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1. By decree of the Ministry for Heavy Industry in July 1954, the following plants and installations were separated from their previous jurisdictions and placed under the overall jurisdiction of the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry:
  - a. VEB Vereinigte Harzer Kalkwerke, Ruebeland (Harz), taken from the Ministry for Construction and merged with VEB Chemische Werke Buna, effective date 1 January 1954.
  - b. VEB Kalk-und Phosphatwerk Steudnitz, taken over from the Ministry for Construction, effective 1 April 1954 and placed under the Main Administration for Heavy Chemistry.
2. With an effective date of 1 April 1954, an Administration of VEB's for Technical Gases was established with its seat in Coswig. This new Administration for VEB's for Technical Gases is placed under the Main Administration for Heavy Chemistry and has supervision over all plants and installations for the production of oxygen, acetylene, carbonic acid and carbon dioxide.
3. As of 1 April 1954, the Section for Cases of VEB Energieprojektierung, Berlin, has been merged with VEB Projektierungs-, Konstruktions-und Montagebuero (PKM)--Coal Processing--Leipzig.
4. On 1 July 1954, the Bad Salzungen VEB branch office of VEB Metallwarenfabrik Bad Liebenstein was transferred to the Council of Kreis Bad Salzungen and has been merged with VEB Kaltwalzwerk Salzungen.
5. By the same decree, the following two plants were separated from the Ministry for Heavy Industry and placed under the jurisdiction of the Council of Bezirk Cottbus:
  - VEB Thermoplastwerk Bernsdorf
  - VEB Gummiwerk Ortrand
6. This latter change was made retroactive to 1 January 1954.

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