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The signature of the agreement proposing the establishment of a factory by FIAT in Russia has been postponed

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The agreement between the government of St. Petersburg and Sberbank, proposing the establishment of a new car factory in the city by FIAT has been postponed. It was previously announced that the agreement was due to be signed during the 2012 St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.

According to the statement made by an executive from the city administration, the decision to postpone has been taken by the parties due to the failure to complete the coordination works within the preset time frame. No specific date has been given concerning the signature of the agreement.

As one may remember, a memorandum of understanding had been signed by FIAT and Sberbank in February, proposing the establishment of an association company with 80%-20% shares. The two companies are planning to manufacture Jeep automobiles in St. Petersburg. Previously, Pushkin region of the city had been chosen for the factory and the planned annual production capacity had been announced as 120,000 vehicles. According to the plan, the construction of the factory was due to start next year and the production of the vehicles in 2014.

80,000 automobiles have been sold in St. Petersburg during the first five months of the year

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According to Auto-Dealer-SPb agency data, 79,548 new automobiles have been sold in St. Petersburg within 2012 January-May period (7% of Russian market). The rate of increase in comparison with the same period of the previous year has been recorded as 14%. The number of automobiles sold in the city in May-only is 18,252 (+5%).

Volkswagen has become the best-sold vehicle in May. KIA and Nissan occupy the second and third places respectively. On the other hand, the growth rate tends to slow down. An increase is being observed in the number of brands with sales on the decline. While in April the sales of 5 out of 15 best-sold brands went down, this figure increased to 7 during May.

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Russian vehicle market is the seventh biggest in the world

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According to Autostat data, Russian vehicle market has become the seventh biggest in the world in 2011. By year-end the number of licenced new vehicles exceeded 2.81 million (3.6% of worldwide vehicle market). 330,000 of these are commercial vehicles.

As a result, the total number of vehicles in the country has grown by 5% in comparison with the previous year, reaching 35.7 million vehicles. 46% of this figure consists of foreign brand vehicles. It's anticipated that with the current pace the total number of vehicles in the country will reach 40 million by the year 2014. It's also being predicted that as from next year the number of foreign brand vehicles will reach 20 million, thus overtaking the local brands.

Derways has started the production of Geely Emgrand

04.06.2012 / Autostat

Derways factory, established in Cherkesk, has started the production of the new Geely Emgrand. The planned production amount for the model is in between 2200 and 2500 vehicles per month. Emgrand has become the third Geely model manufactured in Cherkesk, following MK Sedan and MK Crossover.

Furthermore, according to the statement made by the company, the production of Lifan X60 will start in the factory during the third quarter of the year. It's being anticipated that a total number of 60,000 vehicles will be manufactured in the factory within the year 2012. This figure corresponds to a 45% increase in production in comparison with the previous year.

Mitsubishi Outlander production in Kaluga will start in Autumn

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PSMA Rus Factory, established in Kaluga, will start manufacturing third generation Mitsubishi Outlanders in Autumn, as stated by the distributor of Mitsubishi in Russia, Rolf Import. Mitsubishi emphasises the production of Outlander as one of the most important tasks within its production plan for 2012. In addition to this, the Japanese producer intends to switch to CKD production from SKD in Kaluga as from Autumn 2012. The factory has manufactured 11,000 Outlanders during its first 2 years of operation. The Rolf Import executive has added that in Russia the demand for Mitsubishi is higher than anywhere in the world.

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There are 91 new automobiles per 1000 people in Russia

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According to AlfaStrahivaniye Insurance Company data, 91 new automobiles -under seven years of age- exist in Russia per 1000 people. The total number of the vehicles in the country that comply with this criteria is 13 million. This amount makes up 36.5% of all automobiles in Russia. Foreign brands form 67% of these vehicles. This ratio was 60% two years previously and a little bit above 50% four years ago.

Moscow city and the region have the highest ratio of new vehicles per population. In the capital and the surrounding areas the number of new automobiles per 1000 people is 160 and 152 respectively. The number of new automobiles -under seven years old- in Moscow is 1.8 million. 91% of these vehicles are foreign made. These figures are: 1.1 million vehicles and 82% in the region of Moscow.

The number of new automobiles per 1000 people, the percentage of new vehicles to the total number and the ratio of foreign vehicles respectively, according to the federal regions in Russia are as follows; Centre - 120, 44%, 77%, Ural - 110, 43%, 70%, Northwest - 108, 39%, 77%, Privoljski - 98, 44%, 54%, South - 85, 34%, 60%, Northern Caucasia - 51, 30%, 35%, Siberia - 44, 19%, 63% and Far East - 24, 7%, 83%.

Isuzu is increasing its share in the partnership with Sollers

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Japanese manufacturer Isuzu Motors is making preparations to increase its share from 29% to 45% in the partnership it has established with Sollers. Following the sale of 66% of the existing shares of Sollers to Isuzu, the share of the Russian side in the partnership will go down to 50%. The remaining 5% share of the company belongs to Sojitz Trade House. According to the statement made by Isuzu, the decision has been taken in order to strengthen the position of the company within the Russian commercial vehicle market.

Sollers and Isuzu had also signed an agreement proposing the renewal of the production of N-series trucks at Ulyanovsk factory (UAZ). Besides 1.5, 3 and 5 tonnes N-series trucks, the production of the new NPR75LM will start in the factory within this month. Sollers-Isuzu partnership, established in 2007, will carry on distributing the Japanese trucks throughout Russia, as before.