

Russian Government plans to boost car exports to 240,000 vehicles in 2025

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The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has announced a development strategy for car exports until 2025. According to the baseline scenario, an annual export growth of \$4.9 billion is expected: to 240,000 vehicles per year (10% of the production) and \$1.6 billion worth of auto components. In an ambitious scenario, the exports will rise to \$7.8 billion: 400,000 automobiles and components by 16%, generating \$2.5 billion. Government subsidies will amount to 136 billion rubles between 2018-2015 under the baseline scenario and to 215 billion rubles under the ambitious scenario, as written in Kommersant.

CIS-countries, the Middle-East (Iran, Lebanon, Jordan), a number of European countries (Czech Republic, Germany, Austria), Asia (India, China), Africa (Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Ethiopia) and several countries from Latin America and Southeast Asia are named as export markets with priority for Russian car manufacturers. CIS-countries, Iran and Lebanon are considered as priority markets for international automakers, alongside Turkey, South Africa, Egypt and Tunisia.

In general, there are no fundamentally new export support measures in the project. There are plans to formulate a stable export support system for 8-10 years, in order to evaluate business cases for the life cycle of the model. It's expected to develop the suppliers of subcomponents and second and third level materials to reduce costs and the dependency on the ruble exchange rate. Also, emphasis is put on the elimination of system barriers and costs during the imports of products to foreign markets (agreements on free trade zones, harmonization of technical regulations with international standards). Targeted programmes are planned to be implemented, for the support of international car manufacturers making production for exports in Russia (80-100,000 vehicles annually for 7-10 years). The figures should give an indication for a baseline capacity for future localisation.

Russian car market up by 15% in May 2017

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According to the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee (AEB AMC), in May 2017, sales of new cars and light commercial vehicles in Russia increased by 14,7% compared with May 2016 or by 15,991 sold units, and amounted to 124,990 cars. This year in January—May period 577,449 cars were sold.

Joerg Schreiber, Chairman of the AEB AMC commented: "The Russian car market demonstrates a solid year-on-year gain in May – for the third month in a row, and at a twodigit pace for the first time in many years. Noteworthy is also the fact that the positive sales trend is carried by a majority of market players. In our view this important enabler for the recovery process gaining further momentum and, most importantly, turning into a lasting trend."

Car production has increased by 21% in Russia within the January-April 2017 period

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According to ASM Holding data, 472,141 transport vehicles (trucks, cars, buses) have been manufactured in Russia within the January-April 2017 period, which is equivalent to a 20.7% year-on-year rise.

Car production has increased by 21.4% during the aforementioned period y/y, with 418,800 units. The production share of foreign brand cars in Russia went up to 75.1% by the end of the first months, from 73.7% during the same period of the previous year.

LCV production has also grown in the same period, by 8.2% to 34,000 units.

Truck production, including light trucks, has risen by 14.7% by the end of the first four months of 2017, amounting to 42,500 units.

Bus production, including minibuses, has increased by 16.5% during the aforementioned period, with 10,900 units.

KAMAZ truck sales up by 21% by the end of the first five months

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According to KAMAZ marketing experts, the sales of the company in the Russian market have increased by 21% y/y by the end of the first five months of 2017, reaching 10,200 units (total sales of all gross weight classes of trucks).

Russian 14-40 tonnes truck market (import and shipment) has grown by 61% y/y within the aforementioned period, taking into account the operational data for May, amounting to 21,500 units. KAMAZ had 47% market share of the segment in Russia by the end of the first five months, taking into account the operational data for May (import and shipment), down from last year's 62%.

Russian 14-40 tonnes truck market (registered) has grown by 36% y/y within the first four months of 2017, reaching 15,000 units. The share of KAMAZ in the same segment was 51% by the end of the aforementioned period, which indicates a fall in comparison with last year's share of 61%. KAMAZ keeps the market leadership in the segment, having a much higher share than the post-crisis period.

KAMAZ has manufactured 2881 automobile kits in May (+21.6% y/y) and 13,313 since the turn of the year (300 over the business plan, +26% y/y).

