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1. The Government Enterprise for Exploration and Exploitation of Petroleum Resources has a separate directorate for the Banat in Zrenjanin. The main office of the Enterprise is in Belgrade. The number of employees in the Zrenjanin office is listed as 40 men.
2. The Zrenjanin directorate has divisions for the exploration and drilling of petroleum in the following cities:
 - a. Gaj, near Pancevo
 - b. Velika Greda, near Vrsac
 - c. Orlovat
 - d. Samos
 - e. Stari Becej
3. The manager of the division in Stari Becej is Ivan Zadrevac, a graduate of the petroleum section of the Mine School in Zagreb. The division in Stari Becej has approximately 20 employees who work in three 8-hour shifts, six days a week. The Stari Becej division has a complete set of new Trausel drilling machines (sic) of United States manufacture. The machines are capable of drilling to the depth of 2,500 meters. The electricity for the machines is supplied by the power plant of Stari Becej.
4. In January 1951 it is reported that the drilling team at Velika Greda reached a layer of salt water which was believed to be just above the petroleum.

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