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Ramaphosa opens train factory

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JOHANNESBURG - A R1-billion train factory has been opened in Nigel, Gauteng.

President Cyril Ramaphosa says the new train manufacturing factory will focus on creating job opportunities for the youth.

“This factory is not only about building trains; it is also about advancing the industrialisation of our economy. As part of our drive to achieve sustainable economic growth and significantly expand employment, we have identified the growth of our manufacturing base as a key priority,” said President Cyril Ramaphosa during the launch of the plant.

The 72-hectare site at Dunnottar Park in the City of Ekurhuleni houses the factory, a supplier park and the Rail Training School. The complex will manufacture, assemble, test and deliver 580 new commuter trains.

The plant is scheduled to deliver two new trains by December, a further nine trains by March 2019 and an estimated total of 56 trains over the next two years.