KAMAZ plans to organise truck assembly in Senegal and South Africa

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KAMAZ has agreed to supply 400 automobiles to Senegal, as told by the general director of the company Sergei Kogogin. According to Kogogin, the Senegalese government can provide guarantees under the contract.

The head of KAMAZ has stated that an agreement proposing the establishment of a KAMAZ assembly plant in the country can be signed this year. "Senegal is ready to offer us good conditions as to the establishment of production facilities at the industrial park near Dakar. The operations will commence at the factory within the 18 months following the signature of the agreement" - noted Sergei Kogogin. The current model range of KAMAZ will be assembled at the facility. Today, the refrigerated vehicles are in high demand in Senegal, due to the developed fishing industry. KAMAZ has been exporting vehicles to Senegal since 2003, as stated by the company press office.

In the meantime, according to the company, the assembly organisation needs an annual minimum car sales figure of 500 units. Sergei Kogogin has mentioned Africa and Latin America, as new markets KAMAZ aims to enter.

KAMAZ expects to assemble up to 1500 vehicles in South Africa per year, as told by Kogogin to TASS. The vehicles in question are dump trucks for mining. "We expect to start operations next year, upon the solution of the technical issues and the certification of all necessary models" - added Kogogin.

KAMAZ had signed an agreement with the South African manufacturer BELL previously. The South African company will buy the vehicle kits from KAMAZ and assemble the certified vehicles for the national market, with further implementations at its facility.

The serial production of LADA Vesta CNG has begun

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AVTOVAZ has launched the production of the hybrid version of LADA Vesta CNG. For the first time in the history of the brand, the dealers will receive an automobile with a serial gas-cylinder unit designed for the use of compressed natural gas. LADA Vesta CNG can operate on both petrol and methane as fuel. A 90-litre CNG cylinder, designed for 18 cubic meters of gas, is located in the trunk of the car, behind the rear seat. Fully refueled, the automobile is able to travel for more than 1000 km, without being refueled. In case the gas runs out in the cylinders, the engine power automatically transfers to petrol. It's also possible to change the fuel manually, by using the gas/petrol switch. The first LADA Vesta CNG vehicles, manufactured in May, will soon be put on test for potential corporate clients. Information about the distribution of the cars to the dealer network will be given out in due course.

AVTOVAZ will present three new and updated Lada models in 2018

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AVTOVAZ plans to present three new and updated models in 2018, as stated by the head of the company Nicolas Maure.

All models, displayed at Moscow International Auto Show in 2016, except for (crossover - Interfax) X-code, can be launched for production within a reasonable time. Three models are planned for 2018, both new and updated” - Maure said.

Maure has reminded that Vesta estate and its crossover version Cross will be presented in summer, which will be put on the market this autumn. The implementation of the projects for the new generations of the Lada 4x4 and Granta is planned thereafter, according to the chairman.

Maure has added that there are ongoing negotiations with Renault, as to the production launch of the classic automatic transmission. “No decision has been taken at the moment, however, it would be nice to realise the production of neat automatic transmissions in the coming years. Currently, we are in the decision making process on the type of the transmission and the potential production volumes” - he said. AVTOVAZ previously manufactured Lada Granta automobiles equipped with an automatic Jatco box, the production of which was discontinued later on.

As told by an Interfax source earlier, AVTOVAZ plans to start the production of Lada Vesta station wagon at its production site in Izhevsk in July 2017, to be followed by the crossover version of the model: Lada Vesta SW Cross after two months. “The launch of the production of Lada Vesta estate is planned for July at Lada Izhevsk and Lada Vesta SW Cross for September, also in Izhevsk” - said the source of the agency, highlighting the preliminary plans to manufacture 3000 units of each model until the end of 2017.

UAZ and Rosseti will develop equipment for the power grid complex

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Rosseti and UAZ have signed a road map on the implementation of the main areas of cooperation as to the usage of UAZ equipment for the maintenance of electric grid facilities, as stated by the company.

The parties will develop new models of vehicles based on UAZ automobiles for the needs of the grid complex distribution, alongside the utilisation of the Rosseti car fleet and the development of a service infrastructure for UAZ vehicles, operated by Rosseti. The companies will also continue their cooperation in the promising areas of automotive technology.

