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### NEWS

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#### International

##### ***Mahle acquires thermal management division of Delphi***

**Mahle GmbH** has signed a definitive agreement to acquire the wholly-owned thermal business of **Delphi Automotive PLC**. In 2014, the division and its approximately 7,600 employees achieved annual sales of around €1.0 billion (this figure does not include Delphi's joint venture in China). Delphi will sell the division to Mahle for a cash consideration of approximately \$727 million, subject to closing adjustments, which represents an implied EV/LTM EBITDA multiple of approximately 9.5x. After approval by the relevant antitrust authorities, a closing of the deal is anticipated for the fall of 2015. Delphi Thermal's product portfolio ranges

from HVAC modules and air conditioning compressors to cooling components and is a complement to Mahle's existing thermal management business unit, which was formed in connection with the majority acquisition of the **Behr Group** in 2013. Furthermore, the air conditioning compressor technology will round out Mahle's product range. The takeover includes 13 Delphi plants in Europe (Poland, Slovakia, Hungary), America (USA, Mexico, Brazil) and Asia (China, India) as well as the development centres in the USA and Luxembourg. Delphi and Mahle also signed a separate letter of intent to sell Delphi's stake in **Shanghai Delphi Automotive Air-Conditioning System Co., Ltd.** Proceeds from this transaction will be in addition to the \$727 million paid for the wholly-owned operations.

### ***Samsung SDI to acquire Magna International's battery pack business***

**Samsung SDI Co. Ltd.** has agreed to acquire the battery pack business of **Magna International Inc.**, a leading global automotive supplier. Under the agreement, Samsung SDI will acquire the entire battery pack business from Magna's Austrian-based operating unit **Magna Steyr AG & Co. KG**, including all 264 employees, production and development sites and existing contracts of the business. Financial terms of the deal will not be disclosed. The transaction is expected to be completed during the first half of 2015, pending regulatory approvals.

### ***Changes at the top of Grupo Antolin***

Spanish supplier **Grupo Antolin-Irausa S.A.** has announced the appointment of **Ernesto Antolín** (50) as the company's new Chairman. The previous Chairman, **José Antolín Toledano**, after 20 years in this position will occupy the post of Honorary Chairman. Ernesto Antolín has held the position of Vice-Chairman since 1997 from which position he has driven the company's international expansion. In addition, **María Helena Antolín** (48), who served as corporate director of Marketing, Communications and Institutional Relations and a member of the Board of Directors until now, has been named the company's Vice-Chairwoman. **José Manuel Temiño**, Grupo Antolin's CEO, will step down on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. He will be replaced by **Jesús Pascual** (51), who serves as Chief Operating Officer since 2013. Grupo Antolin employs slightly more than 15,000 people in 125 centres in 25 countries on all continents. Last year the company added 803 employees.

## **Bulgaria**

### ***Bosch acquires ProSyst Software***

**Bosch Software Innovations GmbH**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Robert Bosch GmbH**, intends to acquire the company **ProSyst GmbH**. Agreements to this effect were signed earlier this month. ProSyst employs some 110 associates at its headquarters in Cologne, Germany, and in Sofia, Bulgaria. The company specialises in the development of gateway software and middleware for the internet of things. These facilitate the interaction between connected devices in the smart home, connected industry, and mobility segments. The company's customers include leading appliance manufacturers, automakers, and chip vendors, as well as telecommunications and energy service providers. It has been agreed that the purchase price will not be disclosed.

### Czech Republic

#### **Škoda details future capacity of Kvasiny plant**

**Škoda Auto a.s.** has officially confirmed that the future capacity of its plant in Kvasiny will be 280,000 vehicles per year starting from 2018. The information was published in conjunction with the visit of Czech President **Miloš Zeman** to the Kvasiny plant. In the upcoming years the company plans to invest more than CZK 7.2 billion and to create 1,300 new jobs in Kvasiny.

#### **Czech car makers report higher production for January**

Czech car plants manufactured 109,563 cars in January, up 7.5 percent from January 2014. **Škoda Auto a.s.** produced 63,617 vehicles, up 2.56 percent. Production at **Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Czech s.r.o. (HMMC)** saw an increase by 3.97 percent to 25,900 cars. **Toyota Peugeot Citroën Automobile Czech s.r.o. (TPCA)** produced 20,046 cars, up 33.97 percent

#### **Škoda to unveil fastest Octavia of all time**

**Škoda Auto a.s.** will launch a new version of the **Škoda** Octavia dubbed the Octavia RS 230 at the Geneva motor show next week. The car, which is powered by a 230 hp two-litre petrol engine, can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in just 6.7 seconds. The top speed stands at 250 km/h, making the Octavia RS 230 the fastest series-produced Octavia of all time. The Octavia RS 230 is the first Škoda to feature an electronically controlled differential front axle lock for dynamic cornering as standard. The market launch is set for June.

