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Plant Info

Good morning, everyone-

I wanted to add some details that I've received.

- The Compass will be the first vehicle to be built
- Two shifts- around 3300 people
- A redesigned Cherokee (different than the one being built in Mexico) would be brought in sometime in 2028.
- This could create a 3rd shift, increasing our manpower numbers.
- The company investment is 614 million. There is State money (500 million) that has been approved for this project. As of two weeks ago, there was also Federal money (334 million).

It's great to be excited about this news. We should be. I know that every one of us realizes we've been in this position before when we were told we were getting the mid-size truck. We waited for anything to start moving in the plant, but nothing ever happened. Since then, there have been several changes that have taken place within the Corporation. Carlos Tavares absolutely intended to take everything he could out of this country because he was angry about the strike and didn't want to deal with another one in the future. Couple that with the new administration's stance on tariffs, and things seem to be moving in the right direction for us.

Again, it's ok to be excited and happy about this information. We haven't had any in a long time. We have a long road ahead of us. When the company actually starts making some moves and retooling, I'll let you know.

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