Car manufacturer Toyota has invested over R6 billion into South Africa by opening a plant to produce the new Hilux and Fortuner models in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. The production of the new models supports more than 4 000 jobs while total employment in the plant exceeds 8 000 jobs. Speaking at the launch of the locally-produced Toyota models, President Jacob Zuma said the investment demonstrates confidence in South Africa’s economy. “This is a significant contribution towards dealing with the serious challenge of unemployment in our country. This investment clearly demonstrates the confidence that global automotive producers continue to have in South Africa as an investment destination and the supportive policy environment which we offer.”

The President said government has taken a conscious decision to support the country’s automotive sector. “The support provided by government through the Department of Trade and Industry (dti) has attracted investments of over R25 billion, which will contribute to the local economy and create jobs.”

President Jacob Zuma at the Toyota plant during the launch of the new Hilux and Fortuner models in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.
Motlakase o tla ungwela diketekete tsa batho

Zibuyisile Ngobe [65]

wa kwa Sonkombo kwa toropong ya Ndwedwe, KwaZulu-Natal, o ne a ithaya a re a ka seke a bo a ipona ka le lengwe la ma-tatsi a na le motlakase.

“Ke ne ke tshwene yegre gongewe ke tla thokafala ke ise ke ipone ke na le motlakase mo legaeng la me, fela puso e nthuisise nna le balelapa la me mme jaanong re ikatlwana mabo le botselo jwa sešweng.

“Matsatsi a go sasanka kwa nangeng re rwalela dikgong ke dilo tsa maloba."
Moporesitente Jacob Zuma o ne fa gautshwane a bula tikwatikwe ya ditrontsi ya mofuta wa yone o le nosi bula tikwatikwe ya ditirontsi e e tla thusu baagi go fitlhlela intshanele ya mahala e e bo-nako le thekenoloji ya tshedimo-mosetso e e tla thusu go ba gola-ganang ba lebafigi le basweu. “Programmes such as these are incredibly important. I would say any country without ou proper trained artisans is lagging behind because, in some sectors, we do not have our own artisans and these in-viduals are imported. However, with programmes such as this in place, we can cut down on the amount of imports, har-
ness job creation and move our unique projects forward.” Each course is made up of three phases. In the first, the apprentices are taught basic tooling; in the second, they familiarise themselves with the equipment they will be working with/on; and in the final phase, the students work practically and are tested ac-
cordingly.

The success of the training programmes offered by the school, said Magcaba, is indi-
cated by the increase in entrant numbers each year. “When I first started here five years ago, we had 290 students. Now we have 539 – nearly dou-
ble that number. It is very re-
warding to know that we are helping to bring about positive change,” Moporesitente Zuma o re e tla rialo.

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Operation Phakisa training benefits KZN artisans

Thandeka Ngobese

Transnet has announced that it will spend R7.7 billion on training as it drives to meet capacity require-
ments in line with its Market Demand Strategy (MDS). As part of this initiative, the Transnet National Ports Au-
thority (TNPA) has selected 18 candidates from the South Durban Basin for Operation Phakisa technical training.

The training forms part of Transnet’s MDS to train arti-
sans for the shipbuilding and repair industry and is in line with Operation Phakisa, which aims to unlock the potential of the oceans economy.

TNPA’s Port of Durban has adopted 15 schools in the South Durban Basin and has various programmes in place aimed at developing mission critical skills within its communities from the ground up.

The Operation Phakisa tech-
nical training programme con-
ists of two, three-year courses – Millwright and Coded Weld-
ing – run by the Transnet School of Engineering and a course on spray painting that will take place later during the year.

Being a part of TNPA’s Oper-
ation Phakisa technical training course for Vuyani Chiya (23) is more than an opportunity to further his education, it is the means through which he hopes to change both his life and that of his mother.

Chiya who has been living in the South Durban Basin while he studies towards his N4 and N5 certificate at Umlazi Computech, is now working towards qualifying as a mill-
wright.

“To be selected for this course, is a dream come true. I will study hard to fulfil my dream. We thank Transnet for those of us who come from disadvan-
tage backgrounds,” he said.

Capacity-building Manag-
er for the KZN region at the Transnet School of Engineering Thandasakwazi Magcaba said the skills training programme was a great opportunity, not only for the students but also for the country.

“Programmes such as these are incredibly important. I would say any country without our own trained artisans is lagging behind because, in some sectors, we do not have our own artisans and these in-

Students participating in the three-year Millwright course being run by the Transnet School of Engineering as part of Transnet National Ports Authority’s Operation Phakisa technical training.
Bašwa ba Aforika Borwa ba tlhoka 'go thusiwa gore ba tle ba itsose'