### Czech Republic/Slovakia

#### **Solera Holdings acquires IBS Automotive**

US company **Solera Holdings, Inc.**, a leading provider of risk and asset management software and services to the automotive and property marketplace, has acquired 100 percent of the equity interests of **IBS Automotive s.r.o.** IBS was acquired through Solera's Czech subsidiary **Audatex Systems s.r.o.** IBS is a leading provider of vehicle valuation data in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. IBS's data-driven solutions are used by insurance companies in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to establish vehicle valuation at the claim stage and by banks and leasing companies during the loan approval process and to establish residual values. "Combining vehicle valuation data with other proprietary Solera offerings will enable Solera to offer unique, high-ROI underwriting solutions to its insurance customers," the company said.

### Hungary

#### **Rába to launch production of chassis for fire engines**

**Rába Jármű Kft.**, which signed a frame agreement with **BM Heros Zrt.** last year regarding chassis for fire engines, has announced that the first order, valued at HUF 350 million has been placed. The new **Rába-Heros** Aquadux-X fire engine, which is "adapted to Hungarian requirements" has been introduced last year. It is not known how many will be built in the next three years, but Rába said in a filing to the Budapest Stock Exchange that the contract is valued at HUF 5 billion.

### ***Autoliv expands in Hungary***

**Autoliv Inc.** announced that it will invest HUF 11 billion at its **Autoliv Kft** seat belt plant in Sopronkövesd. The company will erect a second 15,000 square metre production hall, adjacent to the current 19,000 square metre facility. It will provide employment to 700 people. The project is supported by a HUF 1.5 billion grant from the Hungarian government. Production is set to be launched in 2018.

### ***Rába reports lower profits***

Hungarian vehicle and part manufacturer **Rába Járműipari Holding Nyrt.** have announced their results for 2014. The company reported a revenue of HUF 49.916 billion, an 0.9 percent increase from last year's results. The gross profit was HUF 9.191 billion, down 17.3 percent from 2013, while the operating profit saw a 42 percent decrease to HUF 1.891 billion. However, the company underlined that the gross and operating profit results correspond to the second highest result in the last 10 years. The annual produced EBITDA was HUF 4.122 billion, down 24.9 percent. Rába further lowered its net loan that reached HUF 8.6 billion at the end of 2014.

### ***Csaba Metál inaugurates new production hall***

A new, 3,800 square metre facility was inaugurated by Békéscsaba-based **Csaba Metál Zrt.** The privately owned company, which specialises in alloy casting, spent HUF 500 million on the project, which was complemented by HUF 500 million provided from EU and Hungarian development grants. New projects from Csaba Metál include transmission parts for the **BMW i3**.

## **Kazakhstan**

### ***Kazakhstan to subsidise loans for locally assembled cars***

The Kazakh government will subsidise loans for the buyers of cars assembled in the country with KZT 20 billion, **Erbolat Dosayev**, Kazakhstan's Minister for National Economy, told local media. As a part of anti-crisis measures the government will transfer some money originally destined for the financing of companies in 2016 to this year and will use it for the financing of subsidised car loans as well as other measures not connected to the car market. The support is destined for cars purchased by private buyers as well as legal entities.

## **Poland**

### ***Fiat expects lower production this year***

**Fiat Auto Poland S.A.** currently forecasts the production of about 295,000 at its plant in Tychy this year, the company told the trade unions during wage negotiations. Last year Fiat manufactured about 313,000 cars in Tychy. Production start of modernised version of **Fiat 500** and **Lancia Y** is planned for the second half of 2015. The investment in the modernisation of both is to be almost PLN 300 million and the cars are to be manufactured until 2020. The production of the **Ford Ka**, originally expected to be phased out this year, may be extended to March or May 2016. There are ongoing negotiations between **Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.** and **Ford Motor Co.** and the final decision regarding the production stop of the Ford Ka is expected to be made next month. There is no information about a new Fiat model for Tychy yet.

