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## **QUICK FACTS ON THE GM AGREEMENT – Number Two**

**October 7, 2016**

### **Is the so-called commitment to investment for real?**

Absolutely. Unifor – GM members ratified a collective agreement that has a firm commitment to invest \$554 million in our facilities: \$400 million for Oshawa, \$150 million for St. Catharines and \$4 million for Woodstock.

This investment reversed a closure planned for Oshawa, despite GM saying it would not bargain investment and it is a remarkable achievement. The investments will mean stable employment levels, and new hiring as people retire.

GM has committed to the investment in writing as part of our Agreement. In Oshawa, engineering work related to the investments is already underway, and forty new positions were announced the week after ratification. In St. Catharines retrofit and upgrade work is scheduled to start next month, and new equipment is expected early in the New Year.

Like every automotive operation around the world, the long term production volumes depend on the state of the market – that is nothing new at any of the Detroit Three plants.

**GM and the union have said they would like government support for the investment, but the investment made by GM is not dependent on it.**

Investment to secure our future was identified as our top priority heading into negotiations and we've achieved our goal.