

A.Raymond Group has opened a fastener factory in Nizhny-Novgorod

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French component manufacturer A.Raymond Group has opened a factory, which will manufacture fastener elements under the name of A.Raymond RUS in Nizhni-Novgorod region. The annual production capacity of the facility, established in Dzerzhinsk-Vostochny industrial park, has been announced as 10 million elements.

The Group president Antoine Raymond has said the following: “Most of our foreign competitors have given up the idea to operate in Russia. We haven’t. We’re not afraid, because we have long-term prospects.”

Russian car and LCV market has shrunk by 29.7% in June

08.07.2015 / AEB

According to Association of European Businesses (AEB) data, 140,161 new cars and light commercial vehicles have been sold in Russia in June (-29.7%). Thereby, the number of vehicles sold in the country within the first half of the year has reached 782,094 (-36.4%).

Joerg Schreiber, Chairman of the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee commented: “No reason to relax whatsoever, but it's worth noticing that the pace of year-on-year volume drain in June is less dramatic than in the preceding months since February. Matters could be much worse, if not for two policy-driven factors supporting the market in the right direction: 1) the (ongoing) reduction in base interest rates, as the door opener for a successful reanimation of credit-financed demand, and 2) the continuing (and recently increased) government support to buyers of new cars, by ways of subsidizing interest rates or the renewal of older and very old cars.

Having said this, market sentiment for the remaining 6 months of the year remains muted. Based on a recent member poll, the AEB updates its full-year forecast for 2015 to 1.55 million passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, equivalent to a 36% reduction from 2014 actual result of 2.49 million”.

Ford Sollers Vsevolzhsk factory has started the production of the new Focus

07.07.2015 / Autostat

Vsevolzhsk based Ford Sollers factory has started the serial production of the new Focus model today. The press office of the company has stated that 1.5 l engines from EcoBoost family are being used in the model. A series of renovations have been made in the model, taking the road and climate conditions of Russia into consideration.

Production has fallen by 6.3% at Hyundai St. Petersburg factory by the end of the first six months

07.07.2015 / Vedomosti

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Rus factory, established in St. Petersburg, has manufactured 110,200 automobiles within the January-June period (-6.3%). The factory had manufactured 117,550 automobiles, within the same period of the previous year.

The company has stated that the factory keeps on working five days a week, in three shifts consistently and there are no plans to suspend production, apart from routine reasons, such as: annual holidays etc. Hyundai plans to repeat last year's production figure of 228,000 automobiles, for this year.

The period of the scrap programme has been extended till the year-end in Russia

06.07.2015 / Kommersant

Russian prime minister Dmitri Medvedev has signed the bylaw, proposing the allocation of an additional resource of 5 billion rubles, in order to finance part of production expenses made by the car manufacturers.

The aforementioned resource will be used in the compensation of discounts made by manufacturers, within the scope of the automobile utilisation programme (bring the old one and get a new one). Thereby, the period of the programme, which started in September 2014, has been extended for the second time.

The number of vehicles sold within the scope of the programme had been announced as 160,000 by the minister of industry and commerce Denis Manturov, as of 3 July.

Bosch has opened an ABS and ESP systems factory in Samara

03.07.2015 / Autostat

Bosch has started manufacturing automobile systems at its new plant in Samara region, on 2 July. The total investment, to be made in the new factory until the end of 2016, is around €50 billion. The company has stated that the facility is the second car components factory in Russia, after Saratov, Engelsk. Bosch Samara factory will produce ABS and ESP systems for automobiles manufactured in Russia, at the first stage.

GfK: “Russian tyre market may shrink by 20% in 2015”

06.07.2015 / GfK Press Office

The survey, conducted by the marketing company GfK, predicts a 20% shrinkage for Russian tyre market in 2015. The aforementioned survey reminds that the market shrinkage had started in 2014 (-17.5%). It has been observed that the pace of the Russian tyre market had slowed down in 2013, following the boom years of 2011-2012. The decline in new automobile sales is the main reason behind the shrinkage.

The survey also highlights the shift of the tyre supply channels from a high number of small-scale commercial points to a few major store chains. However, the competition amongst the online sellers is the key factor, determining the market situation currently. The online tyre sales has increased by 25% year-on-year in 2014. GfK anticipates the rise to continue.

The company analysts expect a shrinkage in the components market as well in 2015, due to the general economic situation and the decline in the automobile market. A shrinkage had been observed in the sales volumes of products such as; auto lights, batteries and window wipers in 2014. One of the sharpest declines has been observed in spark plug sales, with 22%.