UAZ and Rosseti had signed a strategic partnership agreement in 2016.

KAMAZ and Rosatom will work on the development of electric transport

02.06.2017 / RNS

KAMAZ and Rosatom have signed an agreement for cooperation in the field of electric transport development at St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, as stated by KAMAZ. The agreement was signed by the general director of KAMAZ Sergei Kogogin and his counterpart at the state enterprise Rosatom Alexei Likhachev.

Rosatom will develop and supply electric power storage systems for electric transport, systems to generate electric energy on fuel cells and power electronics to KAMAZ, in addition to supply of products and services in the field of automated process control systems for manufacturing enterprises, storage and processing techniques for large amounts of data and composite materials, within the frame of the agreement. Rosatom also intends to expand the supply of its systems for the purification of exhaust gases for vehicles with internal combustion engines and develop new systems, which comply with Euro-6. Rosatom currently supplies KAMAZ with purification systems for gas engines only.

“At present, KAMAZ applies Japanese energy storage systems on advanced electric transport models. In turn, our fuel company TVEL has built up a positive experience on the production of an energy storage system for intra-plant electric transport. We plan to broaden this expertise and create similar energy storage systems for passenger electric transport systems, which are being developed by KAMAZ” - Likhachev said.

AVTOVAZ sales up by 22% in May

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Lada sales went up by approximately 22% in Russia in May, up to nearly 25,100 units and 10.5% by the end of the first five months of the year to 112,800 vehicles, as told by an AVTOVAZ representative.

Lada sales have been on the rise in the Russian market (year-on-year) since July 2016 (whole market - since March 2017) and the increase in May has been at a record rate for the brand. The sales remained below the April figures due to holidays (by 4.7%), however, the difference is considerably less, compared to 2016 (16.4%).

Continuing government support will be one of the driving forces in the following months, as noted by the company representative. Additional specific programmes, such as: First Automobile, Family Car etc. are expected to be implemented. Lada sales will help the launch of Vesta estate and its cross-version to the market, which will be manufactured at the Izhevsk plant of the group.

Lada sales may amount to 280-300,000 units in 2017 (up by 13%) and the market is expected to reach 1.45-1.5 million vehicles (5% rise), as told by the chairman of AVTOVAZ Nicolas Maure in March.

GAZ Group plans to increase exports by 10% in 2017

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GAZ Group plans to increase exports by 10% year-on-year in 2017, as told by the general director of Russian Machines (which includes GAZ) Manfred Aibek, on the sidelines of SPIEF-2017.

“10% year-on-year export growth is our aim” - Aibek said. According to Aibek, the first five months of the year have been successful for a number of sectors. “The situation was good especially in the car sector and we have major projects for the trucks segment, which need to be completed. This also applies to buses” - he added. Aibek has stated that the exports are planned to be increased through African, Middle Eastern, Asian and Latin American countries. “We have close cooperations with Morocco, Vietnam, Iran and Latin American countries, particularly with Bolivia, where our sales volume is on the rise” - he said. “These are the countries, where we are highly likely to improve our presence, not only shipping products, but also developing our business on a long-term basis.”

Establishment of assembly production in the aforementioned countries is on the cards. According to Aibek, Morocco is amongst the previously announced countries such as: Vietnam, Iran, Cuba and Egypt, where the localisation of production is aimed for.

KAMAZ has revised its truck sales forecast for 2017 to 38-39,000 units

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KAMAZ has increased its truck sales forecast for 2017 from 36,000 to 38-39,000 units, in comparison with the previous prediction of the company. The relevant statement has been made by KAMAZ general director Sergei Kogogin to journalists.

“Our assessment was that the market will reach 45,000 units (heavy trucks - RNS). However, it’s already clear that this amount will be exceeded. The anticipation is between 48-55,000 units. The main growth will be observed in the premium segment. We have now begun a revision (of KAMAZ sales forecast - RNS). The prediction has been changed to 38-39,000 units, instead of 36,000” - he said.

KAMAZ sales have risen by 21% in 2016 to 34,500 trucks, as stated by the company. The sales were up by 25% in the domestic market, reaching 28,300 units.

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