



Slovakia

Tatravagonka to increase Production of Rail-freight Wagons

Rail-freight wagon maker Tatravagonka in Poprad (Presov region) said that it expects to increase production in 2008 by more than 80 percent with an investment of around Sk 500 million (\$ 20.2 million). This year should see around 2,400 freight wagons and 8,500 chassis rolling off the production lines, reflecting an annual increase of 1,100 and 1,300, respectively. Investment plans also include the modernisation of machines, workplace automation and building renovation. Tatravagonka is facing a shortage of skilled Slovak labour in recent times, namely welders and metal workers and is looking to recruit foreigners. Late last year, the company hired 40 Vietnamese, who will be gradually integrated into the workforce. Tatravagonka will hire more workers in order to bring its labour force up to between 2,100-2,300 this year.

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