Lifan will start the construction of a car factory in Lipetsk region in July

02.07.2015 / Vedomosti

Chinese car manufacturer Lifan will start the construction of the factory it's planning to establish within the territory of the Lipetsk Special Economic Zone (SEZ), on 16 July. The relevant statement has been made by the SEZ general director Ivan Koshelev. Lipetsk regional administration and Lifan had signed the agreement, proposing the establishment of a car factory in the region, last October. Around \$300 million will be invested in the factory. The planned annual production capacity is 60,000 automobiles. Vedomosti newspaper reminds that as announced previously, the production will commence in 2017 at the factory.

Hyundai has announced its second model to be manufactured in St. Petersburg

24.06.2015 / Autostat

Hyundai Motor SNG has revealed the SUV-B segment model, previously announced to be manufactured in St. Petersburg. Accordingly, the factory will start the production of Creta, as of 2016. The model has been on test on Vladivostok-St. Petersburg route since January. As is known, St. Petersburg Hyundai plant manufactures Hyundai Solaris, the best-sold foreign model in Russia. With Creta, the number of models manufactured in the factory will increase to two.

PSMA Rus sedan line will be reactivated in August

29.06.2015 / Vedomosti

Kaluga based PSMA Rus factory has announced postponement to the reactivation date of its sedan line, where Peugeot 408 and Citroen C4 models are manufactured, from previously set 10 July to 2 August. The line has been closed since 27 April. The company officials have shown the low demand and sufficient stock, as the reasons behind the decision. The production will resume on 17 August at the factory, due to the collective holiday period between 3-16 August.

According to AEB data, 2240 Peugeot (-79%), 2350 Citroen (-76%) and 16,611 Mitsubishi have been sold in Russia, during the first five months of 2015. Russian automotive market has shrunk by 37.7% during the aforementioned period.

The decline in St. Petersburg automotive has decelerated in May

22.06.2015 / Auto-Dealer-SPb

According to Auto-Dealer-SPb data, Toyota, GM, Nissan and Hyundai factories established in St. Petersburg have manufactured 125,600 automobiles in total within the January-May period (-24%). The year-on-year production has declined by only 14% in May, with 24,900 vehicles. Thereby, on a monthly basis, the total production of the city's factories has declined by less than 20%, for the first time this year.

The agency officials have come to the conclusion that the shrinkage dynamics have started to decline, comparing the current rate of 24% with the 27% recorded during the first quarter. The share of the four factories in the city within the Russian automotive has been calculated as 20.1% for the first quarter, 21% for the first four months and 22.1% for the January-May period.

12 models are being manufactured at Toyota, GM, Nissan and Hyundai factories: Chevrolet Captiva, Cadillac ATS, Cadillac CTS, Cadillac SRX, Cadillac Escalade, Nissan Teana, Nissan X-Trail, Nissan Murano, Nissan Pathfinder, Toyota Camry, Hyundai Solaris and KIA Rio.

Avtotor has started the production of the renewed Hyundai i40

19.06.2015 / Zr.ru

Kaliningrad based Avtotor factory has started the production of the renewed Hyundai i40 model automobiles. A Hyundai representative has told Zr.ru news portal that this year's planned sales figure of the model is 7000 in Russia. 3146 of the previous version of the model have been sold in the country since the turn of the year. The renewed model will have the same price tag with its predecessor, which starts from 994,000 rubles.

AVTOVAZ will start the production of the renewed 4x4 in 2016

18.06.2015 / Zr.ru

AVTOVAZ plans to start the serial production of the renewed Lada 4x4 in 2016. Lada 4x4 project director Natalia Vorobyova states that the more comfortable, brighter and warmer new model will satisfy the expectations of the contemporary clientele.

2 million 4x4 vehicles have been manufactured up to today, since their introduction in 1977. The model was named “Niva” previously.

The suppliers preferred by AVTOVAZ

18.06.2015 / Autostat

AVTOVAZ president Bo Andersson, who spoke at the Russian Association of Engineers Committee meeting, has stated that a stable supply industry is within the capabilities of the country and named five domestic and five foreign suppliers, which comply with the cooperation perspective of AVTOVAZ. Andersson has mentioned the names of Pirelli, Federal Mogul, Forecia, Magna and Automotive Lighting amongst foreign suppliers and Severstal & MMK, Togliatti Technological Equipment Factory, Saturno, Ulyanovsk Electrotrans and Detalstroykonstruktsiya amongst Russians.

According to AVTOVAZ president, the key factors qualifying these companies as successful are: customer orientation, the readiness to adapt to world standards, the variety of the order portfolio, high localisation rate and a healthy and stable financial position.

Russian car production has shrunk by 38% in May

16.06.2015 / Rosstat

According to Russian Federal Institute of Statistics: Rosstat data, 568,000 automobiles have been manufactured in Russia within the January-May period (-23.8%). The May-only production figure is 88,000 (-37.9%).

The truck production figure for January-May period is 46,200 (-23.2%). May figure is 10,700 (-18.3%).

Finally, 12,700 buses have been manufactured within the first five months (-14.3%). Bus production has been announced as 3000 for May (-6.9%).