

Press Information

Senator Tim Kaine and Congressman Bobby Scott Visit Volvo Penta North America

Focus on Virginia Jobs, Innovation and the Future of Marine Power Solutions

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Volvo Penta North America welcomed U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA-03) to its headquarters last week for a firsthand look at the company's growing presence in Virginia, investments in workforce development and innovative marine and industrial power solutions.

Established in Chesapeake in 1992, the company is now home to approximately 150 employees supporting operations across North America. Kaine and Scott met with Volvo Penta leadership and employees during the Aug. 20 visit, which included an executive roundtable, facility tour and employee meet-and-greet. Discussions focused on the company's continued growth in Virginia, the importance of developing a skilled workforce, emerging marine technologies and the growing need for reliable, resilient power infrastructure.

"We're lucky to have Volvo Penta's North American Headquarters in Chesapeake," said Senator Kaine. "I appreciated the chance to visit with the hardworking Virginians who keep this company at the cutting-edge, including when it comes to marine power technology, and to see up-close how it continues to deepen its roots in our Commonwealth."

"We appreciated the opportunity to welcome Senator Kaine and Congressman Scott and share how we're investing in our people, supporting skilled workforce development and developing technologies that can help address some of the most important challenges facing our customers and communities," said Fredrik Högberg, President of Volvo Penta North America.

Investing in Virginia's workforce

From its North American headquarter in Chesapeake, Volvo Penta manages regional operations, sales, training and customer service. The facility plays a critical role in advancing technology, managing a worldwide support network and strengthening the local economy.

The company continues to hire as its business expands and is also investing in the skilled workforce needed to support increasingly sophisticated marine and industrial technologies. The Chesapeake operation includes a North American training center where technicians and dealer partners receive hands-on technical training and develop the skills needed to support Volvo Penta products and customers.

"Training is a critical part of our business," said Högberg. "As technology evolves, the skills required to support our products evolve with it. Industry has an important role to play in helping develop the technicians, engineers and skilled professionals needed for the future."

Advancing marine technology

During the visit, Volvo Penta highlighted its marine business and work with partners developing innovative solutions for marine leisure and commercial vessels. The company's marine propulsion technology is being integrated into emerging autonomous vessel platforms, demonstrating how proven commercial marine technologies can support new maritime applications, including government, defense and other mission-critical operations.

Volvo Penta also showcased its broader marine portfolio and the technologies it is developing to improve performance, reliability and ease of use for commercial and leisure boaters.

Supporting innovation and long-term growth

For Volvo Penta, the visit reinforced the connection between its Virginia workforce, North American growth and investments in next-generation technology.

"Visits like this give us an opportunity to show what happens when you bring together talented people, strong partnerships and innovative technology," said Högberg. "We're proud of our presence in Virginia and look forward to continuing to grow our business and contribute to the communities and industries we serve."

The visit concluded with an opportunity for Kaine and Scott to meet Volvo Penta employees at the company's Chesapeake headquarters.

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