### ***Panattoni expands Pilkington Automotive Poland plant in Chmielów***

**Panattoni Europe** has commenced works to add about 21,000 square metres to one of the production halls for the automotive glass factory **Pilkington Automotive Poland Sp. z o.o.** The space will be added onto the already existing 35,000 square metres, built by the developer in 2012. With the new space, the plant in Chmielów, at **Tarnobrzeg Special Economic Zone EURO-PARK WISŁOSAN**, will total about 90,000 square metres. This expansion is stage two of the manufacturer's action plan for 2011-2015. Of the 21,000 square metres, the storage section will take up about 15,000 square metres, while circa 5,000 square metres is intended for production with more than 1,000 square metres for offices and staff facilities. Panattoni is planning to complete the extension works in September. The expansion will allow Pilkington to boost its production capacity by 50 percent and create up to 300 new jobs.

### ***Melex to make further investment in Mielec***

**Melex Sp. z o.o.**, the manufacturer of electric vehicles, will invest more than PLN 7.5 million at its plant in Mielec. Plans call for the creation of 10 new jobs as a result of the project.

## **Russia**

### ***GAZ asks for state guarantees***

**Gruppa GAZ** has applied for state guarantees of RUB 25 billion, said **Denis Manturov**, Russia's Minister of Industry and Trade. Now the question of state guarantees will be considered by commissions at the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Finance and the final decision will be made by the anti-crisis commission headed by First Deputy Prime Minister **Igor Shuvalov**. According to a Kommersant report, GAZ needs to restructure debts to **VTB** and **Sberbank** of RUB 35 billion.

### ***AvtoVAZ replaces Vice President of Finance***

**Evgeny Belinin**, **OAo AvtoVAZ's** Vice President responsible for Finance and Corporate Development, will leave the company, **Rusky Avtomobil** reports. He is to be replaced by a German manager.

### ***GM-AvtoVAZ: Problems with construction of new premises?***

According to **Detali-avto**, **ZAO GM-AvtoVAZ** stopped financing the construction of new premises needed for the production of the second-generation **Chevrolet Niva** indefinitely. The report is quoting several unnamed sources close to the project. However, there is no official confirmation.

### ***First MG cars assembled in Russia***

According to a bulletin, published by **ASM Holding**, the Russian auto industry association, **OOO Avtotor Holding** assembled 8 units of Chinese **MG**-branded cars in December 2014. The Kaliningrad-based company refused to specify which models are being assembled or to disclose any further details on the cooperation.

### ***Nissan considers exports of Russian-made cars to Scandinavia***

**Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.** is considering the possibility to export cars made at the **OOO Nissan Manufacturing Rus** plant in St. Petersburg, the plant's director **Dmitry Mikhailov** told RIA Novosti. "It is very difficult to speak about the timing. The negotiations are on the stage of the analysis. In the last two months Nissan Europe has received the full approval of the project. Now it is a question for the federal government, the government of St. Petersburg from that point of view that we need a certain methodical assistance," Mikhailov is quoted as saying. According to Mikhailov, it is necessary to reduce customs duties on exports of automobiles, as well as get the opportunity of compensation from budget of costs connected to export as for example the import duty in Europe.

### ***AvtoVAZ: Again problems with suppliers***

Production at **OAO AvtoVAZ** has again experienced problems with suppliers according to Russky Avtomobil. Production of the **Lada 4x4** was interrupted because of a missing part sourced from **OAO PK Avtokomponent Syzran**. There also were problems with headlamps for **Datsun** cars which resulted first in production of cars without headlamps and later in the interruption of production, the report said.

### ***AvtoVAZ Head Andersson to lead committee in Russian industry body***

**Bo Andersson**, President and CEO of **OAO AvtoVAZ**, has become a member of **Soyuz Mashinostroiteley Rossiy (Russian Engineering Union)**. The membership card was handed to Andersson in an enlarged meeting of the Bureau of the Russian Engineering Union and the Bureau of the **Liga Sodeystviya Oboronnykh Predpriyatiyam (The League of assistance to defense enterprises)**. Bo Andersson will head the newly created Committee on development, cooperation and localisation of production in the automotive industry,

### ***Tatarstan's President Minnikhanov criticises federal plans regarding Special Economic Zones***

Tatarstan's President **Rustam Minnikhanov** has criticised the idea of Russia's federal government to additionally authorise regions in managing special economic zones. "In order for regions not to ask more money, it is absolutely wrong to delegate powers to the regions," Minnikhanov said according to tatar-inform.ru during a joint meeting of Tatarstan Ministries of Economy and Industry and Trade which was attended by Russian Deputy Economic Development Minister **Alexander Tsybulskiy**. According to Minnikhanov the participation of the federal authorities is necessary because the regions do not have oversight over customs and tax policies. "The powers we have are enough for us. We do not need powers without money," the President is quoted as saying. Minnikhanov also said that there should be four to five special economic zones in Russia, in contrast to the plans to set up 28-29 zones. "We need to select competitive sites in the country, and they should be points of growth," he said.

