

Scania has regained the leadership of the Russian truck market amongst European brands

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Scania-Rus has become the leader of the truck market over 16-tonnes in September 2016, amongst European brands. According to Autostat data, 319 Scania trucks have been registered in the country during last month, putting the company in the fourth position in market ratings. The total volume of Russian truck market over 16-tonnes has amounted to 3170 units in September 2016, which indicates a 23.5% year-on-year rise.

“We’re very proud of the fact that Scania continues to achieve good results in the face of a growing market. High quality equipment and customer service are the key points of our strategy. Our results show that this approach is fully justified. In order to meet the budget reduction demands from our customers, we try to cut the maintenance costs of the high reliability models, find ways to save fuel and establish a well-developed system of technical support. Therefore, we pay special attention to local segments, such as trucks for timber industry or mining operations - and we are actively working on the development of highly specialised solutions. Quality assurance and individual approach are the main principals of our work, helping us maintain our leadership in the market - told the Commercial Director of Scania Rus: Sergei Yavorskiy.

Russian government will support the car manufacturers with high localisation rates

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Government support will focus on car manufacturers with high localisation rates in Russia. The relevant statement has been made by the Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce: Alexander Morozov during the session of the OICA General Assembly - International Assembly of Automobile Manufacturers.

According to Morozov, the devaluation of the currency has temporarily increased the competitiveness of Russian car production, however, the insufficient localisation rates (40-70% depending on segments and OEMs) and small volumes have reduced the effect of devaluation. For that reason, the government’s efforts are aimed at increasing the localisation of car and component production, as well as demand stimulation. The concentration of government support around manufacturers with high localisation rates will continue in the future.

The conditions will also be created for the growth of exports, as stated by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce press office. Commercial vehicles and passenger cars are likely to become the segments with priority in exports, including foreign car manufacturers. The ministry expects a minimum increase of 25-30% in the exports of automotive industry and components next year. The main aim of the strategy is to maximise the potential of added value creation in Russian automotive industry in the medium and long-term.

The 500,000th KIA Rio manufactured in Russia has rolled off the production line

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KIA has reached an important historical milestone in Russia on 17 October 2016. The 500,000th KIA Rio automobile has been manufactured at the St. Petersburg plant: a white sedan with Prestige equipment, 1.6 lt petrol engine and 6-speed manual transmission.

KIA Rio production started 5 years ago in St. Petersburg -in August 2011- with sedan. Hatchback Rio production followed at the Russian plant in January 2012. The St. Petersburg plant currently operates in full capacity in three-shifts. 90-100,000 KIA Rio automobiles roll off the production lines of the facility annually, intended for Russia as the main market, as well as Belarus and Kazakhstan. KIA sedans and hatchbacks are manufactured with full-cycle method, at a high localisation rate (46%). The number of localised components is on the rise. For example, the amount of Russian metal used at the St. Petersburg plant has increased in 2016 (24% of KIA Rio body is made of metals produced in Russia), alongside the localisation of glass. The components on the production lines are supplied by 14 Russian companies. Around 2200 employees participate in the production of KIA Rio at the plant. A high level of automation is used during the production process in St. Petersburg, in order to ensure an appropriate level of quality and reliability of the KIA Rio automobiles. More than 170 robots are involved in the welding process and more than 50 in the painting of KIA Rio bodies. It takes nearly 16 hours to manufacture a KIA Rio automobile at the factory.

KIA Rio has reinstated its top position in Moscow and Moscow Region markets in September, according to Autostat data. The model has become the most popular vehicle in the capital region this year, for months in a row: April, May, June, July and September.

Ministry of Industry and Commerce has requested 60 billions to support the automotive industry in 2017

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The Russian Ministry of Industry and Commerce expects to receive approximately 60 billion rubles from the federal budget for the automotive industry support programme in 2017. The relevant proposal is due for approval by the government, as told by the Russian Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce Alexander Morozov to the journalists. "We hope to implement new programmes in 2017 to stimulate the demand. At least 60 billion rubles will be allocated from the budget for the support of automotive industry in 2017. The procedure, concerning the formulation of the next year's budget, is in the process of implementation. We have made the necessary applications and hope to receive support at the end of the formulation process of the federal budget" - said A. Morozov.

Morozov has noted that the RF Ministry of Industry and Commerce will develop targeted programmes to stimulate the car industry. According to the deputy minister, a production growth of between 3% - 20% is expected in the commercial vehicle segments in 2016. The production of passenger cars will slightly shrink, on the other hand.

