

The number of foreign manufacturers in Russian Special Economic Zones is on the rise

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Eight foreign companies will make new investments with a total value of 17.2 billion rubles, in the industrial zones of Lipetsk, Alabuga and Tolyatti, following the approval of the new applications by the administrations of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ). American General Motors, German Mubea, Turkish Coskunuz and Japanese Sanoh are some of the companies involved in the project.

Turkish automotive supply industry company Coskunuz will invest in Alabuga SEZ, in order to establish a press components and mold production facility. Coskunuz is planning to supply products to FordSollers Factory established in Alabuga.

Coskunuz and FordSollers had signed a cooperation agreement proposing the procurement of Class-A components such as; press components and unpainted bodywork details. FordSollers executives have confirmed the information that following the shift to CKD production next year, Coskunuz will start supplying FordSollers.

GM-AvtoVAZ, on the other hand, is getting ready to invest in Tolyatti SEZ, in order to manufacture press components for the new generation Chevrolet Nivas in the region. The value of the investment planned by the Russian-American partnership is 6.2 billion rubles. The construction of the factory is due to start next Spring.

Daimler will supply KamAZ with 7000 engines annually

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KamAZ will start using Daimler engines in order to upgrade to Euro-5 standard as from next year. The KamAZ vehicles equipped with Daimler engines will cost more than the ones with Cummins engines and will be aimed mainly for the European export markets. The relevant agreement has been signed between Daimler and KamAZ last week. Accordingly, the German manufacturer will supply KamAZ with 7000 M 906 and OM 457 model engines and 15,000 axle shafts each year. OM 457 diesel engines will be used on NefAZ buses.

As one may remember, Daimler and KamAZ have been cooperating since 2008. In addition, the German company holds 10% share of KamAZ. The pair had established Mercedes-Benz Trucks Vostok and Fuso KamAZ Trucks Rus companies in Russia in 2009 and signed an agreement proposing the licenced production of Mercedes-Benz Axor truck cabs in Russia, this year in June.

1,8 million vehicles have been manufactured in Russia within the January-October period of 2012

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According to Russian State Institute of Statistics Rosstat data, 1.6 million automobiles have been manufactured in the country within January-October 2012 period. This figure corresponds to an increase of 14.2% in comparison with the same period of the previous year. On the other hand, 172,000 trucks (+1.4%) and 45,300 buses (+37.9%) have been manufactured in the same period.

More than 2.4 million cars and LCVs have been sold in Russia within the January-October period of 2012

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According to AEB data, 253,732 cars and LCVs have been sold in Russia in October (+5%). Thereby, the total number of sales since the beginning of the year has reached 2,441,663 (+13%). All of the top-ten most popular vehicles have been manufactured domestically.

The share of foreign brands in Russian LCV market continues to increase

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GAZ Group has sold 72,575 light commercial vehicles in Russia within January-October 2012 period. This figure is 0.7% less than last year's sales. The group had sold 71,000 and 90,500 vehicles in the years 2010 and 2011 respectively.

The company executives are of the opinion that the drop in sales is not experienced only by GAZ and interpret the under-performance as a general trend, referring to the declining sales figures of other companies. According to Avtostat data, 161,519 LCVs have been sold in the country within the first ten months of the year (+5.6%).

According to experts, the consumers, who choose to wait for the launching of the new model of GAZ: Gazelle Next, have postponed their decision to purchase and the rest opted for foreign models such as; Ford Transit, Mercedes-Benz Sprinter and Peugeot Boxer. Again according to Avtostat data, Peugeot LCV sales have increased by 15.8% by the end of the first ten months, reaching 12,700 vehicles. 9116 Ford Transits (+44.6%) and 3510 Mercedes Sprinters (+54.8%) have been sold within the same period.

