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ZMZ's production target for this year: 90,000 engines

11.10.2012 / Avtostat

The General Director of Sollers Vadim Shvetsov has stated that subject to the expansion of the model range of its major customer: UAZ, the annual production of Zavolzhye Engine Factory (ZMZ), established in Nizhniy-Novgorod, will go over 100,000 engines in the near future. 67,100 engines have been manufactured in the factory by the end of the first nine months of the year (+19%).

75% of ZMZ products end up supplying UAZ, 20% the components market and the remaining 5% PAZ Bus Factory. By the end of the first eight months, the number of engines given to the former most important customer of ZMZ: GAZ, remained at 27 (0.05%) only. GAZ had stopped purchasing engines from ZMZ on a large scale in 2009.

The production capacity of ZAZ is 250,000 engines per year. The factory manufactures engines with volumes in between 2.2 and 4.67 litres that comply with up-to-date environmental standards, in 80 different modifications.

A new industrial estate will be established on Sollers's ZMZ premises

10.10.2012 / Vedomosti

Sollers has developed a new strategy in order to upgrade Zavolzhye Engine Factory (ZMZ). Accordingly, ZMZ will be divided into administrative units independent of each other, for the purpose of establishing a new industrial estate on factory premises. It's within plans to encourage foreign component manufacturers to invest in the industrial estate. Sollers is of the opinion that ZMZ has the potential to become one of the major supply centres for the foreign manufacturers.

The companies which operate on ZMZ premises at the moment are; Daido Metal Rus (ball and roller bearing), Trelleborg (damper) and LEONI (cable and fibre). In addition to the companies above, an agreement has also been signed with Flaig+Hommel (manufacturer of fasteners).

2.2 million cars and LCVs have been sold in Russia within the first nine months

09.10.2012 / OIB Russia

According to AEB data, 2,187,797 cars and LCVs have been sold in Russia within the first nine months of 2012. This figure corresponds to an increase of 14% compared to the same period of the previous year. The number of vehicles sold in September - only, on the other hand, has reached 259,582 (+10%). All the top-ten bestseller models are being manufactured in the country.

Federal Antitrust Agency: “Parallel import must be legalised”

09.10.2012 / Vedomosti

Russian government will reconsider the issue of entry of foreign products to the country without the rights-holder importers' consent. The Federal Antitrust Agency (FAS) is of the opinion that the parallel import ban should only apply to products, which comply with localisation requirements in Russia.

According to the statement made by the Director of FAS Igor Artemyev via Interfaks, the aforementioned ban should be lifted entirely, after making exceptions for companies, who operate through deeply localised production mechanisms in Russia, for the next 10 or 20 years. Artemyev has also added in his statement that the issue will be addressed by the government before the end of October. Parallel import has been prohibited in Russia since 2008.

TagAZ has started the production of the redesigned Vortex Estina

08.10.2012 / Avtostat

Taganrog Car Factory (TagAZ) has started the serial production of the redesigned Vortex Estina Sedan. Chery and 1.5 lt, 109hp engines developed by AVL have been used in Estina FL-C model automobiles, which will be put up for sale in the galleries from the first half of October onwards.

As is known, Chinese Chery automobiles are being manufactured in Russia under the brand name of Vortex. 13,900 Estinas have been sold in the country, since the first time the model was put on the market in September 2008.

GAZ Group has generated 57.6 billion rubles as income within the first six months

08.10.2012 / Avtostat

GAZ Group has generated an income of 57.6 billion rubles within the first six months of 2012 (+10%). In addition, the group has declared a net profit of 3.5 billion rubles by the end of the same period. The income per employee, on the other hand, has been calculated as 174.000 rubles per month (+13%).

AvtoVAZ has made a net profit of 27.4 billion rubles by the end of the first two quarters

05.10.2012 / Avtostat

According to the statement made by AvtoVAZ Press Bureau, AvtoVAZ has made a net profit of 27.4 billion rubles by the end of the first six months of 2012. The turnover of the company, on the other hand, has increased by 7 billion rubles in comparison with the same period of the previous year and reached 89.2 billion rubles.

KamAZ increased its Russia sales by 6% in January-September period

03.10.2012 / Avtostat

KamAZ has sold 18,600 trucks in Russia within the first six months of the year. This figure corresponds to a 6% increase, in comparison with the same period of the previous year. KamAZ dealers have stated that in parallel with the new price policy of the company, the demand for 65115 and 6520 models has increased significantly.

39,400 trucks have been manufactured in KamAZ Truck Factory within January-September period (+19%).

Duma has approved the Industrial Assembly Regime Compensation Act

02.10.2012 / AutoBusiness Info

The Russian Duma has approved the act, proposing the payment of compensation by the government to companies manufacturing in the country, covering the amount of tariff rate for the components imported.

As one may remember, following the entry of Russia to WTO, the tariff rate implemented on automobiles has been reduced to 25% from 30% (The rate is anticipated to be pulled down to 15% within 7 years). Later on, the government resorted to the Renewal Tax, in order to compensate for the losses it has suffered due to the reduction in tariff rates. On the other hand, the government had put itself under the obligation to offer customs exemption to companies who signed the Industrial Assembly Regime agreement, until the year 2020. The government had also prepared another act, proposing the compensation of any losses that might be suffered by the companies in between the years 2018 and 2020, from the federal budget.

FIAT has called off the negotiations with the administration of St. Petersburg, concerning the new factory

02.10.2012 / RBK Daily

The Deputy Governor of St. Petersburg: Sergei Vjazalov is of the opinion that the construction of the car factory, planned to be established by FIAT in the city, is unlikely to start within the next few years. After stating that the most recent negotiations with the representatives of FIAT had taken place three months ago, Vjazalov has explained the reasons for the current situation as; FIAT's failure of raising the funds necessary to finance the project and miscalculation of engineering and logistical requirements for the establishment of infrastructure.

As one may remember, FIAT-Chrysler had an investment plan of 40 billion rubles, in order to establish a car factory in St. Petersburg. Accordingly, an agreement had been signed between the governorship of St. Petersburg and the company in June 2012.

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