Component production plant BRISK has opened in Tolyatti

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The official opening of the new auto components factory BRISK RUS took place in Tolyatti on 19 October. The production line of spark plugs, designed for both primary and secondary markets, has been launched at the facility. The company is an affiliate of Czech BRISK Tabor. Ceramic insulators will be supplied to Tolyatti from the parent company in Czech Republic.

“The plant in Tolyatti is not our first enterprise on Russian soil” - says Karel Kopriva, the technical director of BRISK - “we had a plant in Kaliningrad Region previously, in the city of Ozersk. However, it didn't work out due to logistical reasons. We have opted for Tolyatti, as it's the largest region for automotive production in the country.” €5 million have been invested in the Tolyatti project. A small number of staff is needed at the facility, thanks to modern technology and automation (50 jobs created). The current task is to increase the production volume.

BRISK Tabor is a manufacturer of spark plugs for petrol and gas engines, as well as sensors for the automotive industry. The products of the plant are exported to more than 70 countries of the world.

KAMAZ has made a net profit of more than 279 million rubles in 9 months

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KAMAZ has made a net profit of more than 279 million by the end of the first three quarters of 2016, according to Russian Accounting Standards.

Despite the overall situation of the Russian economy, KAMAZ has increased its revenue from sales by more than 25% within the aforementioned period, having sold 21,499 automobiles (+23%). As a result, the company has made a net profit of 279.4 million rubles, in contrast with the 2 billion rubles loss during the same period of the previous year, as stated by KAMAZ press office. The gross profit has more than doubled, to 4.9 billion rubles, by means of complex measures taken, in order to improve efficiency.

As previously announced by Autostat, KAMAZ has sold 21,499 vehicles within the January-September period, which indicates a 23% year-on-year increase. 18,149 of the automobiles have been sold in Russia, up by 32% in comparison with the same period of 2015.

Over half a million automobiles have been sold within the frame of the government support programme

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The vehicle sales of all categories have exceeded the half million mark within 1 January - 2 October, with 516,000 units, within the frame of three demand stimulation programmes (utilisation of the vehicle park, preferential car loans and preferential leasing). 313,000 automobiles have been sold within the scope of the utilisation programme by the end of the first nine months of the year, as stated by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce press office. AVTOVAZ has become the leader of the programme (30%), followed by Hyundai, Volkswagen, Renault and Nissan. The average rate of car loans amounts to 8.97%, taking the provided discounts into account. The overall discount rate is 6.67%.

More than 30,000 commercial vehicles have been sold through the preferential leasing programme in 2016, exceeding 50 billion rubles in monetary terms. The discounts provided by the government amounted to 5 billion rubles, which remains within the limit allocated to the financial programme from the federal budget.

As previously published by Autostat, the sales of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles have shrunk by 14.4% in Russia by the end of the first nine months of 2016, to 1,020,932 units.

More than 1 million cars have been sold in Russia within the first 9 months of 2016

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1 020 932 vehicles have been sold within the January - September period of 2016 in Russia. The sales of new cars and light commercial vehicles have shrunk by 10.9% year-on-year in September 2016 or by 15 375 sold units, and amounted to 125 568 vehicles, according to the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee (AEB AMC). Amongst the top ten bestselling models, nine models are locally produced so far.

Joerg Schreiber, Chairman of the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee commented: "With 9 months of the year completed, the market has finally crossed the 1 million threshold. This is maybe not quite what we had hoped for at this point, but more than some pessimists had predicted for the whole year. Pace of sales in the remaining months of the year will depend on whether customers believe that state-sponsored purchase incentives like trade-in will run out soon or not: Those who see a deadline looming may want to accelerate their purchase decision. And if this is the thinking of the majority, new car demand will go up in the short term".

UAZ enters the Paraguayan market

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A business delegation from Paraguay has visited the Ulyanovsk Car Factory UAZ, owned by Sollers. The intention of the meeting was to acquaint the representatives of the Paraguayan company Perfecta Automotores with the production process of the Russian UAZ SUVs. The sides have discussed the issues related to the development of a close cooperation between the Russian and Paraguayan companies, during the visit to Ulyanovsk Car Factory, as stated by Kolesa.ru portal.

Perfecta Automotores is a distributor automobiles in Paraguay. Russian UAZ vehicles are more suitable and demanded in the agricultural sector, in comparison with Japanese and Chinese brands, as told by the junior director of the company Calvin Benvin.

