

Induced automobile credit programme will expire at the end of the year

22.11.2013 / Avtostat

According to Izvestiya newspaper's report based on government sources, the Russian Ministry of Industry and Commerce will end the induced automobile credit programme as of 01.01.2014. The optimisation of budget expenditures has been shown as the reason behind this decision.

164,000 credits have been allocated within the scope of the programme, as of 10.11.2013. The number of credits will have reached 215,000 by the end of the year, according to predictions. The ministry officials had previously stated that they expect the programme to generate a 5% increase in the market, which is equivalent to 120,000 automobiles.

Russian LCV market has shrunk by 5.7% in October

22.11.2013 / Avtostat

The October sales figure of light commercial vehicles in Russia has declined by 5.7%, with 15,117 vehicles. Thereby, the total number of LCV sales in January-October period has reached 142,105 (-1.7%). 67.3% of the vehicles sold belongs to Russian brands.

The sales figure recorded by the undisputed leader of the market: GAZ is 7494 (-9.7%). The brand holds 49.6% of the market. Another Russian brand: UAZ occupies the second place with 1675 vehicles (-32.9%). These two brands are followed by Ford (1273, +9.5%), Volkswagen (1151, +5.3%) and Lada (994).

Car production has increased by 5% in St. Petersburg in October

22.11.2013 / Auto-Dealer-SPb

According to Auto-Dealer-SPb data, Toyota, GM, Nissan and Hyundai factories established in St. Petersburg have manufactured 322,700 automobiles in January-October period (+2%). The number of automobiles manufactured in October-only is 36,800 (+5%). After April, when 38,200 automobiles were manufactured, this is the second best monthly production figure recorded in the city in 2013.

The models manufactured in the four factories are as follows; Chevrolet Cruze, Opel Astra, Chevrolet Trailblazer, Nissan Teana, Nissan X-Trail, Nissan Murano, Infiniti FX, Infiniti M, Toyota Camry, Hyundai Solaris and Kia Rio.

AvtoVAZ will reach full capacity in Nissan Almera production in 2014

21.11.2013 / Vedomosti

Andy Palmer, the Vice-President of Nissan, has told Vedomosti newspaper that AvtoVAZ will start manufacturing Nissan Almera in full capacity, from Spring 2014 onwards. AvtoVAZ has been carrying out the contracted production of Nissan Almera in Tolyatti since the end of 2012. The annual production capacity allocated to Almera model on the Bo line is 70,000 vehicles. Palmer has stated that the currently used 50% capacity is not enough to meet the domestic dealers' demands.

According to ASM-Holding data, 5392 licences have been issued for Nissan Almeras manufactured in AvtoVAZ, within the January-October period, in Russia.

Avtotor has started KIA Sorento production with CKD method

19.11.2013 / Avtostat

Kaliningrad based Avtotor factory has started the production of regenerated KIA Sorento, using CKD method. The welding and paint shops for the model are situated within the new 15,000 m² complex.

1200 KIA Sorentos are planned to be manufactured in the factory, until the end of the year. According to the statement made by Avtotor, the factory will activate a second welding line for the production of KIA Cerato model automobiles, in 2014. With the addition of two more lines in 2016, the annual production capacity of the welding complex will increase to 100,000 vehicles. Avtotor has already modernised its paint complex.

200,000 automobiles have been manufactured in Russia in October

19.11.2013 / Avtostat

According to Russian State Institute of Statistics: Rosstat data, 1.6 million automobiles have been manufactured in Russia, within the first ten months of 2013 (-2.3%). The October production figure is 200,000, on the other hand (-0.7%). Previous month's highest production number has been achieved at AvtoVAZ, with 44,253 vehicles (-6.9%). Elabuga based Ford Sollers factory has shifted to CKD method in Kuga production.

The January-October period truck and bus production figures are 168,000 (-2.8%) and 43,200 (-6%), respectively.

GM-AvtoVAZ will manufacture 58,000 Chevrolet Nivas in 2013

18.11.2013 / Avtostat

Tolyatti based GM-AvtoVAZ car factory is planning to manufacture 57,938 Chevrolet Nivas this year (-8%). Previous year's production figure was 62,981. The factory had announced its production target as 62,500 vehicles at the beginning of the year, however due to the shrinkage in the market, the production plan has been revised.

