



+ BelZAN Becomes the First Supplier of Fasteners for Volkswagen in Russia

The Belebeevsky plant "Avtonormal" (part of the "RT-Capital" of the state corporation "Rostec") became the first Russian supplier of fasteners for the Russian division ("Volkswagen Group Rus" LLC) of Volkswagen.

An agreement was signed for a period of four years, according to which the company will annually supply more than 9 million parts for Volkswagen and Škoda passenger cars. The plant's products are already used in the assembly of bodies and the installation of units at the Kaluga plant and in a separate division of the mentioned automaker in Nizhny Novgorod. Under the contract, the enterprise has mastered the production of twenty new types of fasteners with increased corrosion resistance.

As noted by General Director of "RT-Capital" Kirill Fedorov, in 2020, thanks to the support of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia, the authorities of Bashkiria and the state corporation "Rostec", represented by "RT-Capital", it is possible to prevent the bankruptcy of the enterprise and begin the process of its stabilizing.

The press release clarifies that the share of BelZAN in the Russian market of fasteners for the automotive industry is about 36%. The plant is the main supplier to KAMAZ and AVTOVAZ.



+ BelZAN is Headed by a New Leader

In the Belebeevsky plant "Avtonormal" (BelZAN, part of the structure of "Rostec" "RT-Capital"), the general director has been replaced, reports "Interfax". On September, 17, 2019 the Board of Directors of the enterprise prematurely terminated the power of Sergei Rodionov, who headed BelZAN since March 2019. The former general director of Molot-Weapon LLC (Kirov region) Roman Bukarev has been appointed as the new general director of the plant. The contract with him is concluded for three years.

+ New Equipment Put into Operation at "Parallel"

In the end of October 2020, the company "Parallel" (Orel) launched a high-speed press with induction heaters for hot stamping of turnkey nuts of 18 to 30 mm from steel 40X, 09G2S, st.35, st.45. Earlier in October, new equipment for heat treatment of products, longer than 3 meters, was launched. The new heat-treating unit was used to manufacture embedded products for the foundation of "The Sun of Moscow", the largest Ferris wheel in Europe.



+ MMK-METIZ Increases Export Sales

According to the results of work in the first 8 months of 2020 OJSC MMK-METIZ showed the highest indicator compared to the same period of 2019: fasteners + 102%. Despite the ongoing global pandemic and the effect of restrictive measures, shipments of hardware for export in 2020 increased by 106% compared to 2019.

+ Ukrainian Industries in the Fight Against COVID

According to sources from Metiz Magazine, many companies in Ukraine are working partly as a result of COVID-19. Additionally, Ukraine made a definitive AD duty determination on certain steel fasteners from China and the rate of 67.4% turmoiled the market. The situation has just recovered since November 2020. Ukraine staged a strict lockdown in January 2021 to curb the spread of COVID.

The only industry in Ukraine that showed growth is the building industry. To reduce unemployment, the Ukrainian government announced a "Great Building Program" that led to growth of 0.2% over the entire building industry in the first 9 months of 2020. Hopefully the Ukrainian fastener industry could grow in 2021. In 2020, the Ukrainian GDP declined about 6% and the import of steel products dropped by 20%. According to World Bank, the Ukrainian GDP growth in 2021 is expected to remain modest at 1.5%, rising to about 3.7% by 2023 and the import will recover in the second half of 2021.

+ Oryol Steel Rolling Plant Begins Supplying Fasteners for Retail for the First Time

Oryol Steel Rolling Plant (part of Severstal-metiz, Severstal hardware group) began supplying fasteners for retail sale. The first store was the "Lesotorgovaya" base of Orel. A new product of the plant is now presented on the counters of "Lesotorgovaya" - long threaded rods and small bolts.

In the near future, the steel rolling plant will expand both the geography of retail supplies and the range. In addition to supplies for retail trade, the plant is engaged in small-scale wholesale.

