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1. The Siemens-Plania plant in Berlin has only one 5,000-ton vertical hydraulic press, one smaller press of 500 tons, and three mixing machines. With this equipment its monthly output varies between 700 and 1,000 tons of raw electrodes. The plant is today trying to obtain a 2,000-ton horizontal hydraulic press and three further mixing machines, for the purpose of increasing its production capacity.
2. Graphitizing of raw electrodes is not done at Siemens-Plania, but at the SAG Kaustik, Bitterfeld, which can only handle a maximum of 300 tons a month. SAG Kaustik is also seeking new machinery in order to step up production to 500 tons a month.
3. No part of the production of Siemens-Plania and Kaustik goes to the USSR, which manufactures its own graphite electrodes, and supplies Czechoslovakia and the other satellites.
4. The greater part of these factories' output goes to the Soviet Zone of Germany, and in particular to the steel plants in Thale and Riesa, and various chemical factories such as the Elektrowerk Lippendorf and the Buna Werke in Schkopau.
5. A small part of the production goes to Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Thus, under the 1950 East German/Hungarian trade agreement, Hungary is obtaining 60 tons of graphite electrodes from Siemens-Plania.
6. Czechoslovakia is obtaining 200 tons of graphite electrodes from SAG Kaustik under a large compensation deal between SAG Kaustik and Bitolia, under which the latter is delivering 500 Ford trucks.
7. Another 200 tons of graphite electrodes is going to Czechoslovakia, under a contract dated September 1949, between Wismuth A.G. and Exico Prague, under which the latter is supplying tires and other rubber products.

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