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1. The VLB Bleierz (Nationalized Lead Ore Enterprise) belongs to the VVB Buntmetall (Association of Nationalized Nonferrous Metals Enterprises) in Freiberg (Saxony), (N 51/K 97). The manager of the VLB Bleierz is graduate engineer Runde (fnu), and his deputy is graduate engineer Wallant (fnu), who is responsible for underground mining. The VLB Bleierz comprises the Beihilfe Mine in Halsbruecke (N 51/K 97), the Glueckauf, Himmelfahrt-Fund and Reiche-Zeche mines in Freiberg (Saxony), and Brand Erbisdorf near Freiberg.

2. A new opening in Brand Erbisdorf near Freiberg, with a labor assignment of 3,000 men, is planned. The Beihilfe mine employs about 800 workers and produces about 100 tons of lead ore (up to 3.5 percent Pb) monthly with heavy spar (Schwerspat) and fluorspar as byproducts. The Kurprinz mine, about 600 meters deep, located in Gross-Schirma (Saxony) (N 51/K 87) is being drained. Draining operations have reached a depth of 350 meters. The mine was shutdown about 1925 because the production of lead, silver and sulphur was too low to make the mine profitable. Much importance is presently attached to the production of pyrite. *

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* [redacted] Pyrite is a critical material in the Soviet Zone because the pyrite mines in Elbingerode (M 52/D 15) are, to a large extent, already exhausted. The pyrite production of the Elbingerode mines is not sufficient for the production of sulphuric acid. Soviet Zone attempts to import pyrite from the West, especially from Norway, have been only partially successful.

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