### ***PCMA to launch new Outlander soon***

Assembly of the facelifted **Mitsubishi Outlander** is expected to start at the **OOO PCMA Rus** plant in Kaluga at the end of the first quarter of 2015, Avtostat reports, quoting the PR department of the distribution

company **OOO MMC Rus**. The next-generation Mitsubishi Pajero Sport is to be launched in Kaluga in the first half of 2016. Last year 28,969 Outlanders, up 9.1 percent from 2013, were sold in Russia. Sales of the Pajero Sport increased by 24.8 percent to 10,234 units.

### **General Motors launches assembly of Cadillac Escalade in St. Petersburg**

SKD assembly of the new **Cadillac Escalade** is underway at the **OOO GM Avto** plant in St. Petersburg. Sales of the locally assembled vehicle will be launched in March. The SUV is offered with all-wheel drive and a 6.2 litre V8 engine.

### **Tatneft summarises tyre production results**

**OOO Tatneft's** tyre-producing arms manufactured 11,636,000 tyres and sold more than 12 million units, **Anvar Vakhitov**, Director of **OOO UK Tatneft-Neftekhim** at Tatneft's conference in Nizhnekamsk. Last year the transfer of truck and agricultural tyres production from **OOO Nizhnekamskshina** to **OOO Nizhnekamsky Zavod Gruzovyykh Shin** was finalised. There were approvals for 13 types of tyres destined for **Ford** and **Lada Largus** cars, **Kamaz** trucks and **LiAZ** buses. The work on the **Volkswagen** project was fully completed. Volume production of 53 new types of tyres started in 2014 while start of production of 78 new types of tyres is scheduled for 2015.

### **Russian vehicles may be assembled in Angola**

Russian companies **Gruppa GAZ** and **OOO Kamaz** and the authorities of Angola are considering the possibility to establish assembly of **GAZ**, **Kamaz** and **Ural** vehicles, reports Interfax, quoting from proceedings of a meeting of the Russian-Angolan commission for economic and science-technical cooperation and trade.

### **Honda to phase out sales of Crosstour crossover**

Russian Honda import subsidiary **OOO Honda Motor Rus** will phase out sales of the **Honda Crosstour** crossover. "Unfortunately, this year is the last one when our customers are able to buy this car, but those who consider the model may still have time - there are last Crosstours in the showrooms of official dealers," the company's marketing manager **Mikhail Plotnikov** told local media. The Crosstour, which was sold in Russia since 2011, is offered with 2.4 and 3.5 litre engines. It starts at RUB 2,144,000.

## **Slovakia**

### **Kia launches sporty cee'd GT Line version with new engine and dual-clutch transmission**

**Kia Motors Corporation** will unveil a new **Kia cee'd 'GT Line'** specification at the Geneva motor show next week. In addition to a range of visual upgrades, the new cee'd GT Line signifies the arrival of Kia's all-new downsized 1.0-litre T-GDi (turbo gasoline direct injection) engine and new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission in Europe. The 1.0-litre T-GDi three-cylinder engine produces 120 hp and 172 Nm torque, and has been engineered to deliver lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than the 1.6-litre GDI engine found in other cee'd models, pending final homologation closer to the GT Line's launch. The 1.0-litre cee'd GT Line is also equipped with the

fuel-saving ISG system as standard and is available with a six-speed manual transmission. The all-new engine will be fitted to other vehicles in Kia's European model line-up in future. The cee'd's 1.6-litre CRDi diesel engine has also been upgraded for its application in the new GT Line variant, with power increased from 128 to 133 hp and torque from 265 to 285 Nm. The new cee'd GT Line features a second new technology debut for Kia, with the arrival of the brand's all-new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission (DCT). Available on GT Line models equipped with the 133 hp 1.6-litre CRDi diesel engine, the new DCT is capable of handling torque outputs up to 300 Nm - higher than the six-speed torque-converter automatic transmission it replaces. The cee'd GT Line will be available across Europe in the fourth quarter of 2015.