The Russia LCV consumers' interest is gradually shifting towards foreign models, according to another expert view. On the other hand, the sales of GAZ continue to increase in CIS countries. The number of GAZ vehicles exported to CIS countries within January-October period is 11,300 (+13%). The total number of GAZ sales in domestic and foreign markets has been calculated as 83,875 (+1.1%).

The automotive manufacturers and importers in Russia have made a total profit of 54.7 billion rubles in 2011

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According to AutoBusiness Revue magazine's survey, the automotive manufacturers and distributors in Russia have made a total profit of 54.7 billion rubles in 2011. Toyota Motor occupies the top spot in the list with 5.94 billion rubles profit. The distributors with profits over 5 billion rubles are: BMW Russland Trading (5.65 billion rubles) and KIA Motors Rus (5.03 billion rubles), on the other hand. This trio is followed by Mercedes-Benz Rus (4.52 billion rubles), Avtoframos (3.75 billion rubles), Hyundai Motor SNG (3.59 billion rubles), Rolf Import (3.5 billion rubles) and AvtoVAZ (3.1 billion rubles).

The automotive companies, who declared losses at the end of the year 2011 are as follows; GM Auto, PSMA Rus, Volvo Cars, Cherry Automobile Rus and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Rus. The total loss of these companies adds up to 4.3 billion rubles.

Several foreign component manufacturers are planning to make new investments in Ulyanovsk Region

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The Governor of Ulyanovsk Region Sergei Morozov has announced that according to plans, the construction of 15 new factories will start in the region in 2013. As stated by the Real Sector Development Department of the regional government, the majority of these factories will operate within the automotive supply industry.

Automobile window manufacturer Pilkington is one of the supply industry manufacturers, who's expected to establish a factory in the region. According to the project presented by the company to the regional government, the total investment value is €150 million. The paint producer Hempel is another company, who's planning an investment of €50 million in the region.

Currently, the constructions of the factories of machine tool manufacturer Gildemeister and automotive security systems manufacturer Takata Rus companies are in progress in the Ulyanovsk Region.

Russia has postponed the transition to high-quality fuels yet another time

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The Russian Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Shatalov has announced that the transition to high-quality fuel standard has been postponed once again. The oil companies, who failed to modernise their refineries in due time, will be allowed to produce Euro-2 Standard fuel for another year.

The automobile imports in Russia have increased by 19.3% in nine months

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The number of automobiles imported to Russia within the January-September 2012 period has increased by 19.3%, reaching 828,300 vehicles. According to Federal Customs Agency data, the monetary value of the imported automobiles is \$15,715,200,000. The number of trucks imported during the nine-months period has also increased by 30.7% (89,900 vehicles). The monetary value of imported trucks: \$2,677,800,000.

Russia's automobile exports have increased by 70% by the end of the same period, reaching 82,500 vehicles (\$709,900,000). The truck exports of the country have also increased by 60%, with 13,700 vehicles. The monetary value of the truck exports has been calculated as \$386,700,000.

508,000 Ladas have been sold in Russia since the beginning of the year

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56,562 Lada brand vehicles have been sold in Russia in October (+4.3% in comparison with October 2011). Thereby, the number of Ladas sold since the beginning of the year reached 508,341. 59,177 of these vehicles have been exported to foreign markets. October sales figures according to models are as follows; Granta - 14,197 (+1% compared to September), Priora - 10,843 (-6.6%), Kalina - 10,556 (+13.3%), Lada 4x4 - 5374 (+6.6%), Samara - 4324 (-0.4%), Largus - 2769 (-11.2%), Lada 2104/2107 -1959 (-26.4%).

KamAZ manufactured 4397 trucks in October

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KamAZ has manufactured 4397 trucks in October. With the inclusion of the October figures, the total number of trucks manufactured in the factory within the first 10 months of the year has reached 43,800 (+16%). The total production target of the company for the year 2012 is 48,900. (9% increase in comparison with 2011). 42,000 of these vehicles will be sold in the domestic market and the rest is aimed for the export markets.

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