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1. On 1 January 1953, VEB Funkanlagenbau Berlin-Koepenick (plant for the construction of radio equipment) was founded by a splitting up of Funkwerk Koepenick. This newly established national enterprise remained for a while in the buildings of the Funkwerk on 154/158 Wendenschloss Strasse in Berlin-Koepenick. On 15 August, a large temporary building located near the sport monument in Berlin-Gruenau was also rented. When, in late August, it was planned that, effective 1 August 1953, the VEB Funkanlagenbau Berlin-Koepenick should be merged with VEB Anlagenbau located on Warschauer Platz in Berlin, it was also decided that, by the end of 1953, the amalgamated enterprise should move into "Haus der Technik" on Friedrichstrasse in Berlin which was still being enlarged at that time. The personnel which totaled only 183 persons on 31 July 1953 was scheduled to be increased to a total of 360 persons by 31 December 1953, as a result of the additional space.
2. In 1953, the plant was scheduled to produce goods valued at 24,088 million eastmarks. Products for 6 million eastmarks had been delivered by 31 July. The floating capital of the plant amounted to 801,000 eastmarks and its invested capital amounted to 100,000 eastmarks.
3. The plant had received orders for the erection of one transmitter station each at the following places in East Germany: Woebbelin near Ludwigslust, Wilsdruf and Wiederau near Dresden, on the Brocken Mountain, on Inseleberg and on the Hochhaus (skyscraper) in Leipzig; the latter installation probably is a television transmitter. The order for the construction of a transmitter station to be set up on Ruegen Island was cancelled along with the plan that the plant should produce marine transmitter, a project which finally remained in the hands of Funkwerk Koepenick. The large transmitter station at Mahlsdorf was being enlarged and repaired. The expenses for this additional construction work had exceeded the cost for the erection of the new station by about 200 percent.
4. Export orders handled by the Funkanlagenbau included three transmitter stations for Poland; two transmitter stations for a total of 7 million eastmarks for Bulgaria; and one transmitter each for Rumania and Czechoslovakia. The order for the construction of two additional transmitters for Poland had been cancelled in July; Bulgaria had postponed the completion date for the two transmitters from 1954 to 1955. No information was available on the location, purpose and power of these transmitter stations.

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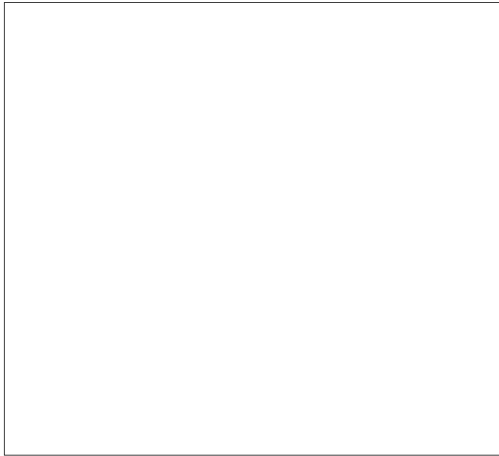
5. Single parts required for the assembly of the transmitters were manufactured by Funkwerk Koepenick, VEB Anlagenbau on Schlegelstrasse in Berlin, Condenser Plant in Cera, VEB Stahlbau in Leipzig and in Lichtenberg, the LTA in Lichtenberg, the Karl Liebknecht Transformer Plant (TRO) in Berlin-Oberschoenowide, the VEB Anlagenbau in Postock and Dresden and the VEB Kuhlautomat (plant for refrigerator units) in Johannisthal. The VEB Anlagenbau on Schlegelstrasse, was the largest of the enterprises listed, had delivered products to the value of 2 million eastmarks. Transformers were the greatest bottleneck in the realization of the project.



Comment. For leading personnel of VEB Funkanlagenbau in Berlin-Koepenick status August 1953, see Annex.

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Annex



Leading Personnel of VEB Funkenlagenbau, Berlin-Kospenick, Status August, 1953

Plant Director: Hubert Soene

Departments directly subordinated to the plant director:

Planning Department, headed by Pfannenschmidt (fnu)

Quality Control Department, headed by Gerhardt Schmidt

Archive, headed by Miss Goetze (fnu)

Technical Manager: Johannes Zuraffka, safety engineer

Sections subordinated to the technical manager included:

Technical Projecting, chief: Drechsler (fnu)

Power Supply, chief: Ehrlich (fnu)

Construction Problems, chief: Gerhardt Muellex

Assembly, chief: Kirsch (fnu)

The Administration included the

Personnel Department, chief: Mrs Diehl (fnu)

Work Department, chief: Robert Jessen

Accounting Department, chief: Schnoer (fnu)

Supply Department, chief: Ulrich (fnu)

Sales Department, chief: Kademann (fnu)

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