GM-AvtoVAZ has manufactured 41,485 automobiles within the first nine months of the year (-10%). According to AEB data, 38,574 Chevrolet Nivas have been sold in Russia in January-October period (-12%). The export number has risen to 2788 (+31,3), on the other hand.

Pirelli Russia has revised its plans

15.11.2013 / AutoMarketolog.ru

Italian tyre manufacturer Pirelli is planning a worldwide investment of €1.6 billion until 2017. €96 million of this investment will be spent on projects in Russia. However, due to several factors such as; the recession observed in the Russian vehicle market and the general downward trend in economy, the company is currently reviewing its capacity expansion plans.

According to Pirelli's assessment, the Russian vehicle market will have shrunk by 5% by the end of 2013. The tyre market is estimated to shrink by 3.5% in conjunction with this. The company has revised its previous plan of reaching 10.5 million tyres annually in Kirov and Voronezh factories until 2015 to 8.9 million tyres until 2017.

Pirelli generated an income of €244 billion from its sales in Russia last year. The expectation is €240 million this year. €370 is the target for the year 2016.

Kordiant will invest 20 billion rubles in tyre production in Omsk

14.11.2013 / Prime

Kordiant Holding has announced that 20 billion rubles will be invested in Kordiant-Vostok and Omskshina factories until the year 2020. This investment will create employment opportunities for 800 new people. The Holding has invested 1.2 billion rubles in these factories until today. The Holding currently manufactures car, truck and bus tyres, under the brand names of Cordiant and Tunga.

Outlander has become the most-manufactured model at PSMA Rus

25.10.2013 / Avtostat

PSMA Rus factory, established in Kaluga, has manufactured 34,483 automobiles within the January-September period. Mitsubishi Outlander model forms 40% of this figure.

The press bureau of the factory has stated that 14,064 new generation Outlanders have been manufactured within the aforementioned period. PSMA Rus has been manufacturing this model with CKD method since last November.

Since July 2013, 709 Mitsubishi Pajero Sport model automobiles have been manufactured at the factory. The other models manufactured at the factory and their production figures are as follows; Peugeot 408 – 10,745, Citroen C4 Sedan – 8865.

9836 Peugeot 408 model automobiles have been sold in Russia within the first nine months of the year. The sales figure of the model is equivalent to 38% of the total Peugeot sales in Russia. The sales figure of Citroen Sedan C4 has reached 4297, since its introduction to the market in June. C4 Sedan is the most popular Citroen model in Russia.

The sales of Mitsubishi Outlander has reached 17,451, following a 14% increase, at the end of the January-September period. The number of Pajero Sports sold, including the imported vehicles, is 6284, on the other hand (+46%).

PSMA Rus has exported 540 Peugeot 408 and Citroen C4 Sedan automobiles within the nine months period. 60% of this vehicles have been exported to Belarus and the remaining 32% and 7% to Ukraine and Kazakhstan, respectively. The press bureau has added that PSMA Rus has plans to export automobiles to Moldova and Azerbaijan, as well.

BCG: “Russian market will have grown by 50% by 2020”

24.10.2013 / Izvestiya

According to Boston Consulting Group (BCG)'s prediction, Russian vehicle market will reach a magnitude of 4.4 million vehicles by the year 2020. (As one may remember, 2.9 million vehicles were sold in the country in 2012. It's anticipated that this figure will remain at 2.79 million in 2013, following a 5% decline.) In other words, the market will grow by 50% in seven years.

However, according to BCG's analysis, the growth will come to an end in BRIC (Brasil, Russia, India, China) markets, which currently lead the way in world automotive, within the next few years and the burden of global growth will shift to North African, Southeast Asian and some Latin American countries. The growth rate predicted by BCG for the markets outside BRIC until 2020 is 6%, which means a growth rate faster by fourfold, in comparison with the markets in the developed world.