Oryol Steel Rolling Plant is the first in Russia to begin production of full-threaded studs with a thread angle of 60 degrees. The cost of the investment project amounted to almost 59 million rubles. The development of a new type of product took place within the framework of an investment project for import substitution.



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+ The High-strength Fasteners Plant "BERVEL". The First Years from Birth are the Most Important

On September 9 last year, the high-strength fasteners plant (ZVK) BERVEL celebrated its 5th anniversary, to which the partners and consumers of the enterprise were invited. "For us, these are the first years of the establishment of our enterprise. And we survived", the event was opened by Yuri Medvedev, General Director of BERVEL.

"Our plant was initially conceived as an extremely ambitious project, the entry into the market of which would not go unnoticed, which is what happened. We were focused on the professional level of the team, on the development of technologies, on the introduction of new products and gaining consumer confidence by producing reliable and quality products."

Today, the high-strength fastener plant "BERVEL" is the most modern plant for the production of fasteners and calibrated rolled metal products in Russia", continued Yuri Medvedev.

The plant is certified for compliance with the international standards "Quality Management System" according to ISO 9001: 2015 and for compliance with the production control system of the enterprise with the right of CE-marking of the products. The export direction of sales is developing, the geography is constantly expanding and, in addition to well-established supplies to the CIS countries, products are already being delivered to Germany and the Netherlands.

As part of the development of ZVK "BERVEL", the implementation of the second stage, which will increase the volume of production, expand the range of products and, as a result, expand the sales market for finished products, is envisaged. Even in the current situation with coronavirus infection in the world, the plant did not stop, providing all possible requirements and taking measures to preserve the health of the team.

+ The Oryol Company to Invest over 100 million Rubles to the Launch of a Fastener Packaging Line

The Expert Council of the Industrial Development Fund (FRP) has approved the issuance of a loan to "SDT-Group" LLC (Oryol Region) for 50 million rubles. The funds will be used to launch a new automated line for fasteners packing. The total cost of the project is 101 million rubles. The new production capacity will be almost 2,000 tons of products per month.

+ A Program to Provide KAMAZ with High-Strength Fasteners Has been Developed

A joint program of MMK, MMK-METIZ and BelZAN to provide KAMAZ with high-strength fasteners has been developed. This was announced by the press center of MMK-METIZ.



Within the framework of this program, MMK and MMK-METIZ should master the production of high-quality section and calibrated rolled steel grades 32CrB4, 36MnB4 and 42CrMo4. The development of steels with various alloying elements will significantly improve the performance properties of automotive fasteners. Currently, regulatory documents are being developed for hot-rolled and calibrated steel.

MMK-METIZ will supply calibrated rolled products of these steel grades to BelZAN for the manufacture of fasteners with strength classes 10.9 and 12.9.

The ultimate goal of the joint program is the complete localization of production of high-strength automotive fasteners in the Russian Federation.

+ New Course for Localization of Auto Components Production for the Recovery of Industry

The Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia, together with the Industrial Development Fund, are planning to launch a grant program for the localization of the production of auto components in the Russian Federation in 2021. "We will launch a grand program for the implementation of investment projects to localize the production of auto components," said Denis Pak, Director of the Automotive Industry Department, during a meeting with Denis Manturov, Head of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. "We have already pledged 1 billion rubles for grants."

Pak also announced the intention to introduce a point system for the export of auto components, which will allow manufacturers, as well as enterprises of related industries, to join the global supply chains of global car manufacturers.

Will the new measures help the development of automotive fasteners production? At the exhibition Innoprom 2020 Vadim Sorokin, President of GAZ Group, spoke about the loss of the Russian auto component industry: "The result of the industrial assembly regime was the entry into the market of global platforms with a low level of localization in Russia and the displacement of local platforms. The consequence is a contraction in demand for the Russian auto components, disruption of production chains and the departure of some suppliers. In fact, during this period we have lost the auto component industry". □

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