The representatives of the delegation have signed a contract for the supply of a party of four UAZ models to Paraguay: Patriot, Pickup, Hunter and Cargo. "We see a great potential for future success for UAZ and for that reason we have decided to sign an agreement with the Russian plant" - comments Calvin Benvin. "We have also made sure that the company manufactures competitive products, which would match anything the Japanese and Chinese manufacturers have to offer. I have no doubt about the quality of the vehicles ordered by our company".

Sollers plans to organise the assembly of UAZ automobiles in Kazakhstan

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Sollers expects to organise the industrial assembly of the entire model range of UAZ cars and light commercial vehicles in Kazakhstan, until the end of 2016. The relevant statement has been made to Vedomosti newspaper by a representative of the car manufacturing group. The representative has added that there are ongoing negotiations with a local partner manufacturer (the name not disclosed). The delivery of finished vehicles from Russia to Kazakhstan will discontinue, following the start of production in the country. The organisation of local assembly is necessary, in order to increase competitiveness in Kazakhstan market, explains the Sollers representative. Recycling and registration fees have been introduced in the country for finished cars at the beginning of 2016 (not applicable on vehicle sets), which led to price increases on vehicles, on some UAZ models by 200,000 rubles.

The volume of UAZ assembly in Kazakhstan will depend on the market demand, continued the representative. According to the representative, the company plans a return to the previous sales figures at the first stage, gradually increasing them thereafter. 3815 UAZ automobiles have been sold by official dealers in Kazakhstan in 2015, which is equivalent to a 10% year-on-year decline. The market has shrunk by 40.4% to 97,446 units, according to the Association of Kazakhstan Auto Business data.

PSMA Rus will extend its model range with light commercial vehicles and crossovers

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PSA Group is close to a return to profitability in the region of Eurasia (Russia and CIS countries) and will resume investments in the Kaluga plant, as told by the executive vice president and the general director of the French company in Russia, Ukraine and the CIS countries: Christophe Berzheran to Vedomosti. According to Berzheran, the car manufacturer will change the configuration of its production in Russia, at the Kaluga PSMA Rus plant (joint venture with Mitsubishi with 70% share belonging to the French), shifting to the production of several vehicle sizes, instead of one. Citroen C4 and Peugeot 408 are the only models manufactured in the factory currently. PSA Group will now manufacture 4 or 5 models in Kaluga, with an annual production amount of 10-15,000 units, so that each model brings a profit. A little bit over 25,730 Citroen, Peugeot and Mitsubishi vehicles have been manufactured in Kaluga in 2015 and 12,180 within the January-August period of 2016.

Citroen C4 and Peugeot 408 production will continue in Kaluga, said Berzheran. The organisation of LCV production in Kaluga is the initial project, as stated by Berzheran: "We have decided on the models, but not pressed the button yet". The production will start in the following 3-4 months. The assembly of the new vehicles will start in November-December 2016, as told by one of the dealers of the group to Vedomosti. Light commercial vehicles will be presented under both PSA brands, in cargo and cargo-passenger versions. The source has not revealed the model names. According to the source, it's not the biggest van, therefore it could fit into the spray booth in the Kaluga plant.

PSA Group expects a growth in the LCV segment in Russia. The current share of the company in the Russian market is 7%, however, 11-12% in Poland for example. "If the Russian market returns to 2.5-3 million units (in terms of sold vehicles) within the next 3-4 years and the share of the LCV rises up to even 8-9%, the segment promises a great potential" - as noted by Berzheran. Berzheran states that the LCV market is underdeveloped in the regional cities, "we may expect growth in those areas, in connection with the development of small enterprises".

The group may also increase crossover production at PSMA Rus, alongside light commercial vehicles, as told by Berzherian. Crossover production would be an ideal decision in Russia, given the new EMP2 platform of Peugeot 3008. C4 Picasso compact vans will be assembled on the same platform, in addition to the new LCV groups - Citroen Spacetourer, Peugeot Traveller (replacing the similar previous passenger versions of Peugeot Expert and Citroen Jumpy). The platform will be used in the production of the entire new model range of the group in Kaluga. Berzheran has not disclosed the details, apart from the fact that the new 3008 and 5008 crossovers to be introduced during the Paris Motor Show in autumn will not be first models to launch in Kaluga.