### ***PSA to unveil facelifted Peugeot 208 in Geneva***

Three years after its launch, the **Peugeot 208** - the brand's best-selling model - will be unveiled with a facelifted look at the Geneva motor show next week. The range is expanded with the GT Line and GTi by Peugeot Sport. Produced both in Poissy (France) and at **PCA Slovakia s.r.o** in Trnava (Slovakia), sales will start from mid-June 2015.



### **Slovenia/Serbia**

#### ***Cimos and Livnica Kikinda Ai to sell shares in Krušik - Precizni liv***

The companies **Cimos d.d.** (Slovenia) and **Livnica Kikinda Ai d.o.o.** (Serbia) together announced a public invitation to submit non-binding bids for the acquisition of the equity shares in the Serbian company **A.D. Krušik - Precizni liv** which is located in Mionica. The purpose of this public invitation is to collect non-binding



written offers within the procedure of collecting bids for the acquisition of 161.243 shares with voting rights of Cimos and 1,000 shares with voting rights of Livnica Kikinda Ai. The nominal value of the offered equity share amounts to €2,199,906.43 representing 86.25725 percent of the equity share of A.D. Krušik – Precizni liv. The bids shall be submitted in written form to Cimos by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March by 12.00 a.m. local time.

## Turkey

### ***Tofaş set to invest \$70 million in MCV facelift project***

In an announcement to the Turkish stock exchange, **Tofaş Türk Otomobil Fabrikası A.Ş.** said that its board of directors have approved a \$70 million investment project, which will result in the production of the facelifted version of the MCV light commercial vehicles (**Fiat Fiorino**, **Peugeot Bipper** and **Citroën Nemo**) from 2016. Production will last until 2021. During the five year period 260,000 units are planned to be produced, a considerable portion of which will be exported,

### ***Jaguar Land Rover considers production in Turkey and Austria***

**Jaguar Land Rover** is targeting potential new factories in Turkey and Austria as the fallout from acrimonious UK pay talks continues, Birmingham Post reports. The vehicle maker “was now eyeing up lower cost factory developments in Turkey and Austria rather than North America, despite recent reports of plans for a US factory,” the newspaper wrote, quoting unnamed highly placed sources. In Turkey, the vehicle manufacturer **Otokar Otomotiv ve Savunma Sanayi A.Ş.**, which belongs to the **Koç Holding A.Ş.**, assembles **Land Rover** vehicles for many years.

### ***Fiat shows Doblò Trekking in Geneva***

**Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.** will unveil a new **Fiat Doblò Trekking** model version at the Geneva motor show next week. The Trekking version offers the standard “Traction+” system for traction control that increases vehicle drive on difficult terrains with poor grip. Outside, the new version displays special side moulding with the “Trekking” logo, new designed 16” alloy rims and new front and rear bumpers as well as a raised chassis and an under-engine guard. The interior includes new dashboard with eco-leather treatment, new seats in fabric and eco-leather with double stitching and new door panels also in eco-leather. The Doblò Trekking will be manufactured at the **Tofaş Türk Otomobil Fabrikası A.Ş.** plant in Bursa.

## Ukraine

### ***Ukraine introduces additional import duty on cars***

Ukraine’s government has introduced an additional five to ten percent tax on imported goods. For cars the tax is 5 percent. The additional import duty is a temporary anti-crisis measure but there is no word about the expected time period for which it will be valid.

### ***Automechanika Kiev cancelled***

In view of the current political situation in the Ukraine, the première of **Automechanika Kiev** planned for the 9th to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 has been cancelled. "We have now made two attempts to enable our customers from the automotive aftermarket to do business in the Ukraine. Nevertheless, given the situation prevailing there at present, it is impossible to hold the fair at this time," said Automechanika Brand Manager **Michael Johannes**. The plans for the new Automechanika were initiated and the show would have been organised by **Independent Expo Ukraine**, the partner of **Independent Expo Automotive BV** from the Netherlands.

### **Ukraine/Iran**

#### ***Saipa introduces additional quality control for Ukraine-bound cars***

**Saipa Automotive Group** introduced an additional quality control at its Kashan plant for cars destined for the Ukrainian importer **TOV Bogdan-Avtotrade, Korporatsya Bogdan** said. Now the **Saipa Tiba** cars which are to be shipped to Ukraine are passing a double quality control.

