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KamAZ manufactured 4000 trucks in July

06.08.2012 / NAPI

KamAZ has manufactured more than 4000 trucks in July (+10%). In this way, the Russian manufacturer has increased its total production to 31,000 vehicles by the end of the first seven months of the year. The company is planning to manufacture 48,500 vehicles this year (+9%).

AvtoVAZ has developed new gearboxes and engines for Granta and Kalina models

03.08.2012 / NAPI

AvtoVAZ will start the test production of the new 8V engines and 2181 gearboxes it has developed for Lada Granta and Kalina models soon. It's anticipated that the models will be equipped with new engine and transmission systems within the next few months.

Avtoframos has increased its production by 21% during the first half of the year

01.08.2012 / OIB Russia

Avtoframos -the Renault factory established in Moscow- has increased its production by 21% by the end of the first half of the year, manufacturing 81,375 vehicles. Renault Russian Press Bureau has also reported that 2700 automobiles have been exported to CIS countries, Ukraine being the major importer with 1508 vehicles.

Renault has become the best-sold foreign brand in Russia, after breaking its sales record in the country with 95,579 vehicles, during the first half of the year (+29%). The sales figures according to the models are as follows; Logan - 37,272, Sandero Hatchback - 27,978, Fluence Business Class - 8944, Duster -12,945. Duster has only been under production since March.

On the other hand, Avtoframos has announced that it started manufacturing Koleos Crossover and Latitude Business Class Sedan models with CKD method in June. Previously Logan, Sandero, Fluence and Duster models were being manufactured at the factory.

Triangle Group will establish a tyre factory in Bashkortostan

31.07.2012 / RBK Daily

As reported by RBK, the Chinese tyre manufacturer Triangle Group will establish a 4-6 million capacity tyre factory in Bashkortostan, with an investment of €250 million. Triangle has sold 366,000 tyres in Russia in 2011. On the other hand, the sales figure of the company for the first quarter of 2012 is 180,000.

In accordance with the figures of the first quarter, 3.3% of Russian tyres market belongs to Triangle Group (0.98% car, 2.06% light truck and 1.07% industrial tyres). Triangle will manufacture only car tyres in Bashkortostan at the first stage. Primarily, the Chinese car manufacturers who make production in Russia are amongst the potential customers of the company.

Sverdlovsk is on the heels of the capital cities on foreign brand automobile sales

30.07.2012 / Avtostat

According to Avtostat data, 1.09 million new foreign vehicles have been sold in Russia within the first six months of the year (+24%). 32% of this amount has been sold in Moscow, 8.5% in St. Petersburg and 4.1% in Sverdlovsk region. The sales figure of 45,200 vehicles in Sverdlovsk has elevated the region to the third place in automobile sales, behind the capital cities. Sverdlovsk is being followed by Tyumen (39,800) and Krasnodar (36,200). The remaining regions are ranked as follows; Tatarstan - 32,900, 3%; Nizhni-Novgorod - 30,600, 2.8%; Samara - 30,400, 2.8%; Bashkortostan - 29,400, 2.7% and Chelyabinsk - 28,600, 2.6%.

Car production has increased by 64% in St. Petersburg by the end of the first six months of the year

30.07.2012 / Auto-Dealer-SPb

According to Auto-Dealer-SPb data, the total production of the car factories established in the city of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region has increased by 64% in comparison with the same period of the previous year, reaching 242,200 vehicles. As indicated by these figures, the production share of the region is 25.4% in local and 36.7% in foreign brands.

46% of the production in question has been made by Hyundai. This ratio was 35% in the same period of the previous year. The production share of Ford in the region has shrunk from 33% to 25% and from 12% to 9% in Nissan's case. The shares of GM and Toyota in the total sum remained unchanged.

Previously, the total production target of the factories in and around St. Petersburg had been declared as 475,000 vehicles (+32%). The models manufactured in the city and the region are as follows; Chevrolet Cruze, Opel Astra, Nissan Teana, Nissan X-Trail, Nissan Murano, Infiniti FX, Infiniti M, Toyota Camry, Hyundai Solaris, KIA Rio, Ford Focus and Ford Mondeo.

Sollers sales has increased by 23% by the end of the first six months of the year

27.07.2012 / NAPI

The total sales of Sollers' sub-companies in Russia - UAZ, SsangYong and Isuzu - has reached 46,846 vehicles within the first six months of the year. This figure corresponds to a 23% increase in comparison with the same period of the previous year. The sales numbers according to the brands in January-June period are as follows; SsangYong - 14,877 (+63%), UAZ - 31,647 (+14%), Isuzu trucks - 332.

IzhAvto has started manufacturing Lada Granta

26.07.2012 / NAPI

Izhevsk Car Factory (IzhAvto) has started manufacturing Lada Granta automobiles using CKD method. There are plans to manufacture 25,000 of this model until the end of 2012. In future, Renault and Nissan models will also be manufactured in the factory. The annual production capacity of the factory is 300,000 vehicles.

