

## **Volkswagen, Spanish firm expand US SUV production**

Washington (dpa) - Volkswagen and the Spanish metal manufacturer Gestamp are expanding their partnership at a US plant as the German carmaker attempts to grow its share of the US sport utility vehicle market, the companies said Tuesday.

Spain's Gestamp, a company that designs and manufactures metal components, and VW said they will add more than 500 jobs to their combined facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Gestamp said they plan to invest 180 million dollars in the expansion project that triples the size of its existing facility to build external metal skins for a new mid-size SUV, the company said. VW will provide land for the Gestamp facility.

The project includes both an expansion of the current facility along with construction of a new stamping facility.

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