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Uranium Mining in TANNENBERGSTHAL-GOTTESBERG Area

November 1948

1. The uranium mining in the TANNENBERGSTHAL-GOTTESBERG (N 51/K 31) area was subordinated to the WISMUTH Corporation and was designated "Object No. 32".
2. The object 32 comprised the following five mines:
 - Mine No. 1 "Tannenberg" Mine, approximately two miles south of TANNENBERGSTHAL
 - Mine No. 2 "Gottesberg" Mine, immediately south of GOTTESBERG
 - Mine No. 3 "Himmelfahrt" Mine, immediately southwest of Mine No. 1
 - Mine No. 4 "Drei Brueder" Mine, immediately southwest of Mine No. 1
 - Mine No. 5 "Friedrich-August" Mine southwest of mine No. 1
3. Labor Force
 - a. Mine No. 1: 300 men in the mine, 300 men in the dressing plant
 - b. Mine No. 2: 150 men
 - c. Mine No. 3 thru 5: About 250 men each, some employed in the construction work.
4. Output:
In the mine No. 2 the daily output was 1 1/2 ton of ores containing much tungsten and tin.
5. Dressing Plant at Mine No. 1
 - a. In addition to the output of the TANNENBERGSTHAL area the output of the OBERSCHLEMA and AUE area was also dressed in the dressing plant of mine No. 1

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b. The following dressing procedure was allegedly observed:

- (1) Only pitchblende-containing gneiss-primary rock was processed in TANNENBERGSTHAL.
- (2) Uranium-lime and uranium-mica rock compounds were shipped to LINGENFELD (N 51/A 22).
- (3) When the LINGENFELD dressing plant was overstocked the material was shipped to OBERSCHLEMA.
- (4) All concentrates produced in TANNENBERGSTHAL were shipped to OBERSCHLEMA for further processing. From there they were shipped to the SU.

6. Measuring Tests

The ores produced in the mines of the object No. 32 indicated contact 20 to 25 on the measuring instrument 2. The ores were said to contain an average of 0.7 percent pitchblende.

7. Shipments

From the bunker at the TANNENBERGSTHAL RR station about 700 tons of undressed ores were shipped daily to the dressing plant. The ores from the OBERSCHLEMA area and from mine No. 2 near SOTTISBERG were stored in the bunker. The indicated 700 tons were said to be the average figure for November 1948.



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It is an interesting fact that about 650 men could be enlisted for the TANNENBERGSTHAL mine from this district within the last few weeks without having received a single complaint from mine managers on absenteeism of workmen.....The Tannenbergsthal Object No. 32 requested an additional labor force of 100 skilled and auxiliary workmen for a newly opened mine shaft in the ALINSENTHAL (N 51/K 30) District.