Cukurova-Elaz will manufacture Tarsus excavators

14.11.2013 / Vedomosti

Turco-Russian partnership: Cukurova-Elaz will assemble Tarsus excavators in Elabuga Car Factory (Elaz) from January 2014 onwards. The relevant licence agreement had been signed by the parties in Moscow in June. In accordance with the agreement, Tarsus 880,883,885 and 888 model excavators will be assembled in Elabuga. The planned annual production capacity is 300 vehicles.



Automobile imports to Russia have declined by 19% between January and September

13.11.2013 / Prime

According to Russian Federal Customs House (FTS) data, automobile imports to the country have declined by 19%, by the end of the first nine months of the year. The monetary value of the 669,900 automobiles imported has been calculated as \$12.8 billion. The number of automobile exports from Russia has increased by 15% during the same period, reaching 94,800, on the other hand. The monetary value of this export is \$1 billion.

The number of trucks imported within the January-September period is 62,900 (\$1.98 billion). 17,800 trucks have been exported (\$422 million), on the other hand.

Moscow Renault factory has resumed Megane Hatchback production

13.11.2013 / Avtostat

Avtoframos factory, established in Moscow, has resumed Renault Megane Hatchback production, after a period of nearly two years. According to the statement made by the press bureau of the factory, from now on, the model will be manufactured with CKD method. Apart from Megane, the following models are being manufactured in the factory: Logan, Sandero, Fluence, Duster (CKD), Latitude and Koleos (SKD).

It has also been stated that 143,173 automobiles have been manufactured in the factory, this year (+23%). The factory is aiming to exceed the 180,000 vehicles mark, by the end of the year.

Finally, 5425 of Renaults manufactured in Moscow have been exported to countries such as; Kazakhstan and Belarus (+186%).

7.4% of Russian market belongs to premium segment

12.11.2013 / AutoBusiness Review

According to AEB data, 157,000 premium segment automobiles have been sold in Russia, within the January-October period (+4.7%). The share of the segment in the overall market is 6.9%. The number of premium vehicles sold in October-only is 17,300 (+7.7%), a figure equivalent to 7.4% of the whole market, on the other hand.

Mercedes-Benz has become the segment leader with a sales figure of 36,200 vehicles, by the end of the first ten months of the year. The brand has a segment share of 23%. Mercedes-Benz is followed by BMW and Audi with 21.5% and 19.1%, respectively. The total sales figure of the three brands is over 100,000 (+13%). In contrast with the rest of the premium brands, the sales of Japanese brands such as; Lexus and Infiniti have declined by 16% and 11% respectively, in October.

According to the prediction of AutoBusiness Review, the premium brand sales in Russia will have exceeded 190,000 vehicles by the end of the year (5.6%).

Russian new automobile and LCV market has shrunk by 8% in October

11.11.2013 / OIB Russia

According to Association of European Business (AEB) data, new automobile and LCV sales have declined by 8% in Russia in October, in comparison with the previous year, with 234,841 vehicles. The January-October period sales figure is 2,281,181, on the other hand (-7%).

The President of AEB Car Manufacturers Committee: Joerg Schreiber has made the following comment on the sales figures: "As we are approaching the year end, it becomes clearer that the long-awaited market stabilization is unlikely to happen before the end of 2013."

MAN will manufacture 300 trucks until the end of the year

08.11.2013 / Finmarket

The General Director of MAN Truck & Bus AG: Anders Nielsen has stated that the company is planning to assemble 300 trucks in St. Petersburg until the end of 2013. According to Nielsen 2 to 3 trucks will be manufactured daily.

St. Petersburg MAN factory commenced operations this summer, following the completion of the necessary licences. Approximately 100 trucks have been manufactured in the factory up to now. Nielsen has stated that depending on domestic demand, bus assembly may also start at the factory in future. MAN had invested €25 million for the St. Petersburg project.

3100 new buses have been sold in Russia in September

07.11.2013 / NAPI

25,500 new buses have been sold in Russia within the first nine months of 2013 (-12.29%). The September sales figure is 3100, on the other hand (-13.85%).

Bus brands according to January-September period sales figures are ranked as follows; PAZ (5286), GAZ (4507), Ford (3594), Peugeot (1405), Mercedes-Benz (1243), Hyundai (1052), LiAZ (1022).

Note: Buses are categorised as follows in Russian language statistics: extra small, small, medium, large, extra large and special-purpose.

