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The largest manufacturer of new minibuses in the Baltic States opens a new factory in Lithuania

The largest among the Baltic States and one of the largest EU producer of minibuses based on Mercedes-Benz Sprinter and Volkswagen Crafter, JSC “ALTAS commercial transport” opened new manufacturing facilities covering an area of 8,000 sq. m. in Vilnius region. The company was established in 2002 and have 13 years of experience in minibuses manufacturing.

“We’ve grown more than twice since last year, and this is not the limit. The European markets, where we are actively operating, show us both respect and trust, which adds an additional impetus to continue expanding in the future. We will be able to satisfy the increasing volumes of orders from Scandinavia and Western Europe and deliver our minibuses and specialized vehicles in larger quantities than before,” – says Mr Edvardas Radzevičius, General Manager of JSC “ALTAS commercial transport”.

Investment into the new facilities amounted to nearly three million euros, which is expected to further boost the production. While the output of the old plant was eight minibuses per month, now in the new facilities we are producing thirty buses monthly and it’s not a limit.

The opening of the new manufacturing premises is also expected to increase turnover revenue to 20 million euros in 2015, while the investment is estimated to have a five-year payback period.

The new manufacturing facilities have a bus assembling lines, a painting and production of special accessories, metal constructions and other components workshop. Two conveyer type production lines being used during the assembly, as whole production being organized with time tacks. The new factory allow the manufacturer to shorten the production cycle and increase its output volumes.

The company has its authorized representatives in Scandinavia, Central Europe (Germany, Austria, Belgium) and UK, while active cooperation is in progress with trading partners in France, Italy, Bulgaria and other countries. Together with its partners, the company has developed wide network of service workshops and after-sales service centers, which enable prompt servicing of customers travelling all over Europe.

The series minibus “Mercedes Benz Sprinter CityLine” designed in Lithuania for the first time by the engineers of the company was awarded the gold medal for the best Lithuanian product of 2014. Currently, 80 minibuses are being driven on the streets of Kaunas city while several dozen are exploited in Sweden, Finland and Germany.