

Russian Automotive – Selected News

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GAZ will start the production of Gazel Next in 2012

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Bo Anderson, the Chairman of GAZ Group, has declared that the company has plans to produce 300 Gazel Nexts in 2012. The serial production of the model will start in 2013. It's predicted that the sale price of Gazel Next will be between 650-750.000 rubles. Next will be a little bit bigger than the existing Business model and will be equipped with new brake and air bag systems.

GAZ Group and Terex Corporation partnership will start operating on the 1st of November

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GAZ Group and American Terex Corporation, who signed a memorandum proposing the establishment of a partnership in order to produce construction and road machines in Russia, are willing to start operations as from 1st of November. According to the deal, Terex will share its production technology, while GAZ provides human resources, production area and sales network.

Russian automotive will grow by 45% in 2011

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According to ASM Holding's predictions based on January-May production numbers, the Russian automotive industry will grow by 45% by the end of 2011, reaching a production volume of 2.030.000 vehicles. As a result, the end of the year anticipated production numbers are as follows; cars: 1.708.357 (+42%), trucks: 188.204 (+23%) and buses: 35.331 (+21,5%) As stated by the same source, the number of cars produced in Russia within the first five months of the year has reached 668.200, increasing by 77,5% in comparison with the same period of 2010. Within the same period, the number of trucks produced reached 73.700 (+ 64%) and the number of buses produced reached 13.820 (+8,6%).

Gestamp Automacion will establish a spare parts factory in Tatarstan

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Tatarstan government and Gestamp have signed a memorandum proposing the establishment of a car spare parts factory in Tatarstan, during the International Economical Forum in St. Petersburg.

It's anticipated that the factory that will produce frame and bodyworks for Ford-Sollers partnership in Tatarstan will be established within the next two years. The President of Tatarstan Investment Agency, Linar Yakubov has told Prime TASS that the factory, with a rough investment value of €30-50 million, will be established in Alabuga Special Economic Zone.

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Fuyao Glass will establish a car glass factory in Kaluga

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Chinese Fuyao Glass will build a factory with an annual capacity of 3 million components in Kaluga Grabtsevo Industrial Estate for car window production. According to Vedomosti, the agreement about the establishment of the factory has been signed by Ruslan Zalivatsky –the Minister of Economical Development of Kaluga Region- and the company executives recently. The regional government will be responsible for the infrastructure of the factory while the Chinese will invest an amount of 200 million USD. The first production line of the company is planned to commence operation on 01.12.2012. The facility will reach the projected 3 million capacity by February 2013. The Russian executives state that the flat glass which will be used as the input of car glass will be imported from China. The future production of this input in Russia is within options. However, the Chinese insist that this decision depends on the success of Kaluga project.

The first aim of Fuyao is to supply products to AvtoVAZ and other Russian producers, in addition to VW, which operates within the same industrial estate. The company executives added that they currently work with AvtoVAZ and produce approximately 120.000 components per year to the Russian producer. Apart from that, the company supplies over 80.000 components per year to Hyundai, St.Petersburg. In this field the biggest rival of Fuyao Glass is Asahi Glass Co., Nizhni Novgorod. According to the company's own data, 70% of windows required by OEMs producing in Russia is supplied by Asahi.

Gestamp is planning to establish a press parts production facility in Togliatti Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

16-06-2011 / Interfaks

Spanish producer Gestamp is making a research to establish a press parts production facility in Tolyatti SEZ. According to Interfaks Povoljye, Raul Martinez –Buyer of Gestamp-Severstal Kaluga- has sent a letter to the SEZ's Samara branch about the project. The company's intention to make production in the region in order to collaborate with AvtoVAZ is highlighted in the letter. At this point, it's worth remembering that a protocol has been signed by Gestamp and Nizhni Novgorod Regional Government proposing the establishment of a production facility in May.

The Spanish producer owns two other facilities that supply parts for the Russian automotive industry. Gestamp-Severstal Kaluga established in Kaluga Grabtsevo Industrial Estate in June 2010, where Gestamp and Severstal produce pressed bodywork accessories for VW, Peugeot and Citroen. In April 2009, Gestamp established a press factory with an annual production capacity of 100.000 parts and components together with Severstal and Stadco in Vsevolojksk, Leningrad. This facility supplies parts for the local GM and Ford factories.

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GAZ Group and VW have signed an assembly deal

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GAZ Group and VW have signed a deal yesterday to produce VW and Skoda models in GAZ factories. As one may remember, the two parties have signed an engagement letter within the frame of this project in February. This project requires an annual production of 110.000 cars in Nizhni Novgorod till 2019. VW-GAZ co-production will start with Skoda Yeti SUVs in November 2011. As declared to the press, as from next year the CKD production method will replace the initial SKD method. From 2013 onwards GAZ will start the production of VW Jetta and Skoda Octavia. Previously GAZ Group signed deals with GM to produce Chevrolet Aveo and with Daimler to produce Mercedes Benz Sprinter.

Ford and Sollers have signed a partnership agreement at a ceremony in presence of V.Putin

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Ford and Russian OEM Sollers are going into a partnership, aiming to achieve an annual production of 350.000 cars of six different models, in three separate plants. Despite this large scale partnership established with Ford, Sollers will carry on operating for three more years with its former partner Fiat. Fiat-Sollers partnership was terminated in February.

Ford and Sollers executives have signed an agreement, establishing their partnership at a ceremony yesterday, in presence of Russian PM Vladimir Putin. According to the agreement, the two sides will have equal shares. 100% shares of Ford-Sollers Naberezhniye Chelny, Ford-Sollers Elabuga and Ford-Sollers Vsevolojksk will be transferred into the new partnership. The total annual production capacity of these three plants will be over 350.000 cars. In addition, the partnership will hold the sale and distribution rights of Ford models throughout Russia. In accordance with the agreement, Ford and Sollers will establish a motor factory in Elabuga with an annual production capacity of 180.000 by 2015 and will localize the production of press body parts.

The partnership is projected to commence production by the end of 2011. The six models under production plans in three plants are as follows; new Focus, Mondeo, Kuga, Explorer and Transit. According to the statement of Vadim Shvetsov, the Chairman of Sollers, despite partnership with Ford, the company will continue operating with its former partner Fiat. Therefore, Fiat will carry on utilising Sollers' sources for three more years.