

Opening of a New Plant in Russia
- Full-Scale Production to Begin in August at Elabuga Plant -

CJSC Severstal Avto Isuzu (SAI), a company jointly established by Isuzu Motors Limited (Isuzu), OJSC Severstal Avto (SSA), and Sojitz Corporation (Sojitz), held the opening ceremony of a new plant at Elabuga on April 6, 2008. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Susumu Hosoi, President of Isuzu, Mr. Vadim Shvetsov, President of SSA, and Mr. Kazunori Teraoka, Senior Managing Executive Officer of Sojitz.



SAI had been preparing to relocate its truck production (semi knock-down) facility at OJSC Ulyanovsky Avtomobilny Zavod (UZA), an affiliate of SSA, to this new plant in Elabuga. The opening ceremony was to mark the start of production at the Elabuga plant. It is expected that a full-scale production will begin in August, this year.

The purpose of the relocation of the production site is to meet a future expansion in production and sales in the Russian market, as the sale of Isuzu vehicles, since its start in July last year, has been steadily increasing and is expected to see a substantial growth in the future.

In his congratulatory address of the opening ceremony, Susumu Hosoi, President of Isuzu, expressed his determinations to make every possible effort to give full support for further strengthening collaborative relations with SSA and Sojitz, its business partners, successfully operating the New Plant, and improving product quality.

The New Plant is initially expected to build 25,000 units of vehicles on an annual basis. With an increasing demand expected for trucks in Russia, the annual production and sales volume is projected to increase further in future.

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[Profile of the New Plant]

Location	Elabuga, Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation
Date opened	April 2008
Production vehicle model	Isuzu N Series(ELF in Japan)
Production form	SKD(semi-knockdown form)
Production capacity	25,000 units/year
Site space	28,800 m ²

[Profile of SAI]

Company name	CJSC Severstal Avto ISUZU
Location	Elabuga, Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation
Date incorporated	August, 2007
Representative	Vasily Boitsov
Capital stock	350 million Rouble (Approx. 1.6 billion yen)
Structure of shareholders	SSA 66%; Isuzu 29%; Sojitz 5%
Main business line	Import, production (SKD assembly), and sales of commercial vehicles

[Profile of SSA]

Company name	OJSC Severstal Avto
Location	Moscow, Russian Federation
Date incorporated	2002
Representative	Vadim Shvetsov
Capital stock	7,987 million Rouble (Approx. 36.0 billion yen)
Structure of shareholders	Vadim Shvetov: 58%; and others 42%
Main business line	Production and sales of commercial vehicles, passenger cars and vehicle engines