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POLAND

29 August 1931, "Die Chemische Industrie," No. 35

Explosives on the Polish market at present are produced by the following factories: "Pocisk, Inc.," in Warsaw; "Oswag, Inc.," in Wry; "Lignosa, Inc.," in Katowice; and the State Powder and Explosives Plant in Zagodzón.

19 September 1931, "Die Chemische Industrie," No. 38

The "Lignosa Corporation," in Katowice, which produces all explosives and detonating materials for mining, industry, agriculture, and forestry, has large plants in three different cities. In Stary Bierun, in Pączyna district, there is a factory for nitroglycerine and dynamite, with a section for gelatinized and semi-gelatinized explosives; also sections for slow matches, detonating caps, shells, electric and slow-fuse igniters, and Tetrit. The most important factory is in Krywałd, Rybnik district, where powder and similar explosives, chlorate and perchlorate explosives, and ammonium nitrate explosives are produced. The third factory, in Pniowiec, Tarnogóra district, has large units for the production of powder and nitrate explosives and also for ammonium nitrate explosives.

The capacity of the Lignosa Corporation is several times greater than Poland's requirements. The company's capital stock (31 December 1930) is five million zloty, reserve funds about 6,390,000 zloty, amortization fund about 7,347,000 zloty. The value of the installations is given as about 9,874,000 zloty.

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Explosives, ammunition, detonators, etc. are manufactured by the following firms in Poland:

State Powder and Explosives Plant, Zagezdson, near Radoz.

Explosives, dynamite, detonators, etc.

Lignoza Corporation, Stary Bierun, Paczyna district

Nitroglycerine, dynamite, gelatinized explosives, slow matches,

detonating caps, shells, Tetril.

Lignoza Corporation, Krywald, Rybaik district

Gunpowder, chlorate, perchlorate, and ammonium nitrate explosives.

Lignoza Corporation, Pnievies, Tarnogora district

Gunpowder, ammonium nitrate explosives.

Oswag Corporation, Wry, Lazisk Gerne

Ammonium nitrate and chlorate explosives.

Oswag Corporation, Bory, near Jaworzno

Fuses

Pociski Munition Plant, Rembertow, near Warsaw

Explosives, slow matches, fuses.

Schaffler and Company, Mikolow (Eastern Upper Silesia)

Explosives, fuses.

The following two companies, both in Warsaw, produce mainly hunting ammunition:

Warszawska Spolka Mysliwaka

Zaklady Amunicyjae Posisk, S. A.

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Picric acid is not being manufactured at present, but the following two firms could start production of it at any time:

Polkie Zaklady Chemiczne "Mitrat," S. A., in Miewadow, Lods district.
Prsomyal Chemiczny Polska, S. A., in Zgierz.

21 January 1939, "Die Chemische Industrie," No. 3

Explosives factory of the "Lignoza Corporation" in Pustkow:

59 of the 97 factory buildings which have been planned and 20 of the projected 35 workers' houses have been completed to date.

Ammunition factory in Majdan:

16 kilometers of railroad have been laid to connect the plant with the main railroad line and extensive work is being done on roads, canals, and electrical installations. The entire plant is to comprise three independent units, two of which are to be completed by fall of 1939.

In Rzoszow an explosives factory was build within a period of five months.

The "Southern Plant" is the only large-scale plant in Europe which operates exclusively on natural gas. The annual production of steel is given as 80,000 tons. The production of rifles is said to be sufficient not only to cover Poland's own requirements, but also to permit exports.

28 May 1939, "Die Chemische Industrie," No. 21

According to the periodical "Przemysl Chemiczny" the Lignoza Corporation in Katowice has started production of the following products: materials based on acetyl cellulose, known by the trade name of "Acetolit" and used for the production of costume jewelry and industrial products; fabric sheets impregnated with synthetic resin; also special firework items.

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