GAZ Group has signed a memorandum on the assembly of a range of special vehicles in Kazakhstan05.10.2016 / gazgroup.ru

GAZ Group will start a project on the industrial assembly of a range of special vehicles in Kazakhstan. The decision has been confirmed with the signature of a number of memoranda, in the context of the development of national assembly production in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The documents have been signed amongst Russian manufacturers belonging to GAZ Group Russian Vehicles Holding (LLC Commercial Vehicles - GAZ Group, LLC Russian Buses - GAZ Group, JSC Automobile Plant Ural) and LLP SemAZ from Kazakhstan (part of Virage Group, manufacturer of agricultural vehicles and trucks), within the frame of the 7th Interregional Cooperation Forum between Kazakhstan and Russia.

The test deliveries of vehicle sets have started in September, with GAZel Next bus frames, GAZel Business dropside trucks and vehicles from Likinsky Bus Factory (LiAZ). SemAZ will make the serial production of the vehicles, based on the entire model ranges of GAZel Next, GAZon Next and GAZel Business, Ural NEXT heavy duty trucks and buses of all classes (PAZ, LiAZ, KAVZ and GAZ), including equipment on compressed natural gas, in line with customer demand, from next year onwards.

The project - continuation of the cooperation between GAZ Group and SemAZ had started in 2013, with the production of Ural-4320 automobiles in Kazakhstan. The production of the model will continue in SemAZ facilities, alongside Ural NEXT, which will be on the production lines in 2017.

The chairman of GAZ Group Vadim Sorokin: "The production of GAZ Group is traditionally concentrated in CIS countries and Kazakhstan is one of our priority markets within the territory of the former Soviet Union. The current share of GAZ in Kazakh market is 65%. The organisation of assembly will help strengthen our presence in Kazakhstan, as well as the expansion of vehicle range, which will be offered to the customers in the country through the production of the new models from NEXT family in the republic."

LADA Largus production will start in Kazakhstan in November04.10.2016 / [TASS](#)

The assembly of LADA Largus will start in Kazakhstan in November. The relevant statement has been made by the AVTOVAZ press office: "The serial production of LADA Largus estate wagon will start at Asia Auto plant in Ust-Kamenogorsk in November. The automobile is regarded as the optimal model for the acquisition of Astana taxi fleet, in the run-up to the EXPO-2017 exhibition, which will be held in the city." AVTOVAZ has proven its status as the most successful player in the Kazakh automobile market, according to 2015 figures. The share of the company amounted to 28% of all passenger car sales in the country. LADA retains its position as the leader of the Kazakh market in terms of sales volumes. 24,500 AVTOVAZ vehicles have been sold in Kazakhstan in 2015. The total sales of the company in Russia and abroad amounted to 298,000 units last year.

Top 10 premium class automobiles in Russia

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91,000 premium-class automobiles have been sold in Russia within the first half of the year, as published by Autostat. The figure is 8% below the same period of last year. 11% of the Russian automobile market belongs to the premium segment. Lexus RX has become the most popular model of the segment by the end of the eight months period. 4900 Lexus RX have been sold in Russia from January till the end of August, which is equivalent to a 102% year-on-year rise.

The second spot is occupied by Lexus NX. The company has managed to sell 4235 crossovers, which indicates a 38% shrinkage. Lexus LX completes the top-three, with a sales figure of 3846 crossovers, increasing sales by 160% in comparison with the previous year.

German crossovers: Audi Q7 (3683, +169%) and BMW X5 (3637, -10.5%) came 4th and 5th respectively. The rest of the rankings is as follows: Mercedes-Benz: GLS (3521 ; +10,5%), GLC (3458), E-Class (3178; -29,5%) , GLE (3111; +21%) and BMW X6 (2718; +24%).

Russian LCV market has kept the sixth place in Europe in August

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Russian LCV market has kept the sixth place in Europe in August, however, the leader of the segment has changed by the end of last month.

According to the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) data, the sales of light commercial vehicles in Europe has increased by 35.2% in August, to 129,615 vehicles. Germany has become the leader of the continent in LCV sales, where the segment rose by 53.8% to 23,066 units. France follows Germany with 20,025 vehicles (+17.4%). Great Britain occupies the third spot, whose market amounts to 15,385 vehicles (+6.3%). Italy comes fourth, with a sales figure of 12,200 units (+117.8%). Spain completes the top-five, where 10,549 light commercial vehicles have been sold (+18.5%). Russia has remained in the sixth place in the European LCV market. 6989 LCVs have been sold in the country in August, according to Autostat data (-0.1%).

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