBURG -- Chrysler Group LLC plans to invest \$72 million in a northwest Ohio plant, and the state's governor said Tuesday there might be bigger things to come from the automaker.

Chrysler wants to install new equipment and modernize its Toledo Machining Plant near Perrysburg, which will allow it to retain 640 hourly and salaried jobs, the company said.

The plant will produce new-generation torque converters and steering columns. It said the converters would be paired with new transmissions being made at Chrysler plants in Kokomo, Ind., as part of the automaker's strategy to meet fuel economy requirements.

The announcement came as Ohio Gov. John Kasich met Tuesday with General Motors, Ford and Chrysler in Detroit to talk about their investments in the state and their continued presence in Ohio.

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Governor, automakers make plans for Ohio, Chrysler pledges \$72M investment in plant near Toledo

Gov. John Kasich returned from Detroit yesterday declaring his meetings with American car-company executives a success, not only for the Ohio investment pledged by Chrysler but also for the groundwork laid for future deals involving the Big Three.

Kasich reported that executives from Chrysler, GM and Ford all said they've noticed a shift to a more favorable business climate in Ohio, and at least one company official backed the governor's statements.

"We're very encouraged by the changes we see happening in Ohio," Bryan Roosa, GM's executive director for state government relations, wrote in an email. "The attitude toward manufacturers is very supportive, and it's helping create a very strong

environment for business. We're very pleased with our relationship with Ohio and like what's happening there for GM."

Kasich met with two GM vice presidents yesterday and discussed the success of the Chevy Cruze, made in Lordstown, Ohio.

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Gov. Kasich: Meetings with automakers were good; Says Big Three are committed to Ohio jobs

(Detroit) -- Gov. John Kasich says he left meetings Tuesday with the Big Three automakers in Detroit with a "very good feeling all the way around."

Chrysler told Kasich they will be keeping their Perrysburg plant near Toledo open. That means 640 jobs are being retained.

"We are hopeful another announcement is coming soon," he told reporters on a conference call.

Kasich also had high praise for GM and the Chevy Cruze. He credited labor-management relations at the Lordstown plant for making the vehicle successful.

"They made an investment, believed it would work in Lordstown. To this point it is working, it's just imperative that it continue to work," said Kasich.

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Kasich praises Lordstown workers, managers

Ohio Gov. John Kasich met with representatives from the Big Three automakers Tuesday and said the General Motors Co. Lordstown facility scored high marks with GM officials.

“The Cruze has become the most-significant car — the No. 1 seller in America,” Kasich said.

“They are extremely pleased with how we are all working together. Management and labor in Lordstown created a model of how management and labor can work together.”

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