

Automobile giants are soon to receive their registration at new location

Belarusian heavy-duty dump trucks to be manufactured in Russia

By Oleg Averyanov

Joint KuzbassBelAuto enterprise has been the largest dealer of BelAZ vehicles in Russia for over three years. Over the last year alone, it has been responsible for selling over half the goods produced by the Belarusian manufacturer. It now has new plans: to launch production of a 90 tonne capacity heavy-duty dump truck, in Kuzbass.

“Such co-operation is beneficial to both states. We can keep current machine building facilities at full capacity, while BelAZ can expand capacity to manufacture the latest heavy-duty dump trucks,” emphasises Mikhail Fedyaev, the President of the Siberian Business Union Holding Company.

Annually, up to two hundred

90 tonne BelAZ trucks are to be manufactured at Kuzbass, with even more powerful 130 tonne models planned for the future, meeting all Russian needs for such vehicles. The Belarusian factory in Zhodino is designing new heavy-duty dump trucks which are unrivalled worldwide. At present, 220 tonne BelAZ vehicles are most popular and demand continues to rise.

“We’ve now begun to design a totally new 450 tonne heavy-duty dump truck: to be the world’s largest vehicle. We plan to show it at a specialised fair in Las Vegas (USA) this year and, in 2013, will test it under real working conditions,” notes BelAZ Director General Piotr Parkhomchik. The enterprise even plans a future 560 tonne heavy-duty dump truck.

BelAZ is the world’s larg-

est manufacturer of heavy-duty dump trucks with heavy lifting capacity — for use in mining and construction. Only a handful of such enterprises operate in Belarus, using 30-55 tonne vehicles, so production is export-oriented. BelAZ’s major customers are CIS mining enterprises — primarily in Russia. The trucks also sell well in Australia, and are used in iron and manganese ore mines in the South-African Republic. Other African states are also showing themselves as potential clients, including Zimbabwe and Mozambique. In Latin America, Cuba, Venezuela and Chile are among the foremost buyers.

“This year, BelAZ has expanded its geography of sales,” stresses Mr. Parkhomchik. “In May, we’ll see new sales markets opening in Peru and Brazil.”



BelAZ automobile giants have long gained popularity at Russian pits

Region uses its favourable position

By Boris Overyanov

Another large transport and logistics centre soon to appear in Minsk Region

To date, 48 such sites are under construction countrywide, with half located in the Minsk Region — to cater to the heaviest transit traffic. The Deputy Chairman of the Minsk Regional Executive Committee, Valery Skakun, considers this distribution quite normal. The Minsk Region could become a transit ‘Mecca’.

The new project is part of a programme to develop Belarus’ logistics system. Shchitomirichi transport and logistics centre is to open in the first half of 2013, having cost around 30m Euros, while Beltamozhservice plans to build seven transport and logistics centres across Belarus by 2015. Two are already working effectively: in Minsk and Brest.

Transport and logistics centre Shchitomirichi is located at the cross point of railways and highways, near the capital, allowing delivery of goods by various transport means. Transport infrastructure is being upgraded, bringing additional revenue from exports of services.

“The programme for construction and development of logistics centres in the Minsk Region has been approved by Government decision and is being successfully implemented,” asserts Mr. Skakun. “The first stage of construction has begun at seven logistics centres and, this year, we’re expecting another seven to commence. According to experts, the volume of freight travelling across the country should rise from today’s 220m tonnes annually to 440m tonnes by 2015 — serving the Eurasian community. The Minsk Region has the best geographical position with which to serve all the regions of the country, since all roads traverse it: from Moscow to Brest, and from Gomel to the Baltic States, Poland and Ukraine. It makes sense to base most logistics centres here, enabling the Minsk Region to generate sufficient revenue to the country’s budget while maximising exports and imports of services and goods. With this in mind, we should build new facilities, modernising our existing sites and doing all we can to ensure that freight traffic is served sufficiently in the Minsk Region: unloading, loading, storage, transfer reloading, labelling and all matters concerning carriers and manufacturers.”

Completing work ahead of schedule doesn’t spoil quality

Specialists built brick factory in Venezuela in record time



New brick factory for Venezuela

By Yekaterina Markova

The factory’s capacity is to be 25 million bricks per year, with construction and equipment mounting achieved simultaneously — to reduce the terms of mounting and allow the factory to open quickly. “Such work usually takes 18 months but specialists from the Belzarubezhstroy CJSC completed the mounting within six months,” notes the press service of the Ministry of Architecture and Construction of Belarus.

The first brick was produced at the beginning of April and, by the middle

of the month, the first-wagon of burnt blocks had emerged from the brick kiln. All the equipment is automatic but settings are still being adjusted to ensure optimal quality and production capacity.

The press service of the ministry stresses that Belarusian builders have completed the construction of factories producing MAZ trucks and ‘Belarus’ agricultural tractors in the Venezuelan state of Barinas. This will allow the continuing development of automobile and tractor production in Venezuela, meeting the domestic requirements

of the country and reducing its dependence on imports. It will also extend the export of Belarusian machinery to markets in Latin America.

New industrial enterprises continue to be set up with the participation of Belarusian specialists in Venezuela. One such is a factory producing road and construction machinery — with aid from Amkodor JSC. The building of residential houses also continues, with 48 being built in the second section of Guasimal suburb and works have been renewed at the construction site in

Libertador base. Venezuela has also given Belarusian builders 21 hectares in Fuerte Tiuna, where up to 3,000 flats are to be built.

Venezuela appreciates the reliability and high qualifications of Belarusian specialists; unfounded rumours of late 2011 discrediting Belzarubezhstroy CJSC have been disproved. The Attorney General’s Office of Venezuela has answered an inquiry from the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus, and confirmed that no accusations are outstanding regarding the Belarusian company and its employees.