Approximately 100,000 automobiles have been sold in St. Petersburg during the first half of the year

25.07.2012 / Auto-Dealer-SPb

According to Auto-Dealer-SPb data, 98,183 new automobiles have been sold in St. Petersburg in January-June period (+11%). 18,621 (+2%) automobiles have been sold in the city in June-only and Volkswagen has become the best-sold brand of the month. The market has underperformed even in comparison with the sales figures of 110,000 vehicles recorded in January-June period of 2008.

On the other hand, foreign brands such as; VW, KIA, Renault and Hyundai seem to be the real actors, acting as the locomotives of the market, providing growth. The current sales figures of these brands are above the pre-crisis levels and the total sales of the quartet has increased by 42% in comparison with the year 2008. Furthermore, the market share of these four brands in January-June period has reached 30%. This ratio was 25% by the end of the first six months of 2011.

The sales figures of the premium segment have also been displaying a great growth dynamic in comparison with the recent years. The sales of Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Volvo and Porsche have increased by 63% in 2012, as compared to 2008.

As previously, the market has been pulled down by Russian brands, but this time accompanied by some of the Japanese counterparts.

Ford has started the production of Kuga, S-MAX, Galaxy and Explorer in Elabuga

24.07.2012 / Avtostat

Ford-Sollers partnership has started the production of Kuga, S-MAX, Galaxy and Explorer models in Elabuga, Tatarstan. The company has employed 850 workers and engineers for this purpose.

63,353 Ford automobiles have been sold in Russia since the beginning of the year. This figure corresponds to a 18% increase in comparison with the same period of the previous year. Ford Transit had been the only model manufactured in the Elabuga factory by Ford-Sollers since the new year. The sales figures of the recent models by the end of the first six months are as follows; Kuga - 1797 (+44%), S-MAX - 407, Galaxy - 474 and Explorer - 512 vehicles.

Edscha is making a production investment in Tolyatti Exclusive Economic Zone

20.07.2012 / RBK Daily

German Edscha Holding GmbH affiliate OOO Edscha Tolyatti company is preparing to make an investment in Tolyatti Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), in order to manufacture door and luggage compartment hinges, handbrake levers and pedal components. According to the statement made by the EEZ, the project will start during the third quarter of this year. It has also been stated that Edscha will supply products for all models manufactured by Renault-Nissan-AvtoVAZ partnership.

MMK will supply AvtoVAZ with cold-rolled flat steel

18.07.2012 / Uralpress

The Chairman of AvtoVAZ, Igor Komarov has stated that the company has signed a long-term agreement with Magnitogorsk Metal Combine (MMK) for the supply of cold-rolled flat steel. MMK is amongst the major steel producers in the world. 17.7% of steel production in Russia had been made in MMK in 2011. As one may remember, in recent years AvtoVAZ had experienced serious problems with Russian producers, concerning the supply of flat steel.

954,000 automobiles have been manufactured in Russia within the first 6 months of the year

19.07.2012 / Finmarket

According to Russian Statistics Agency Rosstat data, automobile production in Russia has increased by 22.2% by the end of the first six months of 2012, in comparison with the same period of the previous year, reaching 954,000 vehicles. While the bus production in the same period has increased by 51.3% with 25,200 vehicles (according to ASM: +33%, 24,400), the truck production has increased by 4.1% with 97,900 vehicles (according to ASM: +5.5%, 98,000).

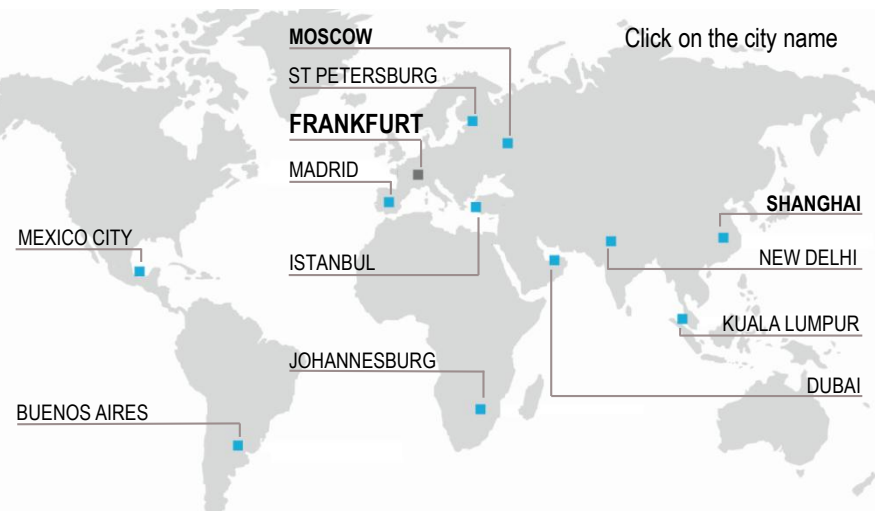
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