Chrysler to invest $500M, add 1,100 jobs to Toledo assembly complex

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Calling Jeep “truly of the world’s most legendary brands,” the head of Chrysler Group LLC said Wednesday that Toledo Assembly complex is getting a $500 million investment and 1,100 more jobs to make the replacement of the Jeep Liberty and possibly other vehicles.

The long-awaited announcement means a new body shop and quality center will be built at the factory which makes not only the Liberty but the Dodge Nitro. The Nitro, however, is due to end production next month. It wasn’t immediately clear what will replace the sport utility vehicle.

“The decision we made clearly demonstrates the confidence we have in the Toledo Assembly complex, in its future, and moreover, in the commitment and quality of work of the people who work here,” Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne told a crowd of more than 100 workers as well as dignitaries including Gov. John Kasich, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo), and Toledo Mayor Mike Bell.