### **Uzbekistan**

#### ***Uzbek suppliers start exports to Brazil***

Uzbek suppliers which are manufacturing parts for **GM Uzbekistan YoAJ** launched exports to **General Motors do Brasil Ltda**. The company **UzSungwoo**, an Uzbek-South Korean joint venture manufacturer of stamped parts, has signed a supply agreement with General Motors do Brasil in August 2014 according to **Uzavtosanoat**. **UzChasys**, another Uzbek-South Korean joint venture which produces lighting systems supplied 15 containers of its products for total amount of \$726,000 to General Motors do Brasil, local media report.

#### ***SamAvto celebrates 20,000th vehicle***

**000 SamAvto** has celebrated the assembly of the 20,000th vehicle at its plant in Samarkand. The milestone vehicle was a **Isuzu NPR 82** truck. The company, earlier known as **SamKocavto**, launched assembly of trucks and buses in 1999. The company plans to produce its 30,000th vehicle by the end of 2016.

## NEWS FROM MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

### Iran

#### ***Iran Khodro Khorasan reports new production record***

The **Iran Khodro Khorasan** plant in Binalood, a subsidiary of **Iran Khodro Company (IKCO)**, hit a new record on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, producing 83,000 vehicles from the beginning of the current Iranian year 1393 (21<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2015). According to **Bijan Zahedifard**, CEO of Iran Khodro Khorasan, plans call for the production of about 100,000 cars for the whole year 1393. "Almost half of the company's production consists of **Peugeot** Pars and the other half is allocated to Peugeot 405, while around 2,000 units of **Suzuki** Grand Vitara are produced each year" explained Zahedifard. Iran Khodro Khorasan has set the production target of 120,000 vehicles for the next Iranian year 1394 (21<sup>st</sup> of March 2015 to 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2016). As reported in the last issue, the factory is preparing assembly of a **Haima** SUV with first 200 vehicles to reach the market in summer 2015.

#### ***Pars Khodro shows Chinese cars under its own brand in Isfahan***

**Pars Khodro** exhibited two **Brilliance** cars - H320 and H230 - under its own brand as part of the **Saipa Automotive Group** exhibition at the motor show in Isfahan in mid-February. It was probably the first time both cars were shown at a motor show with Pars Khodro badges. The Brilliance H320 hatchback, which was already exhibited wearing the Brilliance badge at the motor show in Mashad in September 2014, is now dubbed the Pars Khodro H320. Pre-sales of the model are already under way. The car is expected to reach Iranian dealerships in summer of 2015. Pilot production of the H320 already started. Volume production is expected to be launch at the end of June. The Brilliance H230 sedan, which was shown under the Brilliance brand at the motor show in Shiraz in June 2014, was exhibited as Pars Khodro H230 in Isfahan. There is no exact information about the timetable for the market launch. Showgoers in Isfahan also saw the Pars Khodro Haise H2 (=Brilliance Jinbei Haise H2) minibus.

#### ***Iran Khodro to improve quality***

More than 400 quality improvement projects, 70 percent of which have been fulfilled, are defined at **Iran Khodro Co. (IKCO)** and customers will see the results gradually, the company said in a statement. "We have put quality improvement high on our agenda," said **Abbas Maleki Tehrani**, IKCO's Senior Vice-President, recalling the formation of a quality improvement council a year ago. According to Tehrani, all quality issues have been studied and pointed out, the company's quality infrastructure has been changed and the instructions for supervising IKCO part makers has been reviewed. "We have ran a new system to supervise part makers' performance, which is expected to boost the quality of the parts," explained Tehrani. "Globalization demands high quality and we have a long way to go in this respect."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- » **March, 5-15:** GENEVA, SWITZERLAND: 85TH MOTOR SHOW  
<http://www.salon-auto.ch>
- » **March, 17-19:** MOSCOW, RUSSIA: RUSSIAN AUTOMOTIVE FORUM  
<http://www.russianautomotive.com/>
- » **March, 24-26:** ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA: AUTOPROM RUSSIA, 2015  
<http://autopromrussia.ru/>
- » **April, 9-12:** POZNAN, POLAND: MOTOR SHOW  
<http://www.motorshow.pl>
- » **April, 23-24:** ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN: EURASIA BUSINESS FORUM  
<http://www.ebf.kz>
- » **May, 19-21:** NOVO MESTO, SLOVENIA: STRATEGIC COOPERATION & JOINT PRODUCTION IN CAR BODY ENGINEERING  
<http://www.automotive-circle.com/>
- » **June, 8-10:** GYŐR, HUNGARY: EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE CONGRESS  
<http